

St. Paul's University Catholic Center

September 6, 2009,



Welcome Week at St. Paul's!

We enjoyed pizza, a little fun
and welcomed new members
into our community!

Don't miss the BBQ this Thursday!
6:00 pm at St. Paul's!!

Don't Miss The
Freshman Getaway
Labor Day!!!

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Freshman Getaway

Hey Freshman! Come spend the day tomorrow at Devil's Lake for some games and a chance to meet other freshmen new to the UW. Please contact Paul Wilburn at pwilburn@focusonline.org.

Welcome BBQ

Come and get a fantastic meal for ONLY \$2! Bring your friends! Dinner served at 6:00 pm then stay around for the second Alpha-Omega of the year, Thursday, September 10th. Bring lots of friends.

Forty Days For Life

Forty Days for Life-Madison will hold its annual kickoff celebration Saturday, September 12th at 11:30 am at Reindahl Park on the East Side. The event features engaging speakers, free food, and fun for families and individuals of all ages. Please join us! The 40 day vigil to end abortion begins Wednesday, September 23rd at the Planned Parenthood on Orin Road. Participants are still needed to fill prayer shifts. Please contact Steve Karlen at steve@vigilforlife.org or 608-445-2063 to help build a culture of life!



Don't Miss The Performance Of "Vianney!"

In honor of the Year for Priests, St. John Vianney Parish in Janesville will be the site of a one-man play entitled "Vianney" performed by Leonardo DeFilippis.

This play will take place on Friday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 17. Contact Heidi Schwank, St. John Vianney Parish secretary, for more information. hschwank@sjv.org 608-752-8708.



23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

You may have heard of Patrick Henry Hughes, hopefully because of his accomplishments. A gifted piano player, trumpeter, and singer, at age twenty he has performed on such stages as the Grand Ole Opry and the Kennedy Center. But Patrick Henry is also known as the young man in the wheelchair who, with his dad, performs with his University of Louisville marching band. Not only is he confined to a wheelchair because of a birth disorder, Patrick Henry is blind. He was born without eyes, but this is how he "sees" life: "I believe God gave me blindness so that I may see the inner qualities in everyone I meet."

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. — Mk 7:34-35

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How do you view disabilities? Like Patrick Henry Hughes, do you view them as a gift? Is it possible to understand that in some aspects of our lives, we all have areas that could be deemed a disability? We may be blind to the needs of others, deaf to the sounds of praise from a friend, unable to express gratitude for the many gifts we receive on a daily basis. In today's reading from Mark, Jesus is presented with a blind man with a speech impediment. Pulling him out of the crowd to a solitary place, the man is healed through Jesus' touch.

Jesus' decision to lead the man away into solitude in order to heal him stresses the importance of praying without distraction. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith, whether healing infirmities or

forgiving sins (CCC 2616). It is often difficult to listen to the wonders of God or speak to him when we are surrounded by the clamor of the world around us. We are healed by the loving touch of Jesus when we allow ourselves and our hearts to listen, see, and feel only him. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

Sympto-Thermal (Couple to Couple League):

(Andy & Mary Fabian)

- Three-Class Course held on Sundays at St. John the Baptist Parish in Waunakee, 4-6:30pm Sept 27th, Oct 25th

Creighton Intro Classes:

- Bishop O'Connor Center at 6:00 pm (follow up sessions are private and scheduled with instructor). Sept 8th, Sept 15th

To register, contact Marie Lins at 608-821-3160 or nfp@straphael.org. For a full listing of classes and more information go to www.madisondiocese.org/nfp.

How Labor Day Began



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, and planned by the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and hold a "workingmen's holiday." The idea spread, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. In 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a federal holiday. Labor Day was to be observed with a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 7:31-37)

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 6:00 pm, and 9:00 pm Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:05 pm and 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday 12:05 pm Mass and 9:00 pm Candlelight Mass

Saturday 12:05 pm Mass
Reconciliation Half Hour before each Mass

Alpha Omega This Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chris Horn - NFL Wide Receiver

Join hundred of UW students in the Chapel at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights throughout the year for live music, great speakers, and the chance to meet new people.



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