



Reflections

A bimonthly publication from St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community

Celebrating Our Gift of The Saint John's Bible

It is an extraordinary blessing that our St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community is the first parish in the country to receive the gift of the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible*. *The Saint John's Bible* is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible of monumental size to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years. Its handwritten lettering and stunning artwork truly represent the Word of God in an engaging and inspirational way.

Parishioners John and Nancy Berg approached Fr. Michael several months ago about their desire to present this gift to St. Bart's. It is their hope that this gift will be used and appreciated by the people of St. Bartholomew and other believers in our larger community for generations to come. We feel honored to celebrate and share *The Saint John's Bible* with our parishioners and our community at the following events:

Welcoming Celebration October 30 & 31

We will officially receive the first four volumes of the Heritage Edition on the weekend of October 30 & 31. At all Masses that weekend, Fr. Michael will talk a bit more about this amazing work, and the volumes will be displayed for you to see. In addition, we will show a short video about *The Saint John's Bible* in the Fellowship Hall following the Masses, and a representative from Saint John's will be on hand to answer questions. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass that Sunday, we will celebrate a rite of reception and blessing/dedication, and Father Michael Patella will be here from Saint John's to preach.

Illuminated by God's Word: An Ecumenical Service Celebrating *The Saint John's Bible* Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. (Preview volumes at 6:30)

Neighboring clergy and their congregants are invited to be part of this multimedia service of Scripture, preaching, music, and projected illuminations from *The Saint John's Bible*. A reception will follow. A freewill offering or non-perishable food items will be welcomed on behalf of IOCP food shelf.



Photograph of *Garden of Desire* illumination, copyright © Terry Anderson Photography

Just the Beginning...

Additional programming will be offered later this year and in the years to come. This is not intended to be a precious artifact locked up and admired from afar. We hope to make use of it in educational programming, days of reflection, and other opportunities for prayer. It is our hope that this will be a resource that St. Bart's can share with other Christians from throughout the Twin Cities.

E-vite Friends and Family to Join Us!

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A Few Words about The Saint John's Bible

"This is a work of art, a great work of art...a work for eternity."

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

The Saint John's Bible is a handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by Saint John's University and created by a team of scribes under the direction of world-renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson in Monmouth, Wales. This multi-year, multi-million dollar project has captured the imagination of people around the world. It has been exhibited in places such as the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and London's Victoria and Albert Museum, and it is currently on display at the Science Museum of Minnesota along with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The original work of *The Saint John's Bible* is created using medieval materials, tools, and methods: calf-skin vellum for the pages, hand-cut goose quills for pens, inks and paint made from traditional hand-ground materials such as lapis lazuli, vermilion and malachite. Real silver and gold leaf are used to provide a luminous quality that is unmatched by any other material.

Those who have seen the original work testify that it takes their breath away and captures their spiritual imagination with a force they've never experienced before. It increases their appreciation for God's Word as a living force.



Illumination: *Creation*, Donald Jackson with contributions from Chris Tomlin, Copyright 2003 *The Saint John's Bible*, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

The greatest reproduction of this extraordinary masterpiece is the Heritage Edition. This fine-art reproduction has been created in a limited edition of approximately 300.

Experts who have examined the edition testify that it is of the finest quality ever produced. The Heritage Edition is replicated at the full-scale size of the original, and, like the original *Saint John's Bible*, it is bound in seven volumes. Only the best quality papers and printing processes have been used, and real gold and silver foil have been applied to the pages to capture the luminescent quality of the original.

St. Bart's has sponsored a quarter page illumination in *The Saint John's Bible*, which accompanies the story of the call of Saint Bartholomew at the beginning of John's Gospel.

For More Information

For more details about the upcoming *The Saint John's Bible* events, go to our website, www.st-barts.org, Events & News. For details about *The Saint John's Bible* or to view pages from the Bible, go to www.saintjohnsbible.org.

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Fr. Michael Reding

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Share Your Gift of Gratitude to God

Stewardship of Treasure 2011

by *Cindy Schriever*

The Stewardship of Treasure renewal brochures were recently mailed. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to St. Bartholomew and return your pledge card.

Our definition of Stewardship of Treasure:

The wise and just management of my financial resources; giving a proportionate amount of my income to the parish.

The bottom line about financial support:

We need to take seriously the biblical concept of the tithe, and start giving based on a percentage of income. It's our responsibility to support the Church with our

personal involvement and our financial support.

What kind of Treasure commitments should I make?

Our goal at St. Bartholomew is to give five percent of income to the offertory. Grab a calculator and figure out your target gift based on your total household income. Then, make a plan for increasing your gift incrementally to reach five percent. During our stewardship renewal, choose a weekly, monthly or annual gift to the parish, and be faithful to it for the next year.

Questions? Contact Cindy Schriever, cschriever@st-barts.org, 952/473-6601.



Check Out Our Website

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

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.



Our Community

Each parish is a FAMILY. Our Lord calls each of us into this community of Faith and Love. Just as our family at home experiences different stages and particular needs, so does our faith community. We rejoice and struggle through every time and season.

In the parish setting, our community gathers to celebrate the living presence of the Lord who is made present through the Mass and Sacraments. We also celebrate through the proclamation of the Word and through one another, especially when we reach out in love for our sisters and brothers.

Since we look to the future, we give special attention to our children and

young people. In a confusing world, we endeavor to give them the example of our own faith and love for Christ. Stewardship for Christ's Body, the Church, says, "I love you," to the Lord and to each of the members of our community.

That concern extends as well to those who feel themselves "outside" our community. Stewardship is symbolic of our compassion, a way of "pouring oil and wine" upon the sick, the suffering, and those who simply need to hear the Word of God and experience the beauty of Christ's love.

Memorials and Legacy Gifts Are Tributes...

.... to those whose love and memories we treasure, the people who touched our lives. Gifts received "in memory of" from August 2009-2010:

Harold Arnoldy

Sue Bangert

Herman Eisenzimmer

Stuart Frick

Camille Hughes

Patricia Jaffray

George Long

Work of Human Hands: A Fair Trade Sale Is Turning 10!

by Lizz Levang

November 20 & 21



St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community is extremely proud to announce that November 20 & 21 marks the official 10-year anniversary of the Work of Human Hands: A Fair Trade Sale. This major milestone demonstrates the durability of our commitment to fair trade. The fair trade movement began in the 1950s as humanitarian groups sought to alleviate poverty in developing nations through Alternative Trade Organizations (ATO). These organizations worked to forge better trading conditions by eliminating the middleman thus ensuring that producers and workers benefitted from direct profits.



The fair trade movement is now a globalized initiative with products ranging from yarn, to wine, to jewelry. It is believed that the benefits of fair trade have changed the lives of some 1.5 million artisans and producers throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. And, St. Bartholomew's has been an important partner in those efforts by hosting our annual fair trade sale.

10 Years of Accomplishments

Our accomplishments are many. In a decade the total amount of fair trade goods sold at the WOHH sale has been \$69,000! In fact, St. Bartholomew's hosts the largest sale in the Midwest. While our event does not raise funds for St. Bartholomew's, we

do host other fundraising projects during our sale. Those include the 6th Grade Poinsettia Plants & Wreaths, Adopt-An-Orphanage, Scrip, Holy Rosary Fudge, and Knight Express Café/St. Bart's Bistro. With the addition of our café, nearly \$5,000 has been donated to local and international charities that help children and Adopt & Orphanage has raised about \$10,000.

St. Bartholomew's involvement in the Work of Human Hands came from a suggestion Fr. Michael Reding gave to the Social Justice Commission in 2001 about creating an opportunity to educate parishioners about the fair trade movement. That suggestion grew in the heart of parishioner Trish Gardener who just happened to be waiting for the right volunteer assignment.

Subsequently, Laura Merriam and Sheila Adams stepped in as co-chairs leading the event for five years. Current co-chairs, Patti Rathbun and Kim Gaida have been at the helm since 2007.

While the Work of Human Hands itself has expanded and changed over the last decade, what hasn't changed is the fundamental concern our parish has had for people around the world who deserve to be paid fairly for the goods they grow and produce. WOHH represents a call to Christian service; one that is so easily answered by stopping in at the Fellowship Hall on November 20 and 21 to purchase products that keep on giving.

Like all important events, our 10-year anniversary celebration will include a number of special events and surprises, including traditional African drumming, unique food items, raffles, prizes and more.

Please see us on Coffee with Kare – on KARE 11 television, November 18, on St. Bart's website, www.st-barts.org, and in our weekly bulletin. To find out more about fair trade and the Work of Human Hands, visit www.crsfairtrade.org.

E-vite Friends and Family to Join Us!

We have a new feature on our website to make it easy to invite friends, family, and neighbors to the Work of Human Hands Fair Trade Sale and other events. 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 e-vite 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.

Fast Facts: Sold In 10 Years...

- 2000 Divine Chocolate Bars
- 1000 Advent Calendars
- 500 pounds of fair-trade coffee
- 3750 fresh baked cookies
- 100 African drums
- 200 Nativity Sets
- Countless poinsettias, wreaths, & Scrip cards...

Be Part of Sleep Out 2010 to Help Keep Families Sleeping In

by Marion Clark



"I learned to appreciate everything I have. I could barely stand being in the freezing cold for one night. Yet many people are outside year round."

Dalton Glover on his Sleep Out experience with other St. Bart's youth

Now in its 15th year, the Sleep Out is Interfaith Outreach and Community Partner's (IOCP) annual campaign to raise awareness of and funds for the housing needs of families living in the eight communities we serve. This year's goal is to raise \$1.8 million to provide stable housing for 900 hard-working families who are at risk of homelessness.

Housing is the cornerstone to family stability and long-term economic independence. For this reason IOCP has worked tirelessly since 1996 to prevent homelessness in our community, providing help for 19,899 housing requests, enabling 3,425 families to find secure housing and long-term stability, and create 67 units of affordable housing.

You can help prevent homelessness by partnering with IOCP:

- Attend the Community Kickoff, Saturday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m., Klapprich Park, 300 E. Wayzata Blvd. A rally with food, music, and activities for all ages. Meal Deal (hamburger or hot dog for \$5) will be available, along with complimentary snacks, including DQ Dilly Bars, Chipotle guacamole and chips, and popcorn. The movie *Pursuit of Happiness* will be shown



Above: Angela and Bob Poorman lead the procession from St. Bart's to the Sleep Out Kickoff. Below: A St. Bart's youth prepares a cardboard box for the night.



after the kickoff on a large inflatable movie screen, followed by a community-wide sleep out. Everyone is welcome to gather pledges and sleep out at Klapprich Park.

- Join the candlelight procession from St. Bart's to the Sleep Out Kickoff (Saturday, November 13) at the end of the 5:00 p.m. Mass. It is a three-block walk to Klapprich Park so dress warm and bring a flashlight. If you are able to carry a banner or torch in the procession, contact Marion Clark, mclark@st-barts.org.

- Donate at Mass on kickoff weekend (November 13/14) or online at www.iocp.org/donate.

- Gather pledges and sleep out in a tent or box at the Nov. 13 Kickoff at Klapprich, or at IOCP, or your business, home or in your neighborhood.

Participate in the St. Bart's Youth Ministry Sleep Out (for 9-12th graders) at Klapprich Park on Nov 13. Contact Kari to register at kelsen@st-barts.org or pick up a flyer at the info desk or on our website, www.st-barts.org, Youth Ministry.

For more information go to our website, www.st-barts.org, Events & News.

Recycling \$\$\$ - Going Green Generates Savings

by Pat Adkins

St. Bart's parishioners, students and staff set out to recycle paper, bottles, cans and organics this year and in the process generated positive results for both the bottom line and the environment.

Approximately 600 bags of recyclable materials, weighing about 30 pounds each, have been removed from the waste stream since recycling efforts began. That's 18,000 pounds of waste that will be reused instead of ending up in a landfill. Less waste means lower garbage hauling costs – 36% lower this summer alone, saving St. Bart's

\$121.58 per month. Further garbage hauling savings are being achieved this fall by a reduction in the number of pickups.

Thanks to everyone for pitching in – it really is making a difference!

Recycling is easy with our new colored bins. Blue is for organics (food scraps and used paper cups and plates - no Styrofoam). Green is for mixed recyclables (glass and plastic bottles, pop cans, newspaper, magazines, office paper).



A Festival of Lessons and Carols Returns - and So Does Fr. Mike Joncas!

by Richard Clarke

Make A Festival of Lessons and Carols your Christmas celebration with your St. Bart's parish family.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols returns this season on a new day and a new time – but with the same great music and readings! Last year, this annual Advent/Christmas tradition at St. Bart's took a brief hiatus after a 12 year run. This year, *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* returns and will take place on Friday evening, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. The service of readings and choral music and carols of the season will last just a little over an hour.

We are pleased to welcome back Fr. Mike Joncas to participate in this much-loved service at St. Bart's. Fr. Joncas will offer a brief homily as part of the *Festival of Lessons and Carols*. Also, this year, the festival service will offer readings and music for the entire span of the incarnation season – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Baptism of the Lord.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to experience the wonderful worship space at St. Bart's, sing hymns and carols of this joyous season of expectation and hope, hear some inspiring music by our parish choirs and great scripture and readings of the season. It is an ideal time to invite someone who might be looking for a church community or spiritual home, and then might return for our Christmas liturgies later that week.

Finally, we know that many of our parish members travel during the Christmas season and are unable to be present for the Christmas liturgies at St. Bart's. Perhaps, you can make *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* your Christmas celebration with your St. Bart's parish family. With the 7:00 p.m. start time, it will still leave you much of the evening to visit that holiday party to which you might have been invited or scurry to finish last minute holiday shopping. Before any of those activities, consider stopping by St. Bart's to truly experience “the reasons for the season.”



Enjoy the beauty and inspiration of the season at this year's *A Festival of Lessons & Carols*, Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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Winterblast 2010

Winterblast is a lock in for grades 6-8 that starts with Mass at St. Vincent de Paul and continues all night at the Maple Grove Community Center. It includes swimming, ice skating, arcade, movies, dance, pizza, inflatable games, maple maze, hair salon, Adoration and prayer rooms, sports, crafts and more. Winterblast is a partnership of over 20

Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Cost: \$40. **Registration deadline: Nov. 11.** Flyer and forms can be found on our website, www.st-barts.org, Events & News. Questions? Contact Kari Elsen, Youth Ministry Coordinator, 952/473-6601, kelsen@st-barts.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

We Walk By Faith

by Lynn Volkenant

On Friday, October 1, the St. Bartholomew School students and staff participated in the annual Marathon for Non-Public Education. We joined more than 150 Catholic schools in Minnesota and tens of thousands of participants who walked, ran, skated, rode, or provided service to others. The Marathon is the school's main fundraising event of the year, and pledges go toward filling the gap between tuition costs (\$3,990) and the actual cost of educating a child at St. Bart's (\$6,200).

Money raised also helps the school stay up-to-date with technology and curricular needs. Planning for the event began last year, as we decided to make some changes in the way our school engaged in the event. All of us were eager to see the focus change from a weekend, carnival-type event to a day of service to others and pride in our school community.

Our service learning centered on the theme of walking and we chose 2Corinthians 5:7:

"For we walk by faith, not by sight," to support our efforts. Students and families participated in a shoe drive, with the hope of collecting 200 pairs of shoes for local organizations, and a global effort in Ethiopia called Soles for Jesus. The shoes came to school by the bagfuls, and by Marathon day, we had more than 700 pairs!

We paraded through Wayzata with wagons of shoes, waved our "feet," and met with Bob from Bob's Shoe Repair for an inspiring speech about service to others. Following our walk, we had pizza for lunch, played bingo over the intercom and had "sweet marathon" cookies and milk for a snack.

The day culminated in a group photo on the playground. Everyone had a great time. We are proud of St. Bartholomew students and their families, who worked so hard and gave so generously. By the time you read this, we will also have met our \$30,000 goal as well. Thank you, school families!



Above: St. Bart's students showed how they walk by faith during this year's Marathon for Non-Public Education.

Below: Students and faculty form a cross to show their spirit.



The Benefits of School's Cool

by Denise Didier

Who benefits more by giving? Those who give, or those who receive? If you participate in the School's Cool Program, you find there is not a definitive answer. The satisfaction of assisting children and families as they pursue education in a less than ideal environment is equaled by the gratitude these same people have for the support that is provided.

St. Bart's is in its 11th year of partnering with the Banyan Community to provide backpacks, school supplies and school clothing for the children in the East Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. These kids participate at the Banyan Community because, as a family, there has been a commitment made to succeed in their educational endeavors. The youth are, by and large, from immigrant families who are intent on assimilating to an entirely new life that poses challenges on many levels. Yet, they remain hopeful because of continuing support from programs such as School's Cool.

This year, 117 students benefitted from the School's Cool program. It is an amazing sight to see the sheer amount of supplies that are given, and then to see the joy of those receiving them! If you haven't been a part of this ministry at St. Bart's, next year keep an eye out for the



notices. All are welcome to participate through giving, organization or distribution at the Banyan Community. To those who did participate this year, a sincere thank you to all!

Left: Some of St. Bart's School's Cool packing crew prepare to load up the backpacks filled with school supplies for children in the East Phillips neighborhood.

Above: A happy student ready for school to begin.

Upcoming Events

November

- Tues., Nov., 9, 7:00 p.m. (Preview, 6:30) Illuminated by God's Word: An Ecumenical Service Celebrating *The Saint John's Bible*
- Thursdays, Nov. 11 & Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m. The Heart of the Matter
 - Sat., Nov. 13, after 5 p.m. Mass IOCP Sleep Out Kickoff
 - Nov. 20 & 21 Work of Human Hands Fair Trade Sale
 - Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

December

- Thursday, Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service
- Fri., Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m. A Festival of Lessons & Carols
- Tues., Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. Cantus Concert @ St. Bart's

Member Update

Baptisms

Michael Weber
Ashley Valentine
Ethan Riggle
Matthew Parham
Charles O'Connell
Ryan Elias
Grant Fedie
Lauren Carlsen

Marriages

Edward Theodore Held & Brianna Kathleen Mann
Andrew Peter Hendrickson & Jessica Lynn Bailer
Adam Lawrence Davis & Jennifer Elizabeth Larson
Todd William Feathers & Abigail Therese Shaltz
Christopher Wesley Keyser & Lindsay Elyse Brekke Laurie

Deaths

Herman Eisenzimmer
Edward K. Thode

New Members

Vincent & Joanna Troy
Charles & Phillippa Scott
Charles McDevitt & Barbara Wrigley
Margo Devlin
Anna Hanten
Peter Tanis
Kari Elsen
Jamie Ahrndt
Rene & Charlie Leaseburg
Jenna DeSantell
Kris Dierkhising
Matthew & Molly Bowar
Philip & Debra Palmquist
Paul & Kerry Mahoney
Marcia Theisen
Mike & Michelle Samuels
John & Christine Froehle
Jennifer & Wes Moore
Kathleen & Tim Cahill
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