

# FEBRUARY 2010

# St. Gabriel Parish

900 Geiger St., Neenah, WI 54956 (920-722-4914)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 4:30 CFC 5:30 R.O.C. (7) 6:30 Rosary	<b>2</b> 8:15 School Mass Candlemas Day 	<b>3</b> 4:30/6:30 CFC 5:30 R.O.C.(7)	<b>4</b> 9:00 Bible Study 	<b>5</b> Blessing of Throats	
<b>7</b>  12:30 Confirmation w/ Bishop Banks 12:30 L.I.F.E. (10) Blessing of Throats	<b>8</b> 4:30 CFC 4:30 1st Communion Parent/ Child Meeting 5:30 R.O.C. (8) 6:30 Rosary	<b>9</b> 8:15 School Mass 1:00 Project Comfort 7:00 Finance Meeting 	<b>10</b> 9:00 Social Concerns Mtg. 4:30/6:30 CFC 4:30/6:30 1st Communion Parent/ Child Meeting 5:30 R.O.C.(8)	<b>11</b> Market Day 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Mass of Healing Senior Lunch	<b>12</b> 9:30 R.C.I.A. 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>   5:00 IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary	<b>15</b> No 4:30 CFC 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Worship Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  5:30 Lenten Family Activity Mass: 7 am, 12:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 Church Ministers Mtg.	<b>18</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>19</b> No School 4:30 Fish Fry  6:30 Bingo 6:30 Stations of the Cross	<b>20</b> 9:30 R.C.I.A. <b>WINTER                      BRAKE</b>
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> No School 4:30 CFC 5:30 R.O.C. (7) 6:30 Rosary	<b>23</b> 7:00 Parish Council	<b>24</b> 4:30/6:30 CFC 5:30 R.O.C.(7)	<b>25</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>26</b> 4:30 Fish Fry  6:30 Bingo 6:30 Stations of the Cross	<b>27</b> 9:30 R.C.I.A.
<b>28</b>  5:00 IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary 6:00 Mass for the Deaf <b>Food Collection:                      Crackers</b>						

Many regard today's second reading as one of the most beautiful sections of Scripture. I remember as a high school student that we had to memorize this chapter. The words are always there. As the years go on, the meaning grows.

In terms of education, many of us can reflect that we used to "think" like a child. Over a period of 40 or 50 years, we sometimes grow up. And thank St. Paul with approval.

## *The Week Ahead*

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:00 a.m. - Pancake/Porkie/Egg Breakfast.

10:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word for Children.

No IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

6:30 p.m. - Rosary

6:30 p.m. - Winter Brake Meeting

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

9:00 a.m. - Bible Study

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Confessions 3:30 to 4:15 and after the 4:30 Mass.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

10:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word for Children.

12:30 p.m. - Confirmation Mass w/ Bishop Banks

No IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary.

### **SACRAMENT AND SOUP - FEBRUARY 11**

On Thursday, February 11, we will pray the Sacrament of Healing (Anointing of the Sick), followed by our annual Soup Fest. The Anointing Mass will begin at 11 AM in church, followed by lunch in Stingle Hall. The lunch will consist of a choice of three different soups, fresh homemade bread, dessert and choice of beverage. You are welcome to attend either or both events, but **YOU MUST REGISTER BY FEB. 5!** Please call the parish office (722-4914) and let us know if you are planning to attend either or both events. This will be our last luncheon this season so please come and share in the blessings of our parish family.

### **JUST A REMINDER**

The 2009 Jubilee edition of our parish directory is available in the parish office. Families who had their picture taken for the directory may pick up their complimentary copy in the parish office. Those who were not photographed and anyone who would like an extra copy may purchase a directory for \$10.

### **LAST WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Thank you so much for your generosity in providing \$1010.66 for ESTHER's social justice outreach in our area.

*Social Concerns Committee*



**Bible Study** continues on Thursday mornings from 9-11 am. We are studying the Bible time line and it is not too late to join in. If you have any questions, please call Julie Schmitz at 722-4961.

## *Catholic Schools Week*

During this week we experience many reminders of our Catholic Schools. We continue to be a supporting partner in the combined effort of the five area parishes. The name is TCCES: Twin City Catholic Education System.

Our director, Michael Sullivan, works actively with a board representing the area parishes. He is the person directly in line with our school principals. We three pastors have always worked closely in this program.

The varied activities this week remind us of the wide range of students and classes that TCCES represents. Hopefully, you will have a chance to explore areas of interest to you.

### *Confirmation*

Next weekend 48 students will pray the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Banks. In addition to our three regular weekend Masses, the Bishop will pray a special Mass at 12:30 on Sunday, February 7.

We promise our prayerful support. These youth represent an area of continued growth in our parish community.

### *Anointing of the Sick*

We pray a special Mass on Thursday, February 11 for the communal anointing of the sick. The 11:00 Mass will be followed by a meal.

Very likely there will be a larger number of canes and wheel chairs that day. Our one-floor architecture accommodates this crowd very well. Please let us know if you are coming for the meal. Sr. JoAnn promises her usual, fantastic, simple meal.

### *Ash Wednesday*

Lent begins on February 17. We will pray three Masses that day: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. Sr. Judy Miller of our Diocese will join us for the evening Mass.

After the evening Mass we will meet for 27 minutes with all the altar ministers. Our ministers make the action of the Mass a real community prayer. Their service is vital. Our meeting that evening should help keep all of us on the same page.

### *Letter Writing Campaign*

This week we forwarded 556 cards to various Congressmen on the question of immigration. There were one or two that had questions and we will respond to them. Thank you for your cooperation.

### *Holy Land Pilgrimage*

Your pastor has the opportunity to lead a nine-day tour of the Holy Land next November. It promises a fine selection of places to visit. More importantly these tours provide a chance to feel the history and scripture of the place. Call for information and a brochure.

**CFC NEWS**

L.I.F.E.-Gr. 9 meet in Stingle Hall from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Regular CFC classes this week for grades 1-6.

R.O.C.-Gr. 7 will meet in Stingle Hall on Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Feb. 7 Sacrament of Confirmation at 12:30 p.m. with Bishop Banks.
- Feb. 7 L.I.F.E.-Gr. 10 attends the Confirmation Mass and hosts a reception after the ceremony.
- Feb. 8/10 Regular CFC classes this week for grades 1 and 3-6
- Feb. 8/10 First Communion Parent and Child meetings are on Mon. at 4:30 pm and on Wed. at 4:30 & 6:30 pm
- Feb. 10 R.O.C.-Gr. 8 meets in Stingle Hall, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Feb. 15/17 NO regular CFC classes this week.
- Feb. 17 Family Lenten Activity in Stingle Hall at 5:30 pm
- Feb. 22/24 Regular CFC classes for grades 1-6.
- Feb. 22/24 R.O.C.-Gr. 7 meets in Stingle Hall, 5:30-7:30 pm



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

MON., FEB. 1	7:00 A.M.	Katherine Lehrer Family
TUES., FEB. 2	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
	8:15 A.M.	Floyd Wolters
WED., FEB. 2	7:00 A.M.	Ken Handler
THU., FEB. 4	7:00 A.M.	Brenda Genette
FRI., FEB. 5	7:00 A.M.	Gretchen Johann
SAT., FEB. 6	4:30 P.M.	Jensen & Gehrke deceased Family Members
SUN., FEB. 7	8:30 A.M.	Edward McClone
	10:00 A.M.	Parish



**Adult Envelopes**

January 24, 2010

Envelope Giving (329).....	\$9,246
Loose Offertory .....	523
<b>Total Sharing.....</b>	<b>\$9,769</b>

One beautiful moment last week, an elderly parishioner offered a special gift for our drive to enhance our speaking system in church. She had just received her new hearing aid and her doctor assured her that it would work well with a "loop system." The fund continues to grow.

Another project we hope to fund is called "Green and Clean." We want to make changes in our school bath rooms to introduce more automated equipment. It will be a big benefit in maintaining cleanliness and it will eliminate a significant use of water. That project continues also.



**AN INVITATION TO HELP**

St. Gabriel will host the **Fox Valley Warming Shelter**, in the gym, from **March 14-21** (Sunday to Sunday). Clients will arrive at 8:30 p.m. and leave the following morning by 7:45 a.m.

Last year, 76 parishioners offered their help. Some unloaded mats, bed rolls and other supplies Sunday morning, then helped reload it into the shelter's trailer the following Sunday. Some volunteered to assist the staff person during one of the three shifts (8 pm-midnight/midnight-4 am/4 am-8 am). Some helped with the evening meal - providing food items/milk/coffee or helping to serve the meal and cleaning up afterward. All of these opportunities are available again this year.

There is a **sign-up sheet in the church vestibule**, on a standing bulletin board. Please include your phone number or email with your name.

For more general information call Mary Jo Widener, 725-1156. Food related questions, call El Acton 836-3337.

As is true in most places, the number of homeless people in our area has risen. The Warming Shelter is averaging twice as many men and women each night. (28 currently). Your help is really needed and appreciated, as well as any suggestions you might have. Thank You!

*St. Gabriel Social Concerns /St. Vincent de Paul Committees*

**We are collecting empty prescription bottles to send to Africa. Please drop them off in the parish office. Thank you.**

One of our high school juniors will participate in a spring break mission trip to the Dominican Republic. To help defray the cost of this mission trip she will be selling candy bars for \$1 in the back of church after Masses the next several weekends. Please support her endeavor.

**A NOTE FROM THE NUN**

Remember....

Old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs. In my older years I have gotten a bit more frivolous. I see five men every day:

- ◆ Will Power gets me out of bed each morning.
- ◆ Then I go to see John.
- ◆ Then Charlie Horse come along and takes my attention.
- ◆ When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up for the rest of the day.
- ◆ After all that busy-ness, I finish my day with Ben Gay. What a life!

Oh yes, and the preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the "hereafter". I told him that I do that all the time. No matter where I am, upstairs, in the kitchen, or the basement...I ask myself "What am I here after?"



**IN SYMPATHY**

Several of our parishioners, Anita DuBois, Ken Handler, Irene Bombinski, Shirley Moderson & Chris Jacobson recently died. Please remember them and their families in your prayers

# Mass Servers

- 4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 6  
A. & E. Kleman
- 8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
S. & L. Varkoly
- 10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
L. Young & P. Knapinski

# Eucharistic Ministers

- 4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 6  
D. Meyer, S. Lange, F. & K. Schneider, N. Haga, M. Fishel
- 8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
B. & D. Koller, J. Meulemans, B. & R. Kutscher, S. Zimmer
- 10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
T. Bemowski, R. DuBois, C. Knapinski, J. Zwicky, K. Gill T. Mancosky

# Lectors & Musicians

- 4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 6  
Acton / Konz
- 8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
Van Handel / Choir
- 10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 7  
Burr / Folk

## Sacramental Life:

- Baptisms:** Class for those requesting Baptism for the first time is held once a month. Please call the Parish office for dates and times and to register.
- Reconciliation:** Private Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Penance Service will be announced.
- Marriages:** Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Contact Pastor.
- RCIA:** Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the RCIA Process. Call the Parish Office for information.
- Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office for individual appointment.
- Registration of New Members:** New members are welcome to the Parish and asked to call the Parish Office.
- Hospital Visitation:** Please notify the office when you or someone you love enters the hospital. Fr. Allen and Sr. JoAnn make regular visits to the area hospitals.
- Twenty-four hour help:** is available for unplanned pregnancy. Call 731-4354.
- St. Vincent de Paul Help line:** 729-4571

## New Members:

We would like to welcome our new parishioner:

*Josh, Kim & Braelyn LaBonte  
Paul & Daniel Francart*

Thank you for joining our St. Gabriel family.



Alexander Ray, son of Thomas & Christina Klinkammer

## Courtesy Announcements

**Catholic Men's Discernment Group.** This monthly gathering includes Mass, supper, and conversation with men who are age 18 and older who have questions about the priesthood and vocations, and who are open to the possibility that God may be calling them to be a priest. The next group will be Feb. 5 and the First Friday evening of each month, at 6:30 p.m. The group meets at Xavier House, 220 S. Michigan Street in De Pere. Contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or [vocations@gbdioc.org](mailto:vocations@gbdioc.org) if interested.

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Please join us for St. Margaret Mary Elementary School's **Wines Around the World Silent Auction & Fundraiser** on Sat., Feb. 6, from 6 - 9pm at Butte des Morts Country Club. The cost is \$40/person. Embark on an adventurous evening of food and wine from around the world during this annual fundraiser! With 100's of silent auction items to bid on, it's one trip around the world you won't want to miss! Tickets are available at the School Office or call 729-4565.

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**Don't Miss This!** Bishop Robert Morneau is speaking about his "Encounters with God" and how it changed his life at the Mount Tabor Center Janssen Forum Thurs., Feb. 11th at 7:30 am. Join us at 7:15am for continental breakfast. Mass will be celebrated following his talk. Please call 722-8918.

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**Reminder:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Rosary @7:30 a.m., Feb. 5, followed by Mass at 8:15 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church.

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**St Katharine Drexel Parish** presents: Spring Fever Frenzy at: VanAbel's of Hollandtown - doors open at 4:30 on Sat., Feb. 13, Featuring: "an all you can eat" chicken dinner, Raffles & auctions. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For more information or tickets call 766-1445.

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**St. Mary Parish, Menasha** is having "Winter Escape" at Germania Hall on Feb. 13 from 5:30 pm to midnight. There will be a dinner, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25. Call 725-7714.

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Men, please join the **Neenah Knights of Columbus** at Monte Alverno Retreat Center Feb. 12-14, 2010. For more information contact Tony Ansems at 725-5129 or [tansems@new.rr.com](mailto:tansems@new.rr.com). Suggested offering is \$160.

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**The Center for Grieving Children**, provides peer-to-peer grief support for children ages 3 – 18 and their families. Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of programming. Training is scheduled for February. Visit the web site: [www.centerforgrievingchildren.org](http://www.centerforgrievingchildren.org) or contact Loris Damerow, [ldamerow@bgclubfoxvalley.org](mailto:ldamerow@bgclubfoxvalley.org), 731-0555, #244,

St. Gabriel Elementary School Presents:  
"Today I Feel ..." Story Hour for Children  
Wed., Feb. 3 from 1-2 pm  
Now in Room 15  
Stories, songs, crafts and more!





## Yell to the Youth News & Events for St. Gabriel Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events:

**Pizza and Teen Disciples night at Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha.** Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> join us at Mt. Tabor for pizza and hanging out from 6:00-7:00, and a great evening of fun and prayer led by the Spiritus Team from 7:00–8:30. This will be especially well-attended by teens from the other area parishes, and students from Neenah, Menasha and TCCES Schools. Open to Grades 9–12.

**Family Night at Oshkosh YMCA on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00–9:00 pm. At only \$5 per person, this is a great opportunity for a fun night out. Admission covers food, and access to the entire Y facility, including pool, gyms, soccer field, ice rink, and rock climbing wall. All ages are welcome, from toddlers to grandparents!

**Ski at Nordic Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** for “Catholic Fellowship Day”. Join with lots of other families and Catholic groups from around the Diocese of Green Bay, and get great rates on lift tickets, rentals and even lessons and tubing!

**Called to Serve** - One of the best ways for a young person to practice their Catholic faith is to be involved in our worship. Without question, you will feel more connected to God and parish the more you are engaged in our shared prayer life. Mass is not boring when we all play our part! Where can you put your gifts at the service of God and community as we gather for Mass? Perhaps you have a musical gift to share in one of our choirs? You can assist the celebration as an altar server. Or as an usher, you can help set the tone of welcome and community from the moment someone walks in the door of St. Gabriel Parish. Young people (Grades 8 & up) are especially needed as ushers at the 8:30 Sunday Mass time. Please contact Steve, or the parish office (722-4914) for details.

For any upcoming events, or for other suggestions or questions, contact Steve Pable, CFC Director & Youth Minister, at [spable@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:spable@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 725-0660.



Please spiritually adopt an unborn child that is in danger of abortion and say the following daily prayer for that child all of 2010. **"Jesus, Mary & Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

Each month there will be monthly updates provided on the development of our spiritually adopted child. Day 1: Conception - Of the 200,000,000 sperm that try to penetrate the mother's egg cell, only one succeeds. At that very moment, a new & unique individual is formed!

*Respect Life Committee*

**FREE ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

## Scrip FAQ's

**Q: What is Scrip?**

**A:** It is a type of fundraising that costs a person nothing extra to participate. Simply put, you purchase gift cards/certificates at face value to places that you normally shop and a percentage of the amount purchased goes back to the parish.

**Q: This sounds too simple, what is the catch?**

**A:** There is no catch. Everyone buys groceries. We have Copps and Pick N Save in stock or order Piggly Wiggly, Woodmans, Festival, and Walmart. Need prescriptions or medicines? Walgreens and Shopko are in stock or order Morton. Doing some DIY projects? There are Home Depot, Menards, Fleet Farm and Krueger's True Value gift cards all in stock. Want some fast food? There are McDonalds, Cousins, Arbys, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Subway, Dairy Queen and KFC all in stock.

**Q: So what do I need to do?**

**A:** Stop at the Scrip table. Fill out your order at the table, pay with cash or check and receive your gift cards. Better yet, plan ahead! Take an extra form home with you, fill it out, and bring it back the next weekend. Have a question? The Scrip volunteers are all seasoned veterans who can answer your question or find someone who can. They themselves are active participants.

**Q: What if what I want isn't in stock?**

**A:** It can be ordered. We can't carry all merchants who participate. The most popular merchants are carried in stock and the other 200 can be ordered. Orders received by 4PM Wednesdays are ready for pick up the following week on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday, or at Masses two weekends later.

**Q: Are these gift cards accepted everywhere?**

**A:** For those that are national chains, yes the chain itself participates in the Scrip program and therefore your gift cards are accepted at that merchant no matter where they are located (unless there is a disclaimer listed on the card itself).

**Q: Are the merchants using gift certificates or cards?**

**A:** Most are using cards. This is easier for you and the merchant. They can swipe the card and you don't need to worry about getting change back – keep your card and use it until there is a zero balance. There are a few who still use certificates and most give change back or write the new balance on the certificate.

**Q: Why should I participate in using Scrip?**

**A:** Why wouldn't you? You're going to spend the money anyway. So make a small detour to the Scrip table and get the gift cards in advance. Then shop. This simple detour will earn St Gabriel a percentage of whatever Scrip gift cards you purchase (% varies by merchant. This percentage is listed on the Scrip form).

**Q: How much can St Gabriel earn from this program?**

**A:** The sky is the limit. **This easily could be the major fundraiser for the parish and it wouldn't cost any of the parishioners an extra penny!** Talk about win/win. If St Gabriel sold \$10,000 worth of Scrip each week and they got 3% (a very conservative percentage) this would be an extra \$300 per week or \$16,000 in a year. The \$10,000 comes out to about \$20 per person based on 500 participants. Change either the average spent (\$20 becomes \$50) or the number of participants (500 becomes 700) and the numbers go up dramatically. Easily this could raise significant funds and again you are not spending an extra penny. All we need now is to have you participate. **By not participating, St Gabriel is literally leaving free money on the table.**

**Q: Still have questions?**

**A:** Stop at the Scrip table and talk to the volunteers. Call the parish office. Email Karen Rappl at [krappl@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:krappl@tcces.k12.wi.us).



**TCCES Early Childhood and Kindergarten  
Open House & Registration, 9:00 am–12:00 pm  
Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 at all TCCES campuses**

Come meet TCCES teachers and administrators, tour classrooms and facilities and receive program information. TCCES offers:

- ◆ Programs for two-year-old children up through elementary.
- ◆ Specialized art, computer, gym, and music, full libraries, playgrounds, gymnasiums, secured buildings and hot lunch!
- ◆ Flexible scheduling with a choice of 2, 3 or 5 days a week programs.
- ◆ Extended Day Early Childhood Programs and Before and After School Care.
- ◆ Half and full day Kindergarten options.



**St. Gabriel Catholic School PTO  
Pancake Breakfast  
to kick-off Catholic Schools Week  
Sunday, January 31, from 9:00-11:30 am**

Serving: Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs with a “topping” bar, fruit & muffins, milk, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, children (3-15 years) \$3. Tickets available on site the day of event. All proceeds will be used for enhancement and classroom enrichment at the school.



Li'l Gabe sez... mark  
your calendars for our:

**2010 ROUNDUP  
June 11, 12 & 13**

Here's a sneak peek at what you have to look forward to:

**Friday**

**7:30pm Boogie and the Yo Yoz**  
[www.yoyoz.com/home.asp](http://www.yoyoz.com/home.asp)

**Saturday**

**12:30pm Sawdust Symphony**  
[www.sawdustsymphony.com/](http://www.sawdustsymphony.com/)

**5:00pm Chasin' Mason**  
[www.chasinmason.net/](http://www.chasinmason.net/)

**9:30pm Blackhawk**  
[www.myspace.com/blackhawkofficial](http://www.myspace.com/blackhawkofficial)

**Sunday**

**12:00pm Maroszek Brothers - Polka band**  
**2:00pm Del Rays**  
[www.myspace.com/delrays](http://www.myspace.com/delrays)

Send an email to [wally.thomson@gmail.com](mailto:wally.thomson@gmail.com) for more information or to be notified when tickets become available.

**Interview with Mike**

Q: So how are the Winter Brake event ticket sales going?  
A: **Extremely slow!** We have only sold 58 tickets (16 of these are the committee members). This is certainly a poor showing for a parish with 1600 families (units). I am afraid without more support this may spell the end of the event.

Q: When is the event again?  
A: Saturday February 20 at Neenah's Holiday Inn. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$30.

Q: What can I expect at the event?  
A: We have a scrumptious dinner planned with the main entrees of sirloin tips, fettuccini alfredo and roasted chicken. We found our games to be a big draw with Klinko leading the way with the ladies vying for all types of jewelry. Men like the electronic darts where the high and low scores each win a prize. We added a new game last year that everyone enjoyed, Tower of Treasure (it was Drop the Dice in 2009). If games aren't your thing we have raffles. Always popular is the 50/50 raffle where half the money collected goes to the winner. Our candy bar raffle will again have a nice piece of jewelry and maybe a surprise or two. Of course this is all wrapped around our silent and live auctions. Our MC, Bill Jartz, really livens up the event while our auctioneer Terry Locke from G&L Auction ekes out everything he can in the live auction. Plus we have music to put everyone in the appropriate mood provided by Ed Eaton our DJ from Sound Sensations.

Q: What are some of the auction items?  
A: We have some great sports stuff like a framed and autographed AJ Hawk jersey, Barry Alvarez autographed football, Badger football and hockey tickets, Bucks tickets and Timber Rattler tickets. Like to golf? How about at Ridgeway or Butte des Morts country clubs or get a new golf bag. Want to get away? How about at the Copperleaf hotel with a spa and dinner. Like to eat? We have baked goods for 6 months, soup for 6 months, bread for 6 months, dinner with Father Allen or gourmet dinners by Pat Laux. Want to stay warm? We have several afghans or scarves plus win our trip raffle and you can escape to a warmer climate for a week. Most certainly we should have something to appeal to everyone.

Q: Where can I get the event tickets?  
A: We are selling them after every Mass in the back of church. We're the ones with the 2 large tables with the tablecloths. You can also get them from the parish office. If you have a group of friends you want to have at the same table, tell us when you purchase your tickets and we will reserve you a table. There are 8 to a table.

Q: Lastly if I have any questions about the event, who can I talk with?  
A: Well we have eager committee members present after all the Masses just waiting to talk to people and take orders. You can also contact the parish office (722-4914) or Mike Pokorny (722-5549), e-mail [mrpokorny@uwalumni.com](mailto:mrpokorny@uwalumni.com).