



Reflections

A bimonthly publication from St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community

Check Out Our New Website

Saint Bart's website, www.st-barts.org, recently received a new look and feel. If you haven't already done so, please take some time and explore it. Read page 6 for details about the new site.

The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo, name, and address. A navigation menu includes Community, Worship, Education Formation, Pastoral Care, Social Concerns, Stewardship, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large church interior image with a 'WELCOME' message. Below this is a grid of six featured articles with titles like 'Exploring St. Bart's', 'Our Community', 'Education Formation', 'St. Bart's School', 'Get Involved', and 'Events & News'. The footer contains 'WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW' and links for 'Bulletin' and 'Directions'.

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Q & A with John Collier

by Kathy Salman

“We all felt excitement about making art that would inspire but also be faithful to scripture.”

John Collier

Last fall we asked John Collier, the nationally renowned liturgical artist behind our stained glass window and corpus, to answer questions from parishioners.

What was your inspiration for the stained glass and corpus?

I came into the meeting with Fr. Michael and the Liturgical Arts Committee thinking about Saint Bartholomew and Jesus' words to him: "You will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

I had no idea that the committee was thinking about those same words. I have never seen any other pieces of art address that same subject, specifically addressing this saying of Jesus. Very rare. We all felt excitement about making art that would inspire but also be faithful to scripture.

I was also inspired by many Renaissance paintings of angels surrounding Jesus on the cross. Usually those angels are in mourning or catching Jesus' blood. An initial sketch of mine had the angels in mourning but the committee wanted something more positive. These angels have great beauty, nobility and demonstrate the importance of what's going on.

Most of the angels are looking at Jesus but one is looking out to us, gesturing to Jesus, asking the viewers to pay attention to something important. She is bringing us into what's happening rather than having us simply as observers.

Is the glass painted or is it colored glass?

Both. Today virtually all stained glass is assembled pieces of colored glass. I love the stained glass from the medieval period. My idea was to go back to that earlier craftsmanship when the glass was painted.

Nowadays the artist makes the design and sends it to a stained glass company to be manufactured. The artist is initially involved in the process but not much after



Artist John Collier stands before the beautiful stained glass window and corpus he created for Saint Bart's.

that. I went to Germany to a stained glass craftsman who is still skilled at painting glass so I could learn the craft. Initially this stained glass craftsman was going to do the window but was then unable to do so and be faithful to my design and painting style. I had to teach myself how to paint on glass. I bought a kiln and did about 35 or so experiments to get the look I needed.

What mediums did you use to make the stained glass and corpus?

The amber colors (gold and yellow) are made using silver stain, which gives stained glass its name. The reddish colors are painted with gold. I also cut out shapes from colored glass which were then laminated onto the back using Hextal glue. Normally you would want to fuse the pieces of glass together but you can't fuse painted glass due to the high temperature needed, which would ruin the paint.

The bronze corpus was first sculpted in water-based clay (same as pottery). Then a mold was made of the clay sculpture and sent to a foundry, which used it to make a wax version of my sculpture. I refine this wax and it is then used to cast the work into bronze.

I understand that this was your first time creating stained glass? What inspired you to do both?

It was really out of a necessity to do both. Saint Bart's wanted one piece of art (made up of both the stained glass window and crucifix) and because of that, one artist to do both. Typically you would have two separate craftsmen as these are two different mediums. It is very difficult to find someone who can do both.

Care to share your thoughts on how you felt when you saw your finished work illuminating and completing our threshold saying?

Sometimes when you go into a new church the artwork isn't necessarily grounded in the church's beliefs and are rather an expression of beauty from the artist. So it was a wonderful surprise to me when I saw the bronze inscription in the threshold. I think it helps define what's going on in the art and reminds viewers of the scripture at its foundation.

Any final thoughts or words for Saint Bart's parishioners?

Thank you for allowing me to create this art for you. It's the thing I enjoy doing the most and want to do more of it. I feel thankful and privileged to have a Church that allows me to make a living doing what I do. It makes me feel good when people see my work and are moved by it. I feel it is a holy reminder of what the Lord has done.

What's Ahead

The Liturgical Arts Committee has decided to commission John Collier next to create a group of bronze statues representing the Holy Family, to be placed in the southwest corner of the church.

Support Our Sister Parish, Holy Rosary Catholic Church

by Cindy Schriever

Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community and Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario Catholic Church, in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, established a partnership in 1997. Through the efforts and coordination of the partnership, Saint Bart's has offered vital help to Holy Rosary parish members and the Phillips neighborhood.

How You Can Help?

Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community is embracing a giving option that easily allows you to financially assist our sister parish, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, through electronic giving.

To sign up for this giving option and have your donations transferred electronically to Holy Rosary, please complete an enrollment form (located at the Information Desk or on our website, under Social Concerns,



Saint Bartholomew School students participate in a Spanish Mass at Holy Rosary each spring.

Holy Rosary Partnership) and mail it to Holy Rosary's church office.

Please consider enhancing your biblical stewardship (5% to Saint Bartholomew and 5% to other charities) by this convenient, consistent way of giving.

Saint Bartholomew Raised \$13,555 for Haiti

Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community responded to the recent crisis in Haiti by raising \$11,691.51 during the Saturday and Sunday Masses. The donations have been sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assist in their relief work in Haiti. CRS is among the first-line responders in a disaster and has extensive networks in Haiti. It has been serving the people of Haiti for more than 50 years.

The school children at Saint Bart's also added their support to Haiti by raising an additional \$1,863.07, which was sent to the



American Red Cross. On Friday, January 22, Saint Bart's students participated in a special project to help Haiti. They were asked to wear purple and gold (to support the Minnesota Vikings) and to bring a donation for Haiti. Any amount of money was acceptable. If the children did not have a Vikings jersey, any team colors were allowed. It was inspiring to walk by classrooms and see lines of kids wearing purple and gold to meet a need.

Even though the Vikings ended up losing the game on January 24, the most important part of the project for the students was the money they raised for the people of Haiti. At the end of the day on Friday, Mrs. Cawood's class joined Mrs. Peterson's sixth graders. The Kindergarten students sorted the money and the sixth graders helped them count it.

Kindergarten and sixth grade students teamed up to sort and count the money Saint Bart's students donated for relief efforts in Haiti. The donations went to the American Red Cross.



Giving Goes Green

Churches, with their heavy check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. Since the year 2000, the powerful trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50 percent decline in check use.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship. Please join the 100 Saint Bart's households who already make electronic giving a part of their financial stewardship.

Enrollment forms are available at the Information Desk or on our website, www.st-barts.org, under Stewardship, Stewardship of Treasure.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cindy Schriever, Development Director, at cschriever@st-barts.org; 952-473-6601, ext 228.

Thank You from Risen Christ School

Dear Friends,

Because of your generosity, 140 Risen Christ School families had a very bright Christmas this year. We have been astounded, amazed and humbled by the abundance and quality of your donations and the creative ways you made sure to provide a child just the right gift. So many of the children received just what they had wished for this year. You have made dreams come true! Please convey our thanks and appreciation to all those at your site who had anything to do with making "Project Christmas" happen here at RCS.

Reaching out to a child in need... daunting at first, but soon full of blessings

by Nancy Torrison

Here at Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community there are several people involved with Kinship of Greater Minneapolis, a 54-year-old Christian mentoring organization. Our parishioners hope that sharing their stories about their decisions to mentor children in the community, as well as the challenges and blessings that come with it, will inspire others to do the same.

Dennis and Teresa Martell first heard about Kinship's need for adult volunteers in February 2007 at church when a speaker from Kinship talked about local families in need of support. The Martell's three boys were grown and gone so they opted to fill that void by mentoring. They decided to mentor as a couple. Early in the process they learned that many of the waiting children came from father-absent homes, and they decided to request a young boy, preferably one who was looking for a long-term relationship, not just the one required year. They were soon matched with 6-year-old Jimmy.

Dennis describes his relationship with Jimmy as important to both of them. "Being a Kinship mentor is truly satisfying," he says. "Jimmy is a good little friend and has taught me a great deal about life — and fishing (a favorite shared activity). He is a lot of fun to be around and keeps me laughing."

Jimmy lives with his mother and two brothers, one of whom is anxiously waiting for his own Kinship mentor today, having just turned old enough to be on the list. Both Dennis and Teresa say it is hard to leave Jimmy's little brother behind. He, too, could use additional adult support in his life.

Dennis and Teresa talked about the changes they've seen in Jimmy over the time that they have been with him. Early on he was shy and quiet, but now has blossomed into a talkative, friendly and well-mannered boy. While they don't like to take credit for these positive outcomes and have much respect for Jimmy's mom, research consistently shows improvements in social skills, respect, a sense of responsibility and feelings of optimism about the future for kids who are mentored.

Teresa likes the fact that Jimmy has become comfortable enough to "climb all over

Dennis," which is his way of expressing his affection. When asked how she felt in the beginning of this match, Teresa is quick to admit feeling daunted at making a commitment like this to a child they didn't know. But, after a few visits and the ongoing support they got from Kinship's trained



Saint Bart's parishioner Mike Muenzberg has been a Kinship mentor for more than two years.

staff, she and Dennis soon began to feel deep gratitude for the fun Jimmy brings to their lives.

"This is the best thing I've done in a very long time," said Dennis. "It makes me feel younger, except when I get stuck in the snow tunnels he makes me dig. Seriously though, mentoring is a blessing."

Motivated to Share Mentoring

Mike Muenzberg has been mentoring young Isaac for over a year. He too learned about Kinship at St. Bart's in early 2007. When asked what motivated him to decide to serve others in this capacity, he replied that when he looked back over his life, he saw a pattern of mentoring as a father of three boys and throughout his career in hospital administration where he mentored students. He remembers finding the work with young people extremely stimulating and felt it was time to give back again.

Mike chose Isaac because he wanted an older boy so they could go to football games and do other fun things outside of the home. They often take advantage of

Kinship's free tickets to sporting and other local events. Mike is retired and likes to get out. Mike describes Isaac as timid and quiet. Mike works hard to get their conversations going, but now is beginning to notice the task getting easier. Isaac even makes eye contact and calls Mike on the phone occasionally - both are big developmental steps for Isaac.

Isaac's dad died when he was still quite young. His mother is very thankful for the male role model that Mike has become to her son. She says that Isaac is always eager to go places with Mike and is doing better in school, has made new friends, and is generally happier.

"Mentoring is a very worthwhile effort," shared Mike, "and Kinship as an organization offers the positive support I need. Mostly though, I think I am contributing to a young boy's view of society and life. He doesn't say much, but I know my presence as a friend is important in Isaac's life."

For more information about Kinship, please call parishioner Jackie Archbold (Kinship Ambassador) at 763-473-6031 or parishioner Nancy Torrison (Kinship Recruitment Director) at 612-990-4424. You can also visit www.kinship.org.

Children Waiting for Your Help

Are you available for an hour or two a week to change a child's life? Kinship of Greater Minneapolis is a 54-year-old local mentoring ministry that matches caring adults, couples and families with children ages 5 to 15 who are in need of additional adult support in their lives. Volunteers spend time once a week for a minimum of one year with their young friend with ongoing support from Kinship.

More than 150 children across the metro area are waiting anxiously on the Kinship wait list for a friend like you. Call Kinship of Greater Minneapolis at 612- 588-4655 or visit www.kinship.org for more information. Give the gift that lasts a lifetime... your friendship.

Images of Spring

Share Your Time, Talent & Treasure in 2010

by Shelly Dau, 2010 Images of Spring Chair

Fr. Michael often talks about stewardship, being good stewards of the gifts we've been given--gifts we should use to the service and glory of God. My dad boils it down to the three T's: Time, Talent & Treasure.

As parishioners of Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community we all have at least one of those to give. The goal for this year's Images of Spring is to tap into the time, talent and treasure of our entire Saint Bart's community. We welcome as many people to share their time, talent and treasure in whatever way they can. We value all your gifts, no matter what they are!

How can you be a part of 2010 Images of Spring?

- **Buy and Sell Your Raffle Tickets**

Take part in the raffle, which will kick off in late February and run until the Images of

Spring weekend, April 17 & 18. You'll find full details in the raffle mailing in late February.

- **Donate Items to the Silent and Live Auctions**

We're always looking for great auction items, so let us know if you have anything you'd like to donate or an idea to offer. If you've never donated before, now is the time! Contact Shelly Dau, 763-258-8486, sdau@comcast.net or Jennifer Paidosh, Jennifer.paidosh@frontiernet.net, 952-270-4363.

- **Attend Images of Spring on Saturday, April 17th!**

This wonderful event is once again being held at the beautiful Golden Valley Country Club. Our theme for this year is "Blue Jeans & Bling!" No need to buy a new dress, unless you want to! For those parishioners who have never attended the auction,



The April 17th Images of Spring event will be a great opportunity to party with the people you pray with.



plan to come this year! For those who have attended in the past, plan to attend and make a point of inviting someone new to share in the fun. Mark it on your calendar now and look for invitations to be mailed in early March.

- **Bid, Bid, Bid**

Bid on the variety of wonderful items and baskets at the church auction the weekend of April 17 & 18.

- **Volunteer!**

We are always looking for additional help with the event. We would love your help on the committee, before the event, at the event or whenever. Many hands make less work for everyone!

Plan on sharing your gift of time, talent or treasure with us in one way or another! We'd love to have you!

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." Romans 12:4 - 6.

Top 10 Reasons to Be Part of the 2010 Images of Spring

10. The monies raised help fund the many amazing ministries of Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community, such as Saint Bartholomew School, faith formation programs for all ages, pastoral care programs, continuing support for a variety of social and justice services, liturgies and so much more!

9. Attending Images of Spring is a great way to connect with the Saint Bart's community as a whole.

8. Visit with old friends and meet new ones as well at the beautiful Golden Valley Country Club as a warm and engaging backdrop.

7. Truly something for everyone, there are hundreds of great auction items to bid on!

6. The feeling of friendship and fellowship you experience at the evening gala!

5. Share your hidden time, talent and/or treasure with the entire Saint Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community...we really want to know you!

4. This could be your year to be a big raffle winner!

3. You can party with the people you pray with in your "Blue Jeans and Bling!"

2. It's fun!

And, the number one reason to attend Images 2010...

1. It's a wonderful way to celebrate and strengthen our incredible community!



Navigate Your Way Around Our New Website

by Kathy Salman

If you haven't visited our revamped website, please take the time to do so. Here are just a few key points of interest about the website and information about where to find what you're looking for.

Our Strong Sense of Community

When the website redesign planning group first met we kept coming back to the strong sense of community within our parish. The group felt strongly that the website should convey the warm, welcoming, vibrant, involved community that is Saint Bart's. Enter parishioner Ricardo Ortizcazarin, a member of the parish council and the founder and proprietor of Cazarin Web Group, who graciously donated many hours of his staff's time and expertise to design our new website. The Cazarin Web Group created a site that not only captures the vision and mission of our parish but includes a lot of visual interest as well.

New Ways to Navigate

Besides the customary navigations at the top of the website pages, we also have six tunnels in the middle of the home page that lead directly to specific areas of interest on the site. For example, the Events & News tunnel takes you directly to upcoming events and news for Saint Bart's. The Saint Bart's School tunnel leads you to the school website.

Those new to Saint Bart's Catholic Faith Community or those who are interested in learning more about our parish can quickly do so by clicking on the Exploring St.



Bart's tunnel, which also provides links to other areas of the site. You can quickly find out about all the great volunteer opportunities by clicking the Get Involved tunnel

The top navigations follow the main ministry areas of the parish and the parish mission. We have made some modifications to the drop down areas that we hope will make them more user-friendly. For example, under Education Formation, the Faith Formation areas break down by age group, starting with Sunday PreSchool and ending with Adult Formation.

Easy to Find Information

You'll find more information than ever in an easier-to-find format. On the pages under the ministry areas, the left side contains the general information about the area or programs. The right side of the page is

used for a quick way to find areas such as the main contact person (with an email link,) upcoming events, a quick resource link to related links or information and volunteer opportunities for that ministry area.

The School's Website

The school website also got a facelift. While it mirrors the look and feel of the church website, it has brighter colors that align with the look of the school's current marketing materials. The tunnels on the school home page make it easy for those new to the school or looking for information to find it and to easily find out about upcoming events and news and ways to get involved.

We'd Love Your Input

As we continue to enhance the website and add additional features and content, we look to you for your input on what works and what we can change or improve upon. You can provide feedback through the feedback link on the website or by sending an email to Kathy Salman, ksalman@st-barts.org.

Special thanks to all those parishioners who dedicated a lot of their time and talents to the website redesign effort:

Dave Nelson
Chuck Jungmann
Derek Sussner
Jen Wittkopf
Ricardo Ortizcazarin and the Cazarin Web Group

Saint Bartholomew School offers

- Full day and half day Kindergarten Readiness programs in addition to options for 3 year olds and 4/5 year olds
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Small class sizes
- Strong Academics
- An engaging and challenging place to learn
- Before & After School Clubhouse Program
- Curriculum including Spanish, Music, Phy-Ed, & Art
- Weekly Mass

For more information about Saint Bartholomew School, go to www.st-barts.org or call 952/473-6189.

SCHOOL NEWS

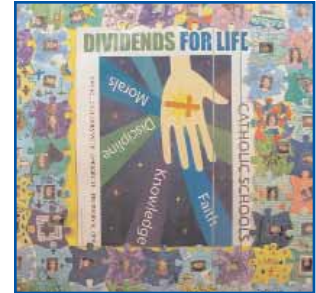
Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

by Lynn Volkenant

Our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week began Sunday, January 31st. Although many students look forward to the week each year because it includes enjoyable events and special treats, it's also a time for us to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education and focus on the gift that it provides to America's young people.

During Catholic Schools Week, we reach out to the community to build awareness of what our school offers. And, we thank all those who work hard every day to make our school excellent: students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters and local and national leaders.

One of the most important roles of families is preparing young people for fulfilling lives of love and service to their families, their communities and the Lord. That is why the 2010 Catholic Schools Week theme was particularly fitting. "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" underscores the long-standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them



to fulfill their future roles in life. Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family.

Please join me in saying thank you to Fr. Michael, our teachers, staff, PTO and SEAC members, volunteers, and everyone else involved in running Saint Bartholomew School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic schools provide "dividends for life."

Top left: Many Saint Bart's School students took part in the Masses during the weekend to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Bottom left: All students helped make nearly 1,000 sandwiches as part of the 363 Ministries effort. Way to go!

How We Celebrated

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life," focused on Saint Bartholomew School's commitment to infuse students with the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will help them lead fulfilling lives. We celebrated with a variety of events that focused on different aspects of Catholic education and invited school families, parishioners, neighbors and friends to come and see how Saint Bartholomew School provides dividends for life!

Jan. 31: "Dividends for Life: In Our Parish"

- Students greeted, read, sang, and served in a number of ways at the Masses this weekend and a pancake breakfast & school open house were held after all Masses.

Feb. 1: "Dividends for Life: In Our Community"

- 363 Ministries: School service project where all students (including preschoolers) helped make almost 1,000 sandwiches (in under 40 minutes) for the homeless.

Feb. 2: "Dividends for Life: In Our Students"

- Author Susie Bazil, *The Sick Bug*, and alumni from Benilde-St. Margaret's High School visited the school.

Feb. 3: "Dividends for Life: In Our Nation"

- Celebrated Catholic Schools Week Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- Historical Perspectives Theatre Play: Laura Ingalls Wilder 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 4: "Dividends for Life: In Our Vocations"

- Prayer Service for Vocations and special activities within the classrooms

Feb. 5: "Dividends for Life: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers"

- Students vs. Saint Bart's Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game

Feb. 6: Family Fun Event - Evening of Cool Fun

- We finished up this wonderful week by tubing at Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove.



Upcoming Events

February

- Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8:45 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Masses
- Monday, Feb. 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tour of Holy Rosary Parish
- Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Penitential Service

March

- Thurs., March 11, 10:00 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter
- Sat., March 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Feed My Starving Children (off-site)

April

- Thurs., April 8, 10:00 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter
- Sat. & Sun., April 17- 18
Images of Spring Weekend
(see page 5 for details)

Stations of the Cross

- Fridays, Feb. 19 - March 26, 7 p.m.



Holy Week Schedule

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| March 28 | Palm Sunday Sat., 5:00 p.m. Mass, Sun., 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses |
| April 1 | Holy Thursday 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| April 2 | Good Friday 3 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion |
| April 3 | Holy Saturday 8 p.m. Easter Vigil |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses |

Member Update

Baptisms

Claudia Jem Dombeck
Nicholas Scott Morrow
Peony Christine Miller
Marabelle June Lippold
Owen Christopher Bartholow

Deaths

Paula Ann Dittrich
Patricia Dorn Jaffray

New Members

Mary & Robert Barnett
Andrew Henrickson
Larry & Jean LeJeune
Mark & Jennifer Foster
Patricia Swensen
Adam Davis
Rodney Peterson & Gina Palokangas
Michael & Suzanne Marinaro
Marie Flaherty
Kate Alm

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