

DEC 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of ADVENT



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 PARISHIONERS...

Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

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O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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Retirement Collection Today

Thank you for your generosity.

"The world tells us to see success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love." Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

4:30 pm In Memory of George & Jean Kozak

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am In Memory of Ronald Beschta

10:00 am In Memory of David Mleziva
AND Members of St. Bernard

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am In Memory of Randal Sengstock

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am In Memory of Virginia Derridinger

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am In Memory of Francis Rechner

Friday, December 16

8:00 am Anniversary of Paul & Mary Summ

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm In Memory of Richard Faltynski
AND Members of St. Bernard

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am In Memory of Donna Garvey

10:00 am In Memory of Hub Berg

FINANCIAL SHARING

Thank you to all who contribute to the financial support of our Parish.

12/09/2016	Wk 23	Fiscal YTD	Total
Env.	\$20,704	YTD Actual Env.	\$316,828
Budget Env.	\$16,281	YTD Budget Env.	\$374,458
		Env. Over/(Under)	(\$57,629)
Loose	\$282	YTD Loose	\$10,771
Budget Loose	\$712	YTD Budget Loose	\$16,365
		Loose Over/(Under)	(\$5,594)

Weekly Scrip Update

Scrip Sales \$9,910

Cost \$9,434

Rebate \$476

SUN 11

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Retreat Act. Ctr.
Gr. 8-10
10:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Hmong Mass

MON 12

1:00 pm Renew Group Small Group Rm.
6:00 pm Adult Education Small Group Rm.
6:00 pm Alpha Atlas Café

TUE 13

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Stretch N Tone Act. Ctr.
9:00 am Small Group Small Group Rm.
Study
6:00 pm Building and Library
Grounds
6:30 pm Baptism Sm
Prep. Group.Rm.
6:30 pm Reconciliation Church

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ladies of St. Bernard Charity Grant Applications

for 2017 are available in our Parish Office. Please complete the form by Friday, December 30. For more information, call Lynn at 540-0384.

IRA Charitable Rollover Now Permanent

Congress has made permanent the IRA charitable rollover. If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make a charitable gift up to \$100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given directly from your IRA to charity.

For more information call Colleen at 739-0331 or Cindi at The Catholic Foundation 920-272-8173.

Deductible Contributions for 2016

In accordance with IRS rules, contributions are deductible in the year that they are made. To receive credit for your donations in 2016, they must be placed in the collection, brought to our Parish Office, or made online on or before December 31. Our office closes at noon on December 30. Any stock transactions to the Parish must take place with your stockbroker on or before Friday, December 30. Donations received after December 31, 2016 will not appear on your 2016 contribution statement even if dated in 2016 and/or made in a "2016 giving envelope."

YOUTH & ADULT FORMATION

YOUTH

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

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)

December 11 Sunday, Required Retreat: 9 am-2:45 pm

December 14 No class

Xavier Night of Prayer, Saturday, December 17

Xavier High School Chapel, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

All high schoolers are welcome to come to Xavier's monthly Night of Prayer. There will be music, talks, adoration, and confessions based around the theme: Our 21st Century Advent: Waiting for Jesus in Today's World

For more information contact Juan or Josh at

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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

The Bible Timeline Study Sessions

This is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. We will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven through out all of Scripture.

Jeff Cavins provides great instruction throughout this series.

Join us Monday nights from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm starting January 9 for 12 weeks.

We will be viewing two sessions each night. Please bring your Bible.

Sign up in the Narthex after Mass or call Colleen at 739-0331.

If you miss a session, the videos are available during the week to catch up.

WED 14

8:30 am	Quilting	Act. Ctr.
4:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Gr. K-3, 5-7	
5:15 pm	Gr. 4	Service/ Renaissance
5:30 pm	Café	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Adult Choir	Music Rm.

THU 15

8:00 am	Mass	
6:30 pm	Handbell Practice	Music Rm.
6:30 pm	Finance Council	Library

FRI 16

8:00 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Stretch N Tone	Act. Ctr.
10:00 am	Mom's Group	Nursery

COMMUNITY

Capital Campaign

That we would be receptive to the *Ministry for Today...Preparing for Tomorrow* Capital Campaign and strengthen our Parish, the Church of St. Bernard, today and in the future.

Please pray for the following intentions:

- ◆ On Monday for Lead Gifts Team Member; David Lee
- ◆ On Tuesday for Lead Gifts Team Member; Lou Blasczyk
- ◆ On Wednesday for Lead Gifts Team Member; John Rath
- ◆ On Thursday for Campaign Recruitment Tracker; Char Steenis
- ◆ On Friday for Video Team Member; Drew Bouressa
- ◆ On Saturday for Video Team Member; Louie Bruss

Hot Chocolate Bar

Saturday, December 10 after 4:30 Mass

Sunday, December 11 after 8:00 & 10:00 Mass

Ever wonder who those fabulous folks are who give their time and talent on the Parish Council? This is your chance to put a face with a name! Or at least grab a tasty cup of hot chocolate and a yummy sugar cookie! All are welcome!

Thank you St. Bernard Parishioners for the generous donation of food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected more than we ever had; 1515 lbs! The St. Vincent de Paul of St. Bernard Parish

SCRIP cards make wonderful Christmas' gifts and stocking stuffers. Visit our SCRIP table after Mass and see the merchants that participate. You will be amazed. Didn't find what you are looking for? We can order cards from hundreds of other merchants and have them available the following weekend.

St. Bernard Snow Birds

If you will be going to warmer climates for a few months, please call our Parish Office at 739-0331 and let us know what your "winter address" is.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the Families of the deceased.

- Our Parishioner, Geraldine Nolden
- Brother of Deacon Bob (Nancy) Vincent
- Father of Sandy (Tony) Hofkens
- Sister of Donald Dorn, Sr.

SAT 17

- 8:00 am Hmong New Year Celebration Parish Hall
- 9:00 am Reconciliation Church
- 11:00 am Hmong New Year Mass
- 4:30 pm Mass

SUN 18

- 7:45 am Confirmation/ Sponsor Mtg. & Rite Rm. 109
- 8:00 am Mass

EVANGELIZATION

What Can I do?

The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45.

In our culture of death, no doubt the "least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable.

So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in our Parish
- ◆ Start or Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
- ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation Counseling Program (Toll Free 888-456-4673)
- ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
- ◆ Pray for the life of all, particularly giving witness outside our local abortion clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life." Catechism of the Catholic Church

Christmas Plants To Be

Delivered If you would like to help deliver Christmas Plants to our Parishioners, please call our Parish Office at 739-0331 to sign up. This year we have 70 Parishioners to receive plants from our Parish. Last year we delivered 50 plants. Let us know what area you would like to deliver plants to. Delivery of plants will be the weekend of December 16, 17, and 18. Thank you, The Ladies of St. Bernard and St. Bernard Care Ministry.

WORSHIP

Liturgy Factoids

Did you know the word “ecclesia,” commonly translated as “Church,” means gathering? Did you know that at the beginning of Mass, the entrance procession is deeply symbolic of our faith journey to become more Christ like? “Before we can worship, we need to come together as God’s people; we need to gather.” Christ is truly present when we come together and become an assembly of people. This gathering is what begins our Introductory Rites. After we have gathered both physically and spiritually, we then open our hearts and minds in thanksgiving to God in song by singing our Entrance Song. It is through our songs and prayers in this Introductory Rite that leads us to the First Reading.

**FROM MASS
TO MISSION**

St. Bernard Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 pm

Annual Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Mass,

December 24, 4:00 pm

All children ages 4 through 10

Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 11, 11:15 am

(after the 10:00 am Mass)

Saturday, December 17, 9:00 am

Please Join Us For Christmas Mass

December 24, 4:00 pm Mass

Bring a bell to ring during the Glory to God

Children’s Christmas Pageant during Mass

Children’s Christmas Concert begins at 3:30 pm

December 24, 10:00 pm Mass

Adult Choir Concert begins at 9:30 pm

Incense will be used

December 25, 8:00 am Mass

December 25, 10:00 am Mass

Music will begin 10 minutes before Mass

Liturgical Ministers

The new schedule for Liturgical Ministers is now available. This schedule runs from January 7 through May 8, 2017. You can access the schedule on-line or pick up a hard copy after Mass at the Welcome Counter. Hard copies are also available in our Parish Office.

Christmas Decorations Memorial Fund

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 put it in the collection basket or return to our Parish Office.

From: _____

Amount: _____ Envelope #: _____

In Memory of: _____

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