



Reflections

A bimonthly publication from St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community

Gather to Celebrate Our Community

Join Us for The Gathering and Rally Weekend, September 10 - 12

by Richard Clarke

The weekend of September 11 and 12 is always a busy time around St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community and the Wayzata community, and this year will be no exception. For many congregations of many denominations, this first Sunday after Labor Day is often referred to as Rally Sunday or Rally Weekend – when programs resume, people return from summer traveling, and fall routines begin again.

This is true for St. Bart’s as well. The festivities for the weekend kick-off with **The Gathering on Friday evening, September 10, from 5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.** and continue with the weekend liturgies and James J. Hill Days in the greater Wayzata community. (For more information about The Gathering, see page 5.)

The Sunday morning liturgies will be especially festive with the choir and instrumental ensemble returning at both 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. In addition, we will welcome back Cantus, the outstanding Twin Cities based all-male vocal ensemble, who will be participating in both of those Masses.

In each of their last two seasons, Cantus has offered concerts at St. Bart’s and has also participated in our Sunday morning on one weekend as well. The singers have especially come to appreciate the wonderful acoustics of our new worship space for unaccompanied singing. Thus, they are planning three concerts at St. Bart’s for their coming season. The first of these will be October 17 at 3:00 p.m. The second concert will be a Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. The third concert will be on Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. Cantus plans to offer a special discounted rate for anyone who purchases tickets to all three of the St. Bart’s concerts in advance. Information about tickets will be available after each of the Masses on September 12.

This weekend would be a wonderful time to invite a friend or another family to join us for liturgy— particularly if they do not currently have a church home. Come on Friday for The Gathering, return on Sunday for Mass, and then take in James J. Hill Days, including the parade on Lake Street that afternoon. What a wonderful way to celebrate our community!



The all-male vocal ensemble, Cantus, will provide beautiful music at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on September 12.

E-vite Friends and Family to Join Us!

We’ve added a new feature to our website to make it easy to invite friends, family, and neighbors to The Gathering, our Rally Sunday Mass, and other events at St. Bart’s. Simply go to our website, www.st-barts.org, and click on E-vites, under Community. Fill out the easy-to-use form and an e-vite email will be sent to whomever you designate. (You can send the evite email to more than one person as well.) The subject line will show that the email comes from you and you have space to add a personal message. It’s a quick, easy way to invite family, friends, and others to happenings at St. Bart’s or let them know more about our community.

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All-Parish Picnic, Another Summer Success

by Delores Azcarate



Above: Steve Cobb and Rob Norr man the grill to feed the hungry crowd.

On a beautiful Sunday morning in June, several hundred St. Bart's parishioners gathered after Mass for our annual picnic. It was a time for food, fellowship and fun. The annual picnic is hosted by the Pastoral Council on the first Sunday in June. Kings of the grill, Steve Cobb and Rob Norr, grilled hundreds of hot dogs to the delight of a hungry crowd. The teens attending the World Youth Day next year in Madrid sold bottled water and soda, raising more than \$400. Parishioners saw old friends and met new ones as well, blessed by a beautiful summer morning and a bounty of good food and good times.



Above: St. Bart's youth planning to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain next summer lent a helping hand to help raise money for their trip.



Right: Kathy Grendahl and her granddaughter, Kayla Grendahl.



Left: Longtime parishioners Charlotte and Lee Towers enjoy the beautiful day.



Honor our history. Enrich our present. Anticipate our future. Legacy of Faith Educational Endowment

Imagine the personal satisfaction of continuing your family's legacy of caring and supporting the educational ministries of St. Bartholomew through the generosity you have shown through life. The earnings from your gifts to the Educational Endowment are used to address needs of all our educational ministries.

We give thanks to God for this kind of support. Endowment funds are unique because contributions support the educational programs in perpetuity. An Endowment disbursement for the school year 2009/2010 was \$32,940, with disbursements to the following areas/programs:

School

- \$16,470 - Scholarships

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- \$8,235 - Faith Formation
- \$8,235 - Youth Ministry
- Mission Trips

Ways to Contribute to the Educational Endowment

Gifts of Remembrance

Gifts made in memory of a deceased family member, friend or colleague. The following message in the obituary of the deceased provides an avenue to make a meaningful and thoughtful gift: "Memorial gifts may be made to the St. Bartholomew Educational Endowment, 630 E. Wayzata, MN 55391."

Gifts of Honor

Gifts celebrating special occasions made in

honor of a family member, friend or colleague.

Gifts through Planned Giving

If you have remembered the Endowment in your estate planning by bequest, trust or other planned giving tool, please let us know. We would like to properly acknowledge your generosity as a member of the St. Bartholomew Legacy Society.

Informational brochures on the St. Bartholomew Educational Endowment are available at the Information Desk. If you have questions regarding types of gifts to the Endowment, please contact Cindy Schriever at 952-473-6601, ext. 228 or cschriever@st-barts.org.

A Capital Success!

by Kate and Jim Vogl



Thanks to all for joining in on this exciting and essential effort to better our service to one another, to our community, and to Christ.

Our current capital campaign has met its goal: As of July 27, our pledges for the *Fulfilling Our Promise: The Debt Reduction Phase Campaign* reached \$3,078,817 from (434) donors. We would like to thank all who prayerfully participated to ensure the success of this campaign, as well as those who volunteered or made a pledge in support to help St. Bart's reach our goal.

We would like to thank the 92 individuals whose volunteer efforts made this success possible—especially the members of the campaign cabinet, Don Adams, Londa Bilski, Bob Burns, Mike & Mary Conklin, Ed & Toni Egan, John Grobe, Bob and Angela Poorman, Jodene Marquis, Scott Sayer, Jane Bohnett, Connie Kearney, Kate and Jim Vogl, and Cindy Schriever.

Thanks, too, to our Campaign Assistant, Peg Deitering. Without all of this guidance

and leadership, the success of this campaign would not have been possible during these economic times.

If you haven't yet seen the video showing the transition from the old church to our new one, you can check it out on our website, www.st-barts.org (follow the links for Fulfilling Our Promise). Thanks to Kathy Salman and Chris Mayer for helping John Mosher at Walsh & Associates bring all those pictures to life.

As you may remember, this campaign was initiated to reduce the debt remaining from our extensive church and school renovations. During our successful initial 2006-2009 campaign for our \$10.3 million building project, we had met our challenge goal and raised \$6 million. Added to our initial debt were \$1.3 million in interest and other fees, and so our current debt totals \$5.6 million.

Through the generosity of our members, we will be able now to continue to pay down the debt and still offer all the ministries you know and love at St. Bartholomew. While the active phase of soliciting pledges is over, the challenge goal of covering the full balance of remaining debt remains, so pledges will continue to be accepted by contacting Cindy Schriever, Director of Development, cschriever@st-barts.org, 952/473-6601, ext 228.

Whatever the gift, please be assured that your support is both needed and will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to all for joining in on this exciting and essential effort to better our service to one another, to our community, and to Christ.

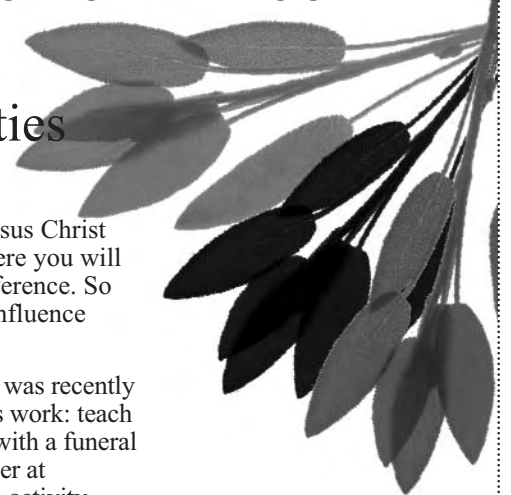
Help Make Our World a Better Place Share. Serve. Be.

Shared Ministry Opportunities 2010 - 2011

Discover where you are being called. As disciples of Jesus Christ there is one mission but many ministries, so choose where you will serve. You have been given all you need to make a difference. So be who you are... help others ...build God's church...influence goodness ...use your gifts...share your time...serve.

The 2010—2011 Shared Ministry Opportunities Booklet was recently mailed. It is full of possibilities for you to share in God's work: teach Sunday School, serve a meal at a homeless shelter, help with a funeral luncheon, snap pictures for the parish newsletter, volunteer at GoldenLiving Center nursing home or chaperone a youth activity.

Now is the time to take a few minutes to review the ministries in the booklet and determine which ministry areas you have an interest in learning more about. Then complete and return the Ministry Interest and Gift Inventory forms found in the recently mailed Shared Ministry booklet. Our ministry areas and the Shared Ministry Opportunities Booklet can also be found on our website, www.st-barts.org, under Get Involved. If you have questions, please contact Marion Clark, 952/473-6601, mclark@st-barts.org.



Get to The Heart of the Matter

An Ongoing Seminar for Seniors (55+)

by Dellie DiGiovanna

Consider the advantages of being a senior citizen. In addition to the 10% discount at certain stores and wonderful courses offered to the 55 and over set at the University of St. Thomas, Seniors 55 and over have another benefit right here at our home parish.

The Heart of the Matter was established August 2009 by Christine Ducharme, Pastoral Ministry Director. The monthly forums provide social, educational, and spiritual opportunities for seniors that are original, inspiring and provide nourishment for spiritual growth. The Heart of the Matter forum is an opportunity to learn, visit, discuss and just have some fun. The speakers and presentations throughout the first year were outstanding.

Fr. Michael was the first presenter, giving a preview to the group of the then soon to be installed crucifix and stained glass windows. Choruses of “oohs” and “aahs” greeted each picture of the project. In fact, as Fr. Michael was showing the pictures to the HOM group, the actual corpus and windows were being unloaded from the truck into our church. The seniors got the first look at the project, which would be installed to wide acclaim.

The next presenters were published authors and parishioners, Kate Vogl and Bette Hamel. Kate talked about her book *Lost and Found: A Memoir of Mothers*, about her birth mother’s search for her. Bette Hamel talked about her book *Legendary Homes of Lake Minnetonka*. In the fall, a physical therapist educated the attendees about caring for the aging body and what to expect as the years go by. There were lots of questions and answers after that presentation.

In December, Deacon Rick talked about his route to the permanent diaconate, and with his winning personality and speaking style, the attendees didn’t want to let him off of the podium. Parishioner Terri Kedzuf brought Rio, her service dog-in-training for Helping Paws. Terri’s ministry to people with disabilities began in 2004 after her family responded to the Kingdom Assignment. We learned about the process of taking a puppy and training it to be an assistant to a person with special needs. Perhaps you’ve seen Rio, the Kedzuf’s beautiful Golden Retriever at some of our church functions.

Our Director of Liturgy and Music, Richard Clarke, held his session in the church and



Parishioner Bob Burns provided great information about planning wills and testaments during a Heart of the Matter seminar this spring.

regaled the HOM attendees with a musical tour of the organ and all its bells and whistles. In March and April, parishioners Bob Burns and Dan Delmore gave presentations to the group on very relevant topics to our age group. Bob gave an excellent presentation on planning wills and testaments, and Dan gave a report on the Catholic funeral process and need-to-know information about funeral planning.

Moving Forward

As The Heart of the Matter moves forward other activities will be included in addition to the calendar of speakers —perhaps trips to visit exhibitions in the Twin Cities, a tour of the Cathedral, sporting events, plays, you name it. In fact, ideas are being actively solicited for suggestions of activities and topics that the seniors would find interesting. Christine Ducharme requests and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Contact her by email at cducharme@st-barts.org, or 952/473-6601, ext. 222.

But what we really want is to have all the 55 and over set come be community with us at The Heart of the

Matter.

Look for the signs in the narthex of the church, the bulletin, *Reflections* or the website for upcoming presentations and activities planned for the senior community at St. Bartholomew. We are out to prove that, indeed, youth is wasted on the young!

The Heart of the Matter (55+) Seminar Series is held the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Many wonderful seminars are planned for the next several months that you won’t want to miss. Below is a clip and save listing through December 2010. More information about upcoming seminars is in the narthex, in the bulletin and on our website, www.st-barts.org, under Upcoming Events.

The Heart of the Matter (55+) Seminar Series 2010 Schedule Clip and Save

You’ll find details about the seminars on our website, www.st-barts.org.

September

Date: Thursday, September 9, 10 - 11 a.m.
Topic: St. Bartholomew’s Next Art Project: Ecclesiastical Decorating on a Dime
Speaker: Fr. Michael Reding

October

Date: Thursday, October 14, 10 - 11 a.m.
Topic: The Game of Life
Speaker: Terri Darsow

November

Date: Thursday, November 11, 10 - 11 a.m.
Topic: Where Do You Begin with 40 Years of Stuff
Speaker: Kathleen McGonagle

December

Date: Thursday, December 9, 10 - 11 a.m.
Topic: Holiday Program TBD
Speaker: TBD

St. Bart's
The Gathering



A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN WAYZATA, MN
 FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 10 • 2010

Parishioners, be sure to mark your calendars...The 2010 Gathering is just weeks away, and we are very excited to continue this great tradition, with some new and entertaining additions this year. Be sure to join us at The Gathering on Friday, September 10, from 5:00 - 10:30 p.m. The food and games will begin at 5:00 p.m., with music from 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

This is not only a fun evening full of food, games and music, but more importantly, an evening where our St. Bart's community gathers to celebrate the start of the school year and bring friends and neighbors together.

The two new changes and additions to The Gathering this year are the SUPERaffle and the music. This year, we have invited the largely enjoyable music of the Red Dot Band to play for us.

Secondly, the raffle itself has changed. There will be five cash prizes for St. Bart's

parishioners and friends. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$50/ticket and will be cut off at 350 tickets. The drawing will be held on Friday, September 10. You do not need to be present to win. One Large Cash Prize = \$5,000/ Two Cash Prizes = \$1,000/ Two Cash Prizes = \$500

Look for ticket sale information in the bulletin, or email Amy Wojciechowski at awojo@comcast.net or Monica Price at pricepeople@hotmail.com for tickets.

E-vite Your Friends and Family to The Gathering

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Save the Date

Please Join Us
**November 20 & 21 for the
 Work Of Human Hands
 Fair Trade Sale**

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the WOHH at St. Bartholomew's!!! This significant milestone demonstrates our deep commitment to the fair trade movement and our efforts at supporting and encouraging self-sufficiency for individuals and families around the globe. Join us as we celebrate our commitment to WOHH with this special 10th Anniversary sale event!

Would you like to participate in the challenge, fun and excitement of planning and staging this event? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities for adults, teens, and families. For more information, contact WOHH Co-Chairs: Kim Gaida, 612/309-9824, kgaida@comcast.net or Patty Rathbun, 763/577-9349, rbunz@msn.com.

Meet Our New St. Bart's Staff

We have recently welcomed two new members to our staff. Krystal Schultz joined us as the new bulletin editor and administrative assistant in May. Kari Elsen became our new coordinator of youth ministry in July. Both Krystal and Kari share a little bit about themselves. Please join us in welcoming them to our community!

Krystal Schultz

My name is Krystal Schultz. I grew up in Eden Prairie and graduated from Eden Prairie High School in 2005. I then attended the University of North Dakota and graduated in May 2009 with a



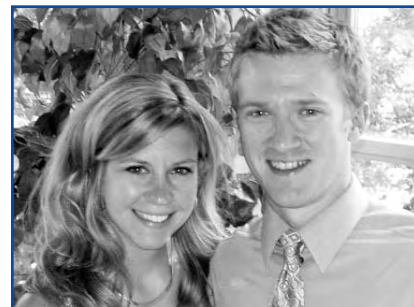
Krystal Schultz

B. A. degree in Business with emphasis in Entrepreneurship. While attending UND, I worked part-time in property management and developed an interest in new and emerging businesses. I thoroughly enjoy being involved in the creation, lifetime and conclusion of projects, which has inspired me to begin studying for the Project Management Certification exam. I have enjoyed my position as administrative assistant and my responsibilities as bulletin editor and assisting the parish staff with many projects during the past couple months and look forward to the upcoming year!

Kari Elsen

Hi, my name is Kari Elsen, and I am the new coordinator of youth ministry. I graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a degree and license in Social Studies Secondary Education, and degrees in Psychology and Family Studies. I spent the

last two years teaching 11th grade Social Justice and 12th grade Christian Morality at Loyola Catholic High School in Mankato. It's so great to be back in the Twin Cities surrounded by friends and family. The 2010-2011 year should be a fun and exciting one as we continue to grow youth ministry as a part of our parish vision. I'm so happy to be here at St. Bart's.



Kari Elsen and her fiancé, Isaac.



Educating Our Future Leaders

15th Annual Don Adams, Sr. Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament

by Amy Wojciechowski

With your support on June 6, we were able to raise more than \$15,000 through the Don Adams, Sr. Dollars for Scholars Golf Scramble. Not only did we have more than 50 adult golf participants, but we had 18 children golf this year to make the scramble even more fun and meaningful!

The money raised will help to continue educating children who otherwise couldn't afford the academic excellence and moral and spiritual development offered at St. Bartholomew Catholic School. Your gift of participating in the June 6 golf tournament was greatly appreciated.

The funds raised at this year's golf tournament will be used for scholarships for the upcoming school year of 2010-2011. Your support as a player and financial sponsor helps cover scholarships that are needed today and for years to come at St. Bart's. Thank you to all the golfers, hole and silent auction donors, and volunteers. We could not have done as well without your generosity. You are the difference in Catholic Education!



Mary Tucker and her sons, Matt and Ryan, made it a family affair at this year's golf tournament.



Zach Obermiller, Dave Obermiller, Paul Kralovec and Anthony Leali are posed to hit the links.



Michele Sussner, Tessa Sussner, Kelly Kapeller and Amy Wojciechowski had a great time helping raise money for a worthwhile cause.

St. Bartholomew's Improves Security

by John Grobe

During the summer we have been busy upgrading the security systems in both our school and church. Made possible through a gift from the Images of Spring "Fund a Need" program, we have installed the following equipment:

School

- Surveillance cameras have been installed at the north and south school entrances, plus the school's main floor hallway.
- A new glass devising wall and door has been installed in the first floor hallway just past the school office entrance. The door has a magnetic card swipe lock; each school employee will be assigned a swipe card along with their present picture I.D. card.

- All school visitors will now sign in at the school office before entry. Also, the school secretary will now have a lock release button at her desk.

- The cameras will be recording 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Church

- Three cameras have been installed in the narthex, one at each entrance.
- One camera is located in the lower level nursery.
- One camera is outside the parish office entrance and one inside the office hallway.
- And finally, a camera is located at the utility doors next to the dumpster area.



- The parish office entry door also has an electronic lock with a button release at the secretary desk. The door will only be locked during the latter part of the day, if only the secretary is present.

Finally, we now have the capacity to monitor all the cameras from any PC, both onsite and offsite.



SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back to School

by Lynn Volkenant

By the time you read this, the school will be bustling with activity. Teachers will have classrooms prepared for their students and the halls will be full of color again. One of the great benefits of being an educator is that we get to experience, over and over, the fresh start that a new school year offers. We have an opportunity to begin again, to imagine more, and work harder in our quest of lifelong learning.

I will never grow tired of the promises of the first day of school, when pencils are sharp, crayons still have crisp wrappers, and my new shoes match my lunchbox! In our family it was tradition to line everyone up on the front steps for an early morning photo to capture that moment. Last year, when I was the “new kid” at St. Bart’s, I made my husband get up at 4:30 a.m. to take the above photo of me on the first day of school!



This year, the St. Bartholomew faculty will welcome three “new kids” teachers to our community. Maggie Krueger and Melissa Kirkvold will be filling the two first grade positions and Robin Super will be the preschool lead teacher.

Although we were sad to hear the news, we support Sarah Lund in her decision to be an at-home parent, spending more time with her husband and their two lovely daughters. I am delighted about all three of our new teachers. They were impressive in their interviews, with their fabulous tech skills and their passion for Catholic education.

We are all excited about the many gifts they bring to our school. I am proud to have them introduce themselves in this issue of *Reflections*.

Maggie Krueger First Grade Teacher

I am so thrilled to be starting at St. Bartholomew’s this year as a first grade teacher. It’s a blessing to be welcomed to this community. I earned my undergraduate degree at the College of St. Benedict and am currently attending the College of St. Scholastica for my Masters of Teaching.

I am most excited to explore reading with the first graders, as well as spreading my love for social studies. The integration of technology in the classroom is also important to me. Most importantly, I look forward to teaching in a Catholic environment and sharing my faith and stories with the students.



Maggie Krueger and her husband, Kip, in Tuscany, Italy where they were studying abroad.

Melissa Kirkvold First Grade Teacher

My name is Melissa Kirkvold. I grew up in Winona, Minnesota where I attended Catholic schools from preschool through twelfth grade. In 2009, I graduated from the College of St. Benedict with an Elementary Education major. Last fall I had an amazing experience volunteering in northern Uganda for three months at a rehabilitation and vocational center for former child soldiers.

My favorite part about teaching is helping my students realize they can succeed at something they have been struggling with. I am very excited to join the St. Bartholomew community and look forward to the upcoming school year!



Melissa Kirkvold

Robin Super Preschool Lead Teacher

Hi, my name is Robin Super. I am from Northeast Minneapolis and I graduated from the University of St. Catherine in elementary education. I previously taught kindergarten in Hawaii, and I am excited to now work in a preschool environment.

I love teaching because of the excitement and smiles that the students bring to school and also teaching active, hands-on lessons. I enjoy teaching early education because I believe it is the true foundation for a successful education. For fun I enjoy playing sports, baking, traveling and spending time with my family.



Robin Super

Upcoming Events

September

- Thursday, Sept. 9, 10 - 11 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter (Page 4 for details.)
- Friday, Sept. 10, 5 - 10:30 p.m.
The Gathering (Page 5 for details.)
- Sunday, Sept. 12, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Rally Sunday

October

- Thursday, Oct. 14, 10 - 11 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter (Page 4 for details.)
- Sunday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m.
Cantus Concert @ St. Bart's

Check Out Our New Website?

For the latest information about St. Bart's events and much more, visit our website at www.st-barts.org.

Member Update

Baptisms

Logan Foster
Lindsay Good
Charles O'Connell
Ethan Clift
Matthew Parham
Ryan Elias

Deaths

Elizabeth Sayer
Matthew Berlin
Leonard Warzaha

New Members

Tricia and Andrew Kinney
Jennifer and Ryan Filloon
Michael and Emilie Heinz
Natalia Hessel
Brock Peters
Jenell Beardsley
William and Mary Chesney
John and Diana Danielson
Patrick and Sharon Foley
Mandy Domeier
Hilda Medina
Jonathan Milner
Joshua and Kari Como
Denise and Bradley Steinbring
Deanna and Matt Brinza

Marriages

Ronald Irving Halverson &
Maureen Therese Coleman Halverson
Michael Thomas O'Rourke &
Tiffany Ann Vescio
John Cameron Haugland &
Emily Therese Lebens
Jacob Paul Keding &
Jenessa Anne Dorale
Brock Newell Peters &
Natalia Camila Hessel
Andrew Michael Volkenant &
Jessica Baukje Pottinga
Brian Chen &
Dawn Marie Moldan

Try Out the New E-vite Feature on Our Website

Go to www.st-barts.org and click on E-vite under the Our Community tunnel or the Community top navigation for an easy way to invite someone to an upcoming St. Bart's event or Mass or to learn more about our church or school.

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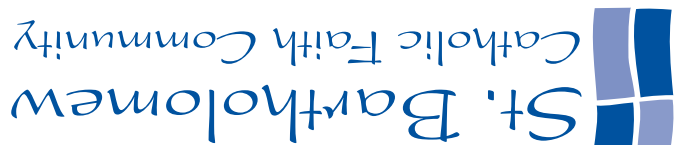
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