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Fr. John M. Scott, S.J., in his book *Without Thorns It's Not A Rose*, recounts Christmas Eve 1968 when the Apollo 8 capsule orbited around the moon. As it did so, the crew panned their TV cameras across the vast barren plains and mountains of the moon. One of the crew, William Anders, said in a soft voice, "For all the people back on earth, the crew of Apollo 8 has a message that we would like to send you: 'In the beginning God created the heaven and earth.' " The other crew members then took turns reading the first ten verses of the Bible. After they were done, the crew's commander, Frank Borman said, "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with a good night, good luck, and a Merry Christmas and God Bless all of you—all of you on the good earth." As I read that account, I thought it was very telling that, as these astronauts were on the verge of landing on the moon, their thoughts were on God and His awesome hand in creation. May this New Year of 2012 be a year of seeing God's hand in your own life. This year is going to be a year of decision, which will open new horizons for us. May it be a time of rediscovery of your Faith or a strengthening and appreciation of that awesome gift. In all of your decisions and resolutions this new year, seek God's providence and guidance.

I want to draw your attention to two events this January. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is a day of fast and penance in reparation for our country's blindness in legalizing abortion. Pray for our Pope John students as they trek to Washington D.C., to march for life. Also the end of this month is Catholic School's Week. We are blessed to have two great schools in St. Boniface and Pope John. I am impressed by the dedication of Mrs. Getzfred, the faculty and staff who work to make our Catholic schools such wonderful schools. I am greatly edified by the parents, grandparents and guardians who sacrifice so much to make our schools the great schools they are. Finally thanks to our great students. Your dedication to learning and your Faith is why these schools exist.

God love you,

## Thanksgiving Bazaar Results

WHAT	Deposited	Exp Pd	2011 NET	2010 Net
Dinners (1.140) \$10,698.10				
Carryout Meals (87) \$1,154.00				
Evening Lunches (440) \$2,623.78				
<b>All Meals Totaled (1,667)</b>	\$ 14,475.88	\$ (2,820.19)	\$ 11,655.69	\$ 12,063.94
Solicite-Food	\$ 8,118.00		\$ 8,118.00	\$ 7,157.00
Sausage Sold*** \$14,366.22			\$ -	\$ -
Solicite-Sausage \$ 3,855.00	\$ 18,221.22	\$ (13,926.57)	\$ 4,294.65	\$ 5,741.02
Raffle (includes straight donations)	\$ 18,057.01	\$ (1,192.75)	\$ 16,864.26	\$ 13,812.80
Quilt Raffle	\$ 1,164.00	\$ -	\$ 1,164.00	\$ 1,220.00
Bingo	\$ 447.00	\$ (15.00)	\$ 432.00	\$ 643.25
Ping Pong Balls (net)	\$ 1,610.00	\$ -	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 2,265.00
Horse Race Game	\$ 121.25	\$ -	\$ 121.25	\$ 127.25
Game Token Table (with cake walk out)	\$ 654.28	\$ (86.32)	\$ 567.96	\$ 413.45
Country Store	\$ 659.45	\$ -	\$ 659.45	\$ 671.50
Advertising	\$ -	\$ (680.10)	\$ (680.10)	\$ (633.01)
Investment of Bazaar Mailing Supplies	\$ -	\$ (180.59)	\$ (180.59)	\$ (256.75)
Printing/Postage/Duct Tape/Misc. Adm.	\$ -	\$ (266.82)	\$ (266.82)	\$ (438.29)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 63,528.09</b>	<b>\$ (19,168.34)</b>	<b>\$ 44,359.75</b>	<b>\$ 42,787.16</b>



**Question:** What do you suggest we do with old blessed items such as medals, rosaries, scapulars etc. when these items are not in use any more?

**Answer:** If any object is blessed, it should be either burned or buried. It should never be discarded in the trash.

Father Burkhalter is offering a **Question and Answer** section here in this monthly "Stump and Axe" newsletter. If you have a religious related question you are wondering about just jot it down and put it in the collection basket marked "Q&A" or email it to either Linda or Michele (their addresses are listed in the bulletin). Father will address as many as possible each month.

### Pope John High School Advisory Board November 15, 2011

- The Directors of Advancement Report was given. Kyle Warren reported the Booster Club had increased ticket sales by 91 tickets. Empty-nester alumni were recruited to help sell tickets. Families will be asked to sell 5 tickets instead of 4 next year. Facebook will be used to contact younger, out of area alumni.
- The Future Generations campaign is at \$623,012 with \$598,647 collected. This includes gifts in kind of \$40,356 from Leon & Annette Kerkman.
- There was an excellent response from the Magic Bus Fund as \$29,442 was raised. Thanks to board members who solicited many of the donations.
- The Quad Lum will be coming out in January.
- The "Evening with Friends" is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> and the Development Banquet for April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Administrators Report was presented. Congratulations to the Wolfpack football team.
- Pope John hosted the NVC one act competition on November 15<sup>th</sup> and received 1<sup>st</sup> place. Niobrara was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ewing 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Brian Benson will be the assistant basketball coach and Cody Curtis will also help out.
- Olivia Borer has received the Regents Scholarship from UNL. Congratulations Olivia!
- Information about our school will be presented to the supporting parishes at Parish council meetings.
- The Presidents Report was given. Father Burkhalter encouraged board members to visit with their pastors and see what ideas and concerns they may have about parish assessment to Pope John. It is not meant to be a burden but an investment to the Catholic community.
- A visit to West Point Guardian Angel School is planned for December 15<sup>th</sup>. This may provide insight on our own school system moving forward.
- Mrs. Getzfred led a discussion on the board policy revisions from the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Committee Progress Report was presented. A 2002

freightliner bus was purchased for \$ 26,500. There will be additional costs for new tires. There are currently 3 certified drivers for this bus which has air brakes.

- Sister Pat reported the CCPJ grocery sales raised \$11,300 which surpassed the school goal. The kids will go bowling as a reward the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
  - November 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Fall Awards Night.
  - Next meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- Submitted by Dan Schrage, Sec.

**Thank you...** To the St. Boniface weekly vocation prayers for the month of December: Juan Hoefer, Scott & Deb Beckman Family, Frank & Clara Kampahus, Terry & Michele Reicks.



### St. Boniface MEN'S CIRCLE SCHEDULE for SNOW/ICE REMOVAL for Parish Grounds

- Mondays..... CIRCLE 1 (Arehart-Buelt)
- Tuesdays. .... CIRCLE 2 (Busteed- Getzfred)
- Wednesdays..... CIRCLE 3 (Gossman-Kinney)
- Thursdays..... CIRCLE 4 (Kluthe- Payne)
- Fridays..... CIRCLE 5 (Pelster-Schrage)
- Saturdays..... CIRCLE 6 (Schueths-Zegers)
- Sundays..... ALL CIRCLES

#### NEWSLETTER SPONSORS ARE NEEDED !!

*The Stump & Axe* newsletter serves both of our parishes. If you wish to sponsor a month, please place \$50.00 in the collection in a special envelope marked "newsletter sponsor."

***Help us continue to bring the parish "news" to you!***

#### Top 10 Predictions for 2011

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

### TOTUS TUUS

will be held June 10-15, 2012

Committee for the Continuation of Pope John  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual

## "Evening with Friends"

Sunday Evening,  
JANUARY 29, 2012

Social: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



A US 92 Radio Personality will  
be the Master of Ceremonies.

### Limited Number of Tickets Available !

Tickets are \$100.00 each and include Social Hour, Dinner, and the opportunity to win several prizes during the evening. Top prize is \$2,500.00. For tickets or information contact Sharon & Dave Gossman, 887-5473; Tom & Bonnie Hoefler, 843-5476; Kyle & Deb Warren, 843-2287 or Pope John School, 843-5325.

## 2012 TEC Weekends

March 17-19, 2012 Glad Tidings Camp, Crofton

July 14-16, 2012, Tintern Retreat Center, near Oakdale

Weekends run Saturday 10 a.m. – Monday 5:30 p.m.

Specifically designed for second semester juniors to age 23. TEC, Teens Encounter Christ, is a Catholic program that provides an experience in Christian Living. TEC costs \$65; scholarships are available. Sign up as soon as you can as each weekend can only have a set number of students from one parish or school. For more information contact Terry Reicks, the Parish Office, or any student who has made a TEC. Now is the time to register.



CCPJ-Breakfast

The Committee for the Continuation of Pope John will have their annual breakfast on Sunday, January 8 in the St. Boniface Gym serving from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The menu includes: pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, hash browns, fruit, rolls, coffee, milk and juice. Free Will Offering. Everyone is welcome!

## Upcoming Christian Encounter Christ 2012 Weekends at Norfolk

January 27-29	Men's Weekend
March 2-4	Women's Weekend
March 9-11	Men's Weekend
April 27-29	Women's Weekend
October 5-7	Men's Weekend
November 2-4	Women's Weekend

For more information, talk to anyone you know who has lived a C.E.C. weekend, or call Michele at the Parish Office! Check your calendar and plan a terrific weekend. You deserve it!

## St Boniface Altar Society December 15, 2011

### ☐ Treasurer's Report:

Beg. Balance: \$3,525.21

Receipts: \$1,327.92

Expenses: \$1,444.74

Ending Ck bk. Bal: \$3,408.39

Coffee & Rolls: \$1,370.33

CD Balance: \$18,634.09

☐ Sandy Kallhoff was on hand to discuss the Thanksgiving Bazaar. Overall things went real well. One thing that she asked was that when cleaning the church basement in November before the bazaar be sure to remove the pans and bowls from the east entrance. Other issues will be discussed at the Bazaar Committee meeting in January.

☐ The OACCW board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the K of C Hall in Elgin from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. There will be 40 to 50 women and Fr. Kramper who are expected to attend. Circles 1 and 2 will be in charge of food for this.

☐ A discussion was held on what to give for a donation for the Parish Auction on March 18, 2012. It was decided to donate a gift certificate from Divots.

☐ The Washington March for Life will be held in January. There are 11 members of the Jr. Right to Life attending. A motion passed to donate \$40.00 for each student that will attend.

☐ New circle leaders and officers were discussed. There are a few spots not filled yet. A discussion was also held on the attendance at the Altar Society meetings. At least one leader from each circle should attend each meeting.

☐ Circle 6 and Circle 1 will be in charge of putting up the Nativity at church.

### ☐ JANUARY WORK LIST:

Coffee & Rolls: Circle #6 January 15<sup>th</sup>

Church Cleaning: Circle #1 January

Kookie Klatch: Circle #5 (January 21- 2:00 pm @ The Willows)

Funeral: Circle #1

Charity: Circle #1 OACCW meeting – Coffee & Rolls at 9:30; also set up day before.

Circle #2 OACCW meeting—Lunch-11:30; snacks at 3:30

☐ Next meeting: January 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm. All new circle leaders and officers need to attend.

Submitted by Diane Nelson, Secretary

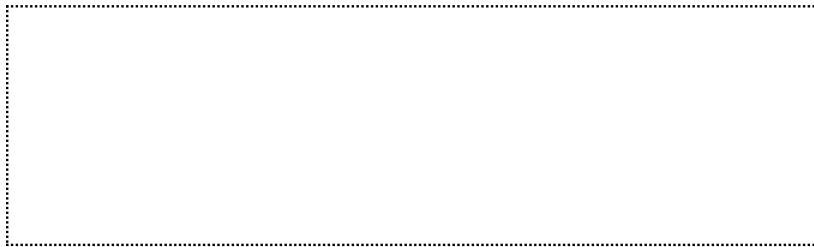
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Do you have old blankets or flat sheets that you don't need and want to put them to good use?? Sister Josephine Ewertz, OSB of the Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk is asking for help in aiding those in most need of them, mostly Native Americans from our region. Anyone who can sew can make a simple quilt by placing an old blanket on one side and an old flat sheet on the other and tying it together instead of quilting it. Any pattern is fine, they aren't meant to be pretty, only warm. If you wish to make some of these this winter, you can bring the finished product to the parish office and we will get them to Ann Beckman who will transport them to Norfolk.

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**St. Boniface**  
**Calendar Lottery Winners**

12-01-11 Ben Hupp	\$50.00
12-02-11 Delbert & Avis Heithoff	\$50.00
12-03-11 Alberto Corincig	\$50.00
12-04-11 Jed Friedrichsen	\$75.00
12-05-11 Phil & Barb Stuhr	\$50.00
12-06-11 Tonya Funk	\$50.00
12-07-11 Gib Preister	\$50.00
12-08-11 Craig & Jessica Niewohner <b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$200.00
12-09-11 Pat Evans	\$50.00
12-10-11 Jeff & Sandy Bode	\$50.00
12-11-11 Jerry Kallhoff	\$75.00
12-12-11 Terry & Michele Reicks	\$50.00
12-13-11 Mary McKillip	\$50.00
12-14-11 Katie Ostrander	\$50.00
12-15-11 Ken & Joan Stuhr	\$50.00
12-16-11 Don Starman	\$50.00
12-17-11 Charlie & Shelley Bode	\$50.00
12-18-11 Sue & Bob Schiltmeyer	\$75.00
12-19-11 Kaiden Bode	\$50.00
12-20-11 Alicia or Cameron Cianciolo	\$50.00
12-21-11 Ashley, Kelsey & Nicole Hanson	\$50.00
12-22-11 3 Parish Family Fun % Fr. Kramper	\$50.00
12-23-11 Kieter & Jessa Klabenes	\$50.00
12-24-11 Jim & Joan Childers	\$50.00
12-25-11 Marvin & Jodine Meis <b>Christmas Day</b>	\$1,500.00
12-26-11 Kurt Dinslage's Nieces & Nephews	\$50.00
12-27-11 Marcella Schiltmeyer	\$50.00
12-28-11 Dan & Sharon Schindler	\$50.00
12-29-11 Mary Margaret Starman	\$50.00
12-30-11 Brody, Brianna & Blake Hupp	\$50.00
12-31-11 Mike Stuhr	\$50.00



**Upcoming**  
**Events:**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

CCPJ Breakfast  
 St. Bon. Gym

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**(note day)**

K. of C. Free Throw Contest  
 St. Boniface Gym

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

(Tentative) Pope John Paper Drive  
 St. Boniface Gym

**Fri. - Sat., January 27-28**

Pope John Alumni Basketball Tournament

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

CCPJ Evening with Friends  
 KC Hall

**Happy New Year !!**

