

NOV 27, 2016

1st Sunday of ADVENT



Saint Bernard
Catholic Church

Welcome and inspire
all to share Christ's love
through faith and service.



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MASS:

SAT 4:30 PM
SUN 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
TUE 8:00 AM
WED 8:00 AM
THU 8:00 AM
FRI 8:00 AM

PRIEST:

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DEAR PARISHONERS...

This week we begin the season of Advent, the first season in the Church's liturgical year. A time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

Advent devotions, including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Each week we light a candle on the wreath, symbolizing the light of God entering the world. In addition, the candles remind us that we are all called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others.

As you go through your daily routines this coming week, consider praying the following prayer each night as a reminder of the true "reason for the season."

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.
This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice,
and focus on what is really important. We place our
hope in You as we prepare our hearts to celebrate
Your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Blessings,
Kara Main
Evangelization Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:30 pm In Memory of
Jim Pappas
AND
Members of St. Bernard

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am Living & Deceased
Members of the
Don & Helen Alferi
Family

10:00 am In Memory of
Dick Roemer

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am In Memory of
Mary Lou & Tony
Dombrowski

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am In Memory of
Ernest Gagnon

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am In Memory of
Ernie Gagnon

Friday, December 2

8:00 am In Memory of
Thomas Ahrens

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am In Memory of
Helen & Leon Hotynski

4:30 pm In Memory of
Lucille Weyenberg

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am In Memory of
Mary Jane Garvey
AND
Members of St. Bernard

10:00 am In Memory of
Lyle Becker

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the Family of the deceased.
Our Parishioner, Ann Palushik.

FINANCIAL SHARING

Next weekend, our Parish will take a Retirement Collection.

This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided.

SUN 27

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Hmong Mass

MON 28

6:00 pm Adult Ed Sm.Grp Rm
6:00 pm Alpha Atlas Café
6:00 pm Women of the Bible
6:15 pm Spirit Sisters Lounge
Sm Group Study

TUE 29

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Small Group Sm.Grp.
Study Rm
9:00 am Stretch n Tone Act. Cntr.

YOUTH & ADULT FORMATION



DID YOU KNOW?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8
8:00 am & 5:30 pm Mass

YOUTH

Faith Formation Calendar, K-8 (Class times: 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm)

November 30 Class, 5th Grade Service Night
December 7 Class
December 11 Sunday, Grade 8-Retreat, 9 am-2:45 pm
December 14 Class (Grade 8 no class)-4th Grade Service Night

High School Faith Formation Calendar, Grade 9 & 10 (6:30 pm-8 pm)

November 30 Class
December 7 Class
December 11 Sunday, Required Retreat-9 am

Confirmation Youth

Sunday, January 22 12:45 pm-3:45 pm, Activity Center
All Parents and Candidates attend.
Sunday, February 19 7:45 am-11:45 am, Meet in Church

ADULT

Advent/Lent Book Study Group

Have you ever found it difficult to live your faith out in the "real world?" If so, this book group could be for you! *Life on the Vine* by Philip Kenneson explores the gifts of the Holy Spirit in relation to living in today's culture and offers real examples of how it is possible to live out our faith in the midst of our everyday lives. This will be an online St. Bernard parish study group using Facebook. Please contact Deacon Mike if you are interested and he will forward the details! meash@stbernardappleton.org

Advent Retreat for Women

December 8-11, Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh.
Welcome women of all ages, to a weekend of peace and prayer in this busy Holiday season. Give yourself a weekend break and do not let cost prohibit you from this spiritual time.
For more information call Marcie, 920-923-2446
or Jane, 262-796-0879.
For reservations call 920-231-9060.

The Jewish and Early Christian Roots of the Mass

St. Pius X Parish, Appleton
Tuesday, December 6
6:30 pm-8:00pm

WED 30

8:00 am Mass
4:30 & 6:30 pm K-8 Faith Formation. Gr. 5 Service Night
6:30 pm Adult Choir Music Rm
6:30 pm 9-10 Faith Formation

THU 1

8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Handbell Practice Music Rm.
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study Rm 111

FRI 2

5:30 am That Man Is You Parish Hall
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Adoration
8:30 am Stretch n Tone Activity Ctr
9:00 am Benediction
10:00 am Mom's Group Nursery

EVANGELIZATION

This Advent, choose the best “yes”

When faced with various choices throughout the Advent season, consider the BEST yes. If you are tempted to celebrate with a handful of chocolate candies, consider saving the sweet treat for grandma's coffee cake or mom's sweet rolls. This is an easy way to help us wait and also to make the celebration of faith and family that much more special. Many Hispanic Catholics celebrate the tradition of Las Posadas, processions and re-enactments of Mary and Joseph's census pilgrimage and their search and "wait" for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Perhaps instead of a progressive dinner or party often hosted before Christmas in many neighborhoods, invite an Hispanic friend or parishioner to share something in this tradition with you. Some cultures save opening of gifts for the Feast of Epiphany to commemorate the gifts of the three kings. This waiting allows us to focus on the spiritual gift of Jesus on Christmas Day. If you can't save all the gifts, maybe consider saving one special gift! If the Advent wreath, countdown calendar, Jesse Tree or paper chain just isn't inspiring you, consider these four words as you move through December, Wait. Watch. Wonder. Welcome. There is no rush or goal in any of these words. Let yourself find purpose in their meaning, and peace in their simplicity. Remember, our destination is not Christmas Day, but to a welcoming of the Christ child, the Body of Christ, and a spirit of constant hospitality and generosity.

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Spiritual Waiting

- Bring out the Christmas decorations gradually, and keep an Advent spa throughout the season. Pause there for prayer daily.
- Read and reflect on the Sunday readings or use an Advent daily devotional. Think of how the people of Israel waited for generations for the coming of the Messiah. How do you long for God's presence and grace in your life?
- When the bustle of preparations for Christmas become too much, recall the blessing of the people who will receive the gifts you will give or eat the meals you are preparing. How are your activities a response to the gift of these relationships in your life?

COMMUNITY

Salvation Army Angel Tree

St. Bernard Parish continues our tradition of providing Christmas gifts to children in our community.

We will have an Angel Tree in our Parish Lounge, November 26-27 and December 3-4.

Please consider taking a tag from the tree and return the **unwrapped item** no later than December 11.

Your kindness with this Ministry will touch the hearts of many this Christmas.

Habitat for Humanity Work Project

Marilyn Harding, a long time Parishioner of St. Bernard Parish has donated her home to Habitat for Humanity.

It is currently under renovation and St Bernard Parish has volunteered to help with the project.

Our Young Adult Parishioners are taking one work day, and we would like to commit to two other days. Thursday, December 15, we will be painting the basement walls, and Tuesday, January 10, will be doing miscellaneous finishing.

We are also looking for people to provide lunch for these days. If you would like to help in getting this “gift home” ready for a new Habitat Partner Family, please sign up in the Narthex at the Welcoming Counter or call Bill 920-486-1465.

SAT 3

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Reconciliation
 8:30 am Adoration
 9:30 am Benediction
 4:30 pm Mass
 5:30 pm Care Minister Parish Hall
 Commissioning

SUN 4

8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass

WORSHIP

Liturgy Factoids

Over an 18 month period, the St. Bernard Parish Worship Committee was seeking the answer to, "How can we bring Christ and the Mass into the here and now?" To help answer this question, the committee reviewed and studied each segment of the Mass to rekindle within themselves an understanding and appreciation of the Mass. The review of the Mass was completed in May, 2016.

In turn, the committee wants to help our Parish Community participate more fully in the Mass by better understanding its entire structure. It's one thing to just go to Mass, but it is another to fully appreciate and be an active participant in this Holy sacrifice. At the Mass we are uniting the past, the present, and the future. This requires active participation from all the members of the church, it is not just "something we do."

Over the next few months, the Worship Committee (with the guidance of the Holy Spirit) will share its Mass segment observations and insights to help each Parishioner more deeply understand and appreciate the Mass. We will follow-up with a six week study in Lent on the topic, "Mass in Slow Motion." Stay tuned.

Annual Christmas Pageant

All children ages 4 through 10 are invited to be part of St. Bernard Parish Annual Christmas Pageant. Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm, December 24.

Children will dress in character as shepherds, angels, Mary, and Joseph!

Please join us for our first meeting, Thursday, December 1, 6:00 pm in Church.

There will also be two rehearsals:

Sunday, December 11, 11:15 am (after 10 am Mass) and Saturday, December 17, 9:00 am.

Please gather for practice in the Church.



If your child/children is interested in being a part of our program, please call our Parish Office at 739-0331 or email Rhonda at ruschan@stbernardappleton.org

NEW Lector Workbooks

Lectors, the new workbook that begins the weekend of November 26, is now available at the Welcome Counter or in our Parish Office. Please pick up the new reading for Cycle A.

Christmas Decorations Memorial

Remember a loved one on Christmas with a donation to our "Christmas Decorations Memorial Fund," please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope labeled "Christmas Memorial," and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

From: _____

Amount: _____ Envelope #: _____

In Memory of: _____

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