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Russ' Reflections

Keep the Fire Going

Beloved in the Lord,



The Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus, Bishop
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I recently ran across a poem I had heard several times before by James Patrick Kinney titled "The Cold Within". I want to share it with you and will mention why at the end. Here is a politically corrected version of Kinney's poem.

The Cold Within

*Six humans trapped by
happenstance
In dark and bitter cold
Each possessed a stick of
wood,
Or so the story's told.*

*Their dying fire in need of logs,
But the first woman held hers tight,
For one face around the fire,
Was one for whom she felt spite.*

*The next man looking 'cross the way
Saw one not of his church,
And could not bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.*

*The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch,
Why should his log be put to use*

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Life at Seminary



As I write this, I am sitting in my apartment at Nashotah House, watching through the patio door, snow swirl down among maple and pine trees. It's a beautiful distraction and a wonderful setting in which to study, reflect and pray.

It's a setting that has been home since August, 2009, when I arrived at Nashotah House Seminary, a nervous, second-career, skeptical junior (seminary talk for first-year student). Now I'm a senior, have been ordained a deacon and am preparing for my final semester of classes, as well as for GOEs (General Ordination Exam). The test, which spans four days, covers seven questions, each requiring a 1,500 word answer. Preparation and anticipation for the test is nerve wracking and anxiety provoking. Why? Does it mean if I don't do well I won't graduate? No. But it is a test not only of what I've learned in seminary, but of how well I've been formed.

The word "formation," at first a "fun" word to hear that meant learning and trying new things, became a dreaded word that was used to describe situations or processes that one would just as soon avoid. As I near the end of my formal "formation," it has become a word that means shaping my life;

helping prepare me for what God has planned.

The formation started with my local discernment process at St. Mark's, Waupaca, and extended to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, as well as interaction and discussions about my "call" with Bishop Jacobus. It continued with processes at seminary. Formation has given me situations to deal with that I used to ignore or think happened to other people. What I've deeply and sincerely learned from the process is that none of us are perfect, but that we have been given the tools to address situations and obtain, hopefully, satisfactory results. Formation, more than teaching me to do or accomplish measurable concepts, has prepared me for learning and accepting all situations and all people as I move about in life.

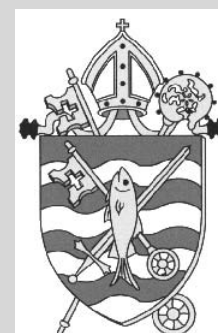
During this process, surprising signs of support from folks throughout the diocese really boosted my confidence and showed support to me; such as a card from the women's group of a diocesan church, an Easter card from a parishioner, whom I've never met, of a church in the eastern part of the diocese, a note from a priest letting me know that I was on the prayer list at his parish. The list goes on and on, of the different faces of support which have all been a part of my formation.

In spite of semi-complaining about the formation process, I really do feel

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Keep the Fire Going

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To warm the idle rich?

*The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store,
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.*

*The next man's face bespoke his greed
As the fire passed from his sight,
For what he saw in his stick of wood
He would need for himself the next night.*

*And the last man of this forlorn group
Did nought except for gain:
Giving only to those who gave,
Was how he played the game.*

*Their sticks held tight in death's stilled hands
Was proof of human sin;
They did not die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.*

It is difficult to find out exactly who James Patrick Kinney was; possibly a high school student who wrote this poem sometime in the 1970's. Anyway, I share this not because I think anyone in the diocese is racist, or classist, or revengeful, or selfish. At least I hope we live out the teachings of Jesus Christ that keep us from treating others the way the poem expressed.

The reason I wanted to share the poem is because I see the Diocese of Fond du Lac as "the fire". The fire keeps us alive; for a congregation cannot be part of the Episcopal Church without "a fire". The fire brings us together; for it is only by working in unity that Christ desires that the "fire-diocese" can function. The fire brings us warmth; for through the "diocese-fire" the glow of mission and ministry in Jesus' name can be brought to our youth, the Episcopal Church Women, Cursillistas, Men's ministries, Bible studies, meal programs,

food pantries, homeless shelters and to the many others that Christ calls us to serve.

But for some reason, the stoking of the fire is not what it used to be. Pledges from congregations to support the diocesan fire for 2012 have dropped. Pledges from congregations is over \$50,000 below the fair share asking. The Finance Committee is deeply concerned about the situation in the nine congregations that pledged below their asking, and will be trying to work with them to see how things can be turned around. As I said, I don't believe any of these congregations are withholding their "stick of wood" for any of the reasons listed in the poem. But we need to help them, so they can continue to help us.

In the meantime, the Finance Committee is recommending to the Executive Council that the 2012 budget be adjusted by trimming program, reducing financial aid to congregations, and cutting staff. These reductions indicate to me that the fire is beginning to go out.

What can be done? Keep praying, keep working on improving evangelism and stewardship in your congregation, and keep giving sacrificially for the spread of God's mission through the fire of the diocese of Fond du Lac.

Faithfully yours,



the Clarion

Our ministry

The Clarion reviews and previews news, activities and events in and affecting the people and congregations of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. It also serves as a means to create written dialogue on issues affecting the whole Church.

Our mission

The Clarion is written to, for, and about the people of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. It is designed as a means for members of the diocese to communicate with each other; for the diocesan staff to communicate with members of the diocese; and to introduce new members and friends to the people of the diocese.

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Women's Winter Retreat, Register Now

Diocesan Women's Ministries (ECW) Winter Retreat is February 17-19, 2012 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in De Pere. It's not too late to register! For full information or to register online, visit diofdl.org/retreat. If you need a registration mailed to you, please contact the Diocesan Office at (920) 830-8866.

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Life at Seminary, continued from page A

that it and the preparation for pastoral life have been extremely significant in my seminary "career." The book learning has been important too, but nothing can replace experience.

When people ask me what life at seminary is like, it's easy to give a flip answer, such as little sleep, reading 1,000 pages a week, growing one's library by more than 100 books a year, and hours spent in chapel. But it's more than that; it really is about formation, which comes in the form of vast experiences.

Seminary life at Nashotah for a student pursuing a Masters in Divinity (M-Div.) degree generally requires five classes a semester, plus a couple taken during the summer or during January to equal a total of 96 credits. Included in that is a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), an internship-experience in a hospital or nursing home. I completed my experience at Three Pillars in Dousman, an adult living facility that offers independent and assisted living facilities, as well as a memory care unit, rehabilitation unit and a nursing home with skilled nursing care.

Also required, and a wonderful experience, is a field-education placement with a local parish. The

program is traditionally completed during a student's middler (seminary talk for second) year, but I have been under the direction of a priest who enjoys giving seminarians experiences, so mine continues for a second year at St. Mary's in Dousman. Here I have the opportunity to participate in worship services as acolyte, reader, and now deacon of the mass; teach adult Sunday School and visits to shut ins. The priest and deacon also share insight into their responsibilities at the church, giving me a well-rounded view of what they do. Coincidentally, Three Pillars and St. Mary's are across the highway from each other and only a 12 minute drive from Nashotah House.

My life at seminary has also been filled with experiences as a chapel scholar, working in the chapel performing duties that would be assigned to a sacristan or altar guild in a parish; and serving first as a member and now president of the mission board. These experiences have allowed me to work more deeply in the respective areas of preparing for liturgy and broad-based mission work. This fall I had the opportunity to lead a prayer group for children on campus. They learned various ways to pray and culminated the series of classes by writing their

own icon. I enjoyed the opportunity to minister to children and learn how they think.

So, you can see that life at Nashotah House is more than just books and incense.



The Rev. Dcn. Mередyth Albright is a seminarian of the

diocese and was ordained deacon in December 2012. Along with prayer support from the diocese, seminarians also receive financial support of \$7,500 a year while in seminary, which is funded by endowments for that purpose and the diocesan budget --- which means you!



During his annual Visitation to St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids, Bishop Jacobus received Will Louis-Bruce, Sheila Bluhm and Tim Botcher. Also pictured is the Rev. Vicki Natzke.

Photo by Shane Burkart

Youth Ministry Dates – Mark Your Calendars!

A number of youth events are in the works, so mark your calendars today. You can link to all these events at diofdl.org/youth.

- April 21-22, 2012 – New Beginnings, a weekend for middle school youth.
- May 11, 2012 – Bishop's Ball, All Saints, Appleton.
- July 1-8, 2012 – Youth Mission Trip to San Francisco – for middle and high school youth.
- July 5-8 – Youth Trip to General Convention, Indianapolis – for high school youth.
- August 7 – Episcopal Day at Six Flags.
- November 16-18, 2012 – Happening #65, a weekend for high school youth.

For more information contact Pastor Diane Murray, Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator at (920) 860-5152 or dmurray@diofdl.org.



Cursillo News

A monthly update for Cursillistas, those who have attended a Cursillo Weekend, and those who may want to.

Greetings!

I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Lay Director of Monarch Cursillo. I am Ron Alexander from St. John's, Wausau. On behalf of the Cursillo community, I acknowledge and thank our outgoing Lay Director, Bob Cleworth. His leadership was instrumental in fostering the importance of the Cursillo movement in our Diocese. He was also relentless in gathering historical data about the movement for our 30th anniversary celebration this past November and has agreed to continue to serve Monarch Cursillo as our archivist. I know I have

big shoes to fill and with God's help will get started.

Our annual meeting was January 22, 2012 at All Saints, Appleton. One important task on the agenda was electing new members to the secretariat, which is the governing board of this important ministry. Results will appear in next month's article. On February 24-25 2012, secretariat will meet to begin planning for the upcoming year. The retreat will be held at Spencer Lake Christian Retreat Center.

Our next three day Cursillo week-end is fast approaching. Monarch 68 will be held 4/26 – 4/29/2012 at Spencer Lake. Tina Ellingson from St. Mark's Waupaca will be the Rectora. Team commitment forms, as well as candidate, Sponsor and Clergy forms are available on our website, www.monarchcursillo.org

For our 30th anniversary, Bob Cleworth put together a pictorial presentation of memories of the last 30 years of week-ends. Copies of this presentation will be made available on DVD. If you are interested, please send me an email.

Please remember that Cursillo is 100% self funded by our donations at Ultreya, Clausura, Week-End fees, and our recycling fundraisers. Please refer to our website: monarchcursillo.org for a list of items taken by our recycling programs.

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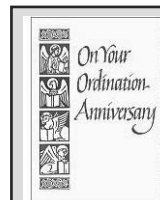
St. Mark's, Waupaca Retires Mortgage



St. Mark's, Waupaca's Capital Campaign Steering Committee is pictured, enjoying the fact that they raised enough money to pre-pay up their mortgage. The mortgage was acquired in 2000 to pay for the church addition of classrooms and offices and then refinanced to purchase the neighboring house for the Waupaca Food Pantry to occupy.

"Thumbs up" are displayed by (back) Dave Hathaway, John Morgan, Wayne Sparks, Jack Rhodes, Fr. Nigel Bousfield, Kathy Bidwell and Dick Bidwell. (Front) Joyce Woldt, Pat Hollenbeck, Maggie Thompson, Ken Dequaine, Bettie Hill and (Center) Jim Johnson.

Photo by Ken Dequaine



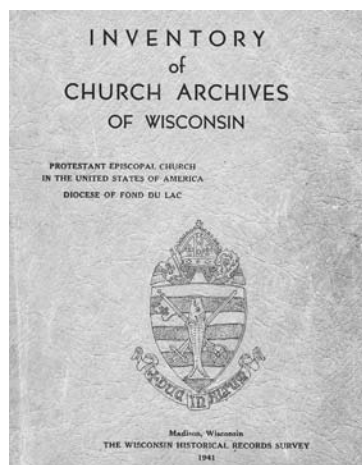
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Rodger Patience - Deacon
February 3 (1996)

Samuel Nsengiyumva - Priest
February 18 (1996)

Carol Amadio - Priest
February 24 (1981)

Archive Angles



Recently the Diocesan Archives was given a copy of "Inventory of Church Archives of Wisconsin – Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America – Diocese of Fond du Lac." This book was prepared by the Wisconsin Historical

Records Survey which was a Division of the Community Service Program of the Works Progress Administration in 1941. It was one of the last projects done by the depression era's WPA.

The Archives held a copy, but it was damaged badly in the flood of 2008 so the new copy was greatly appreciated. This book outlines, with some detail, a history of the diocese, specifics about its bishops, then begins 150+ pages of the archival records holdings of (active and defunct) parishes,

organized missions, unorganized missions, schools, and other institutions of the diocese from 1875-1940.

There are 165 entries, with 148 being congregations of some kind! A good number are of congregations that still exist, or had existed for some time. Many are those places where services may have been held for a year or two, often for a few families. For example:

- 106. TUSTIN UNORGANIZED MISSION, ca. 1877-81 (defunct), Tustin, on County Trunk H, 20 miles N.E. of Wautoma, Waushara County.
- Unorganized mission established ca. 1877, had about 30 members in 1878. In 1880, 10 families belonged to the mission which consisted of 40 members; no communicants were reported. A building had been rented and arranged for services. No services reported after 1881. See D. J. (F.L.), 1878, p.7; 1880, p.77; 1881, p.7. [Ed. Note: reference is to Diocesan Journal, Fond du Lac].
- No records available.

Having this book available again will help im-

mensely in the organization of the Congregational Records section of the Diocesan Archives. If your congregation might want to get a copy of their entry, just send an email request to me at archives@diofdl.org.

Work Day May 12th (note date change)

Like old stuff? Want to help others? History interest? Then volunteer for the archives! The Diocesan Archives are in Grafton Hall, Fond du Lac, behind the Cathedral and includes various papers and artifacts of bishops, congregations, entities and commissions and committees.

An Archives Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 9am-5pm. Come and help for as little or as much time as you can. If you're around over noon-time, we'll even give you lunch! Please respond if you plan to attend at diofdl.org/archives.

Matthew Payne is the Diocesan Archivist and Historiographer and is a member of St. Thomas, Menasha and can be contacted at (920) 830-8866 or mpayne@diofdl.org.

Congregations, briefly

February 2012 – Congregations, Briefly by Beth Jacobson



St. Olaf's, Amherst

Julia Buehler, RN, recommends physical exercise not just because the New Year calls for a resolution, but for these other reasons: Lower blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol; lower risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and dementia; stress relief; improved blood circulation; flexible muscles, joints, and mind!



St. Augustine's, Rhinelander

St. Augustine's will participate in the World Day of Prayer, which will be held on the first Friday in March at the Methodist Church. This is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many traditions

who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. They affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.



Trinity, Oshkosh

The Vestry is in the process of developing a search committee to find a permanent rector. To that end, they have appointed Jen Wenner as search committee chair. Jen has a wealth of experience with the Episcopal Church in general and with Trinity specifically. She has also served on two faculty search committees at UW-Oshkosh.



St Anne's, DePere

After much prayer and consideration, the Vestry and Fr. Eric have decided to combine both the Christian Education and Youth Group Coordinator ministries into a single position. The new position will

improve communication, stewardship of time and talent, and a synergy between Sunday School and Youth. A search committee has been appointed.



St Matthias', Minocqua

Items from the wish list of Frederick Place, a nearby homeless shelter, were presented by The St. Francis Project of St. Matthias' during the second week in Advent. A variety of items were

included such as paper products, coffee, taxi cab vouchers and gas cards, money for the pharmacy account, and gift cards for haircuts and office supplies. This project was a combined effort of the vestry, The St. Francis Project, and the St. Matthias Thrift Shop.



St James', Manitowoc

The Connections group sends get well, birthday and anniversary cards to members. A new task is being added: Volunteers will provide rides to church

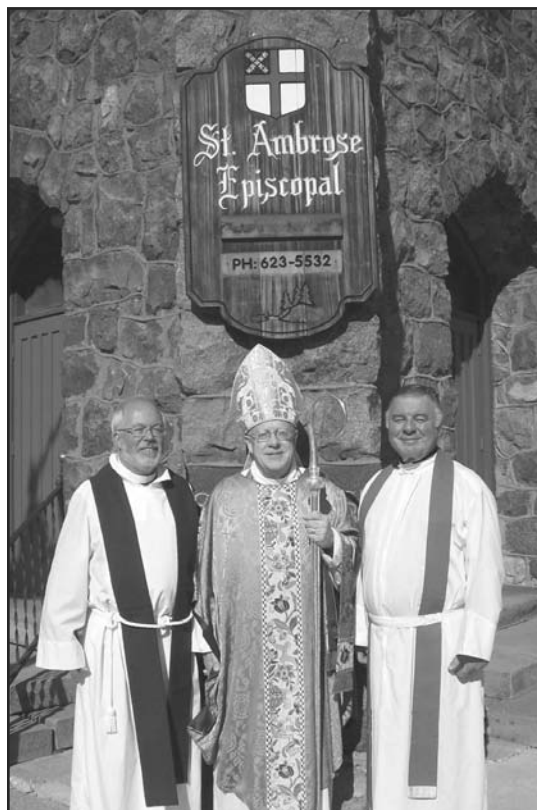
or appointments, make meals for members or do shopping, and other assistance as needs arise. Members add their names to the list of Connections helpers, specifying the ways that they are able to help.

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Do You Pray?

We sure hope you do! All who pray are invited to pray for the Church, especially for the Diocese of Fond du Lac – it's members and clergy. Some folks have difficulty in figuring out what to pray about. To help you in your prayers, there are a number of Cycles of Prayer available on the diocesan website diofdl.org.

- The Daily Cycle of Prayer guides prayer to include all congregations of the diocese along with its clergy, ministries and departed faithful servants on a monthly basis.
- The Sunday Cycle of Prayer guides prayer to include all congregations of the diocese along with its clergy, ministries and departed faithful servants on an annual basis, but praying for the same entity for an entire week.



The Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus is shown with the two supply clergy who are now serving St. Ambrose, Antigo on a regular basis: the Rev. Canon Barry Whenal (left) and the Rev. Chuck Daily (right). The Bishop made his annual visitation to St. Ambrose in October and was welcomed after the service with a celebratory coffee hour.

Photo by Carol Feller Gottard

Diocese Sells Rectory



The Diocese of Fond du Lac has sold the rectory of the former St. Mary of the Snows Episcopal Church, Eagle River. The congregation was dissolved in 2010

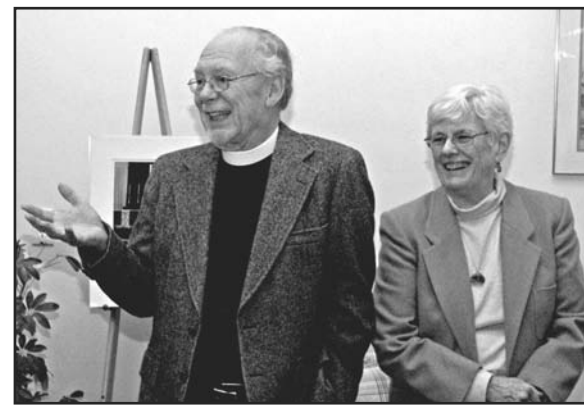
following the resignation of all members from the Episcopal Church. The sale was closed the end of December, 2011.

The Trustees of the Diocese have oversight of the property, and came to the decision to sell the rectory in consultation with the Standing Com-

- The Anglican Cycle of Prayer guides prayer to include Anglicans from around the world.
- The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of Prayer guides prayer to include groups of countries of the world each week, covering the whole world over the year.
- A number of congregations have their own cycle of prayer.

Perhaps you don't pray as regularly as you know you should? Why not download these cycles and start taking five minutes each day going through and praying for what they list?

Mazza's Retire, Again



The Rev. Joe and Susan Mazza "retired" to Door County some twenty years ago and promptly became active in the community, and especially the Episcopal church. Fr. Joe helped establish what is the newest parish in the Diocese, St. Luke's, Sister Bay. In January 2012, the Mazzas tried again to retire, with a move to Milwaukee at St. John's Retirement Community. Members of Christ the King and Holy Nativity gave them a rousing sendoff reception after the January 7 Eucharist at Holy Nativity-Jacksonport.

mittee, Executive Council, and Bishop Jacobus. "We believe," Bishop Jacobus recently said, "that the decision to sell was in the best interests of the ministry needs of the diocese. Continuing to hold a residential property seemed to have no benefit" The proceeds of the sale are maintained in a segregated fund pending a decision by the Executive Council for their use.

The church building and property are leased to a congregation of the Anglican Church of North America through the end of 2012. No specific action has been taken regarding its future use or disposition. Discussion of appropriate possibilities continues.

St. Luke's, Sister Bay Celebrate New Addition



On December 4th, 2011, St. Luke's, Sister Bay celebrated the completion of its new addition, The Canterbury Room. Bishop Jacobus blessed and dedicated the new space. In addition to providing much needed space for St. Luke's and its ministries, it is hoped that the additional space will be put to good use by other community groups.

The dedication was preceded by the service of Advent Lessons and Carols. St. Luke's and Holy Nativity/Christ the King celebrate this service jointly each year, alternating the location. The evening always closes with a sumptuous reception which, this year, "warmed" the new space more than adequately.

Summer Camp Dates

The 2012 Summer Camp Sessions take place at Camp Lakotah, 3½ miles east of Wautoma, Wisconsin. Information and Registration can be found at diofdl.org/camp.

- Senior Camp will be held June 10-16, 2012 and is for youth who have completed grades 9-12 (ages 15-18).
- Middler Camp and Junior Camp will be held June 17-21, 2012. Middler Camp is for youth who have completed grades 6-8 (ages 12-14). Junior Camp is for those who have completed grades 2-5, (ages 8-11).
- Kindercamp will be held June 21-23, 2012 and is for kids ages 4-7 accompanied with an adult.

Volunteer staff are needed for all camps. Volunteer camp staff application forms can be found at diofdl.org/camp.

Camp Director, Tony Walter, will attend Sunday worship services throughout the diocese to promote camp programs and answer questions anyone might have about summer camp. Want Tony to visit your congregation on a specific Sunday? E-mail him at camp@diofdl.org. Tony can say a few words during the service and/or meet with members of the congregation after the service.

Register for Bi-Diocesan Vestry School 2012

Vestry School

The annual Vestry School will be held Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-3pm at the Best Western Midway in Wausau. Co-sponsored with

the Diocese of Eau Claire, five workshops are offered, designed to assist vestry members to better serve their congregations.

Workshops offered are:

- Constructive Conflict Management: Con-

verting Negative to Positive

- Deploying Our Ministers: Using Prayer, Gifts and Tools
- Greening the Church: Practical Ways to be Better Stewards
- Beneficial Boundaries: Legal Responsibilities of Trust
- Communication is Key: Tools Modern and Ancient

There will also be a special presenters on the top 10 things every vestry member should know, along

Diocesan Youth Mission Trip

The Diocesan Youth Mission Trip will take place July 1-8, 2012. This trip is open to middle and senior high youth and adults who work with youth. The trip will serve those in San Francisco & Oakland, California.

Discover all the details, including how to make a commitment to the trip, at diofdl.org/missiontrip. The deadline to make a commitment for the trip is Wednesday, February 29th. For more information contact Pastor Diane Murray, Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator at (920) 860-5152 or dmurray@diofdl.org.



It's not by the fireside, and its not over the radio, but

if you are interested in hearing what's been going on around the diocese and what's coming up, then you'll want to watch the 20-minute Bishop's Video Chat each month. Unlike the fireside chats of years past, you can watch the Bishop's Video Chat anytime, 24/7.

Along with diocesan information, Bishop Jacobus also provides a short teaching about the Church. January's focus was on the Anglican Communion. February's will be on the Episcopal Church. Future topics will include such items as How to Pray, How to Serve and the Diocese.

Want to suggest a topic? Have any feedback? Got questions? Send them to Bishop Jacobus at rjacobus@diofdl.org.

Finding the Chat is simple: go to diofdl.org/bc and click on the image for the month you want.

with time for worship and lunch.

Vestry School isn't limited to vestries. If any of the workshops intrigue you, feel welcome to attend. Discover more details and register at diofdl.org/vestryschool.

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St. Luke's, Sister Bay

St. Luke's Outreach donated over \$1,000 to the Ishahayi Beach School Foundation. Ishahayi, a small Yoruba fishing village in Nigeria, is reachable only by boat or canoe. The foundation's goal is to educate the children of the village and by providing for the construction and maintenance of the school, computers, supplies, and textbooks.



St Paul's, Marinette

Among 22 suggested New Year's resolutions: Resolve to pray more; to say "I love you" more often; to appreciate the world around you;

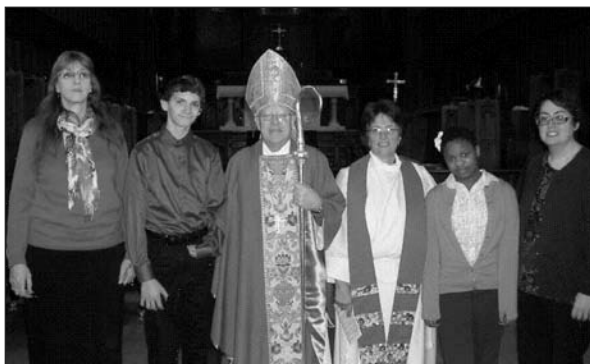
to forgive someone; to forgive yourself; not to compare yourself to someone else; to read from the Bible each day; to laugh; to make someone else laugh; to say "thank you" and mean it; to invest in your spiritual gifts.



Grace, Sheboygan

"If something is not mission-related, we will not do it, however much we might wish to." This is Grace's approach to 2012 because of financial constraints. In

keeping with this philosophy, instead of renovating or adding onto the parish garage to accommodate 2 cars plus storage, extra shelves came up from the church basement, equipment was sorted and moved, unneeded things disposed of, and ladders hung on the wall.



The Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac, made his annual visitation to St. James Episcopal Church, Manitowoc, on January 29. Prior to worship, Bishop Russ met with the congregation for discussion and sharing.

Bishop Russ led worship, including Confirmation and Reception of New Members. Ruby Benhart and Austin Babich were confirmed, and Mona Wright and Charity Wright were received into the Episcopal Church.



**National
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HEALTH
MINISTRIES**

A message of wellness from the Diocesan Health Ministries Task Force.

Blood pressure can be reduced eating a diet low in saturated fats, cholesterol, and total fat, that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, and lowfat dairy foods, also includes whole grain products, fish, poultry and nuts. It is reduced red meat, sweets and sugar-containing beverages, rich in magnesium, potassium, and calcium as well as protein and fiber. Consider the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hyper-

The DASH Eating Plan

tension (DASH) plan, a flexible and balanced eating plan that has been shown to lower high blood pressure. Learn more at www.nhlbi.nih.gov



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Discerning Our Future

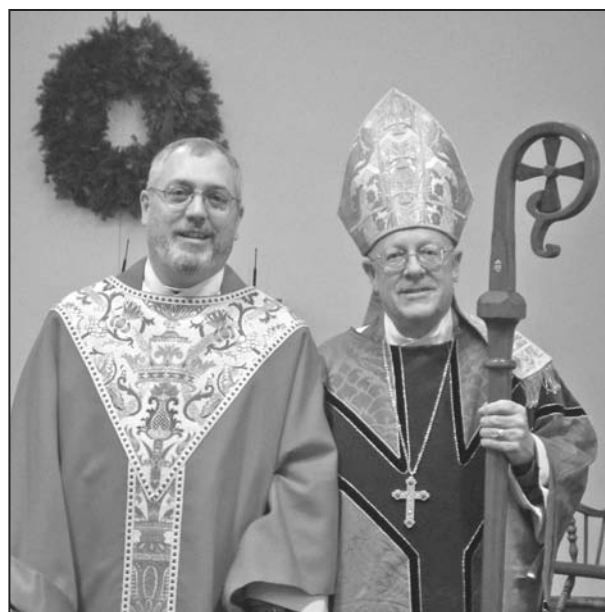
The Discerning Our Future Task Force is working to help the diocese discern its future direction and is holding diocesan-wide meetings on Saturday, February 25th, 10am-12noon, in each deanery.

- St. Anne's, De Pere (Green Bay Deanery)
- St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac (Lake Winnebago Deanery)
- Intercession, Stevens Point (Wisconsin River Deanery)
- St. Augustine's, Rhinelander (Northwoods Deanery)

Each congregation is asked to send lay representatives who will answer the same questions used at the Clergy Day with answers compiled and posted on the website. Those questions are:

- What do you value about the diocese?
- What are your hopes for the diocese?
- When you consider where you would like your congregation to be in the future (5yrs), what challenges / barriers / obstacles do you see?
- In what ways can we - the Discerning Our Future Task Force or the Diocese support you - what do you need? How can we help?
- What gifts does your congregation have that you can share with other congregations?

Please plan to attend, to help give direction to the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Fond du Lac for the future.



The Rev. Michael Scolare (left) was ordained to the Priesthood on December 3rd, 2011 at St. Anne's, De Pere, by the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus (right), Bishop of Fond du Lac. Fr. Mike works for St. John's Homeless Shelter in Green Bay and will serve the diocese in a non-parochial capacity.



Bishop Russell Jacobus made his annual visitation to St. Paul's, Plymouth in December, 2011. He confirmed & received these members: (front) Nicolas & Julie Walczak, Judy Scribner, Madilyn Sass, Madelyn Gray, The Rev. Marie Gray; (middle) Peter Suchocki, Owen Ryan, Sam Brown, Jim Gray, (back) The Rev. Dcn. Sue vonRautenkrantz, the Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus, Erin Wolf.

Eucharistic Festival – June 2nd

Mark your calendar now to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Festival on Saturday, June 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Fond du Lac. Along with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be the Bishop's Picnic and a Pre-General Convention Gathering to have conversation with your General Convention Delegates. Look for more details in next month's [Clarion](#).

The Diocese of Fond du Lac

“A community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus.” This community consists of over 6,000 souls regularly worshipping in thirty-seven locations across the northeastern third of Wisconsin.

A diocese is the people of God living out their faith in an Episcopal and Anglican tradition while working together in the mission and ministry of the Gospel. It is the people serving and ministering in the communities where they live.

The congregations of the Diocese of Fond du Lac are

St. Agnes', Algoma
 St. Olaf's, Amherst
 St. Ambrose, Antigo
 All Saints', Appleton
 St. Anne's, De Pere
 All Saint's Chapel, Elkhart Lake
 Atonement, Fish Creek
 Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Fond du Lac
 Precious Blood, Gardner
 Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay
 Holy Nativity, Jacksonport
 St. James', Manitowoc
 St. Paul's, Marinette
 St. Alban's, Marshfield
 St. Thomas', Menasha
 Ascension, Merrill
 St. Matthias', Minocqua
 St. James', Mosinee
 St. John's, New London
 Holy Apostles', Oneida
 Trinity, Oshkosh
 St. Paul's, Plymouth
 St. Augustine's, Rhinelander
 St. Peter's, Ripon
 St. John's, Shawano
 Grace, Sheboygan
 St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls
 St. Luke's, Sister Bay
 Intercession, Stevens Point
 Christ the King, Sturgeon Bay
 St. Paul's, Suamico
 St. Barnabas', Tomahawk
 St. Mark's, Waupaca
 Holy Trinity, Waupun
 St. John's, Wausau
 St. Mary's Chapel, Wautoma
 St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids

Church Secretaries to Meet

The annual Church Secretary Network Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th from 10am-2pm at Holy Apostles, Oneida. This annual event is coordinated by Diocesan Office Secretary Vicky Stauber Puffall. It is a time for church secretaries, and anyone who serves the congregation in doing that type of ministry, to gather for fellowship, support, worship and some continuing education. Encourage your church secretary to attend.

Clergy to Gather in Retreat

The annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat will be held Monday, February 13th - Wednesday, February 15th at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, nine miles west of Wausau. The Retreat Conductor is the Rev. Thomas Schultz, OHC. Fr. Schultz is a Brother in the Order of the Holy Cross. He was the Clergy Retreat Conductor in 2009. All in the diocese are asked to keep the clergy in their prayers as they gather for this pre-Lenten retreat.

Share your activities

Clarion does not have reporters or a paid staff. Please submit information from your ministries.

General information, news from diocesan ministries and commissions: Please send to:

Clarion, 1051 N. Lynndale Dr., Suite 1B, Appleton, WI 54914
 or e-mail files to
clarion@diofdl.org.

If sending photos via e-mail, **please submit in .jpg or .tif format.** Larger images (1600x1280) are best.

the Clarion deadlines

**March, 2012 deadline is
 February 1, 2012
 Deadline for April, 2012 is
 March 1, 2012**

DIOCESAN and Bishop's CALENDAR

Please add these dates to your congregation calendars, bulletins and newsletters, as appropriate Check diofdl.org for updates. Bishop Jacobus usually celebrates the Holy Eucharist at 8am on Wednesday mornings with the Sisters of the Holy Nativity at Bethlehem by the Lake, Green Lake.



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FEBRUARY

- 4 Pledge Review Committee, 8-1, St. Mark's, Waupaca
- 9 Executive Council, 10-2, St. Anne's, De Pere
- 11 Standing Committee, 10-12, St. Thomas, Menasha
- 11 Pledge Review Committee, 8-1, St. Mark's Waupaca
- 12 Visitation, St. John's, New London
- 13-15 Clergy Retreat, St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Marathon
- 17-19 Women's Winter Retreat, Norbertine Center, De Pere
- 18 Trustees, 10-12, All Saints, Appleton
- 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 25 Discerning Our Future Meetings, 10-12, By Deanery

MARCH

- 1 Staff Meeting, 10-12, Diocesan Office, Appleton
- 3 Bi-Diocesan Vestry School, 9-3, Best Western Midway, Wausau
- 4 Visitation, St. Paul's, Plymouth
- 6 Clergy Day, 10-2, St. Anne's, De Pere
- 8 Executive Council Teleconference, 12:30-1:30
- 11 Visitation, St. John's, Shawano
- 11-15 Episcopal Church Medical Trust Health Partners Benefits Conference, Kanuga, NC
- 15-21 House of Bishops Meeting, Camp Allen, TX
- 17 Youth Mission Trip Meeting

APRIL

- 1 PALM SUNDAY
- 3 Chrism Mass, 11am, Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fond du Lac
- 6 GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed
- 8 EASTER DAY
- 9 Office Closed
- 10 Clergy Day, Deanery Level

- 12 Executive Council Teleconference, 12:30-1:30
- 14 Standing Committee, 10-12, St. Thomas, Menasha
- 17 Church Secretary Network Meeting, 10-2, Holy Apostles, Oneida
- 18 Celebration of a New Ministry, Grace, Sheboygan
- 19 Finance Committee, 10-12, Diocesan Office, Appleton
- 21 Visitation, St. Olaf's, Amherst
- 21-22 New Beginnings for Middle School Youth
- 22 Visitation, St. Thomas, Menasha
- 23-24 Province V Bishops, Chicago
- 24-25 Province V Synod, Chicago
- 26 Staff Meeting, 10-12, Diocesan Office, Appleton
- 26-29 Monarch Cursillo 68, Spencer Lake Christian Center, Waupaca
- 28 Youth Mission Trip Training, 1-4

MAY

- 6 Visitation, Intercession, Stevens Point
- 6 Church Periodical Club Sunday
- 10 Executive Council, 10-2, Trinity, Oshkosh
- 11 Bishop's Ball for Youth, 7-11, All Saints, Appleton
- 12 Archives Work Day, 9-5, Fond du Lac
- 13 Visitation, St. Anne's, De Pere
- 15 Clergy Day, 10-2, St. Augustine's, Rhinelander
- 19 Trustees, 10-12, St. Thomas, Menasha
- 19 Youth Mission Trip Training, 1-4
- 20 Visitation, Grace Sheboygan
- 20 United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday
- 23-25 Nashotah House Alumni Day, Graduation and Trustees
- 27 PENTECOST
- 27 Visitation, St. Alban's, Marshfield
- 29 Staff Meeting, 10-12, Diocesan Office, Appleton