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

St. Bernard Congregation of Appleton

September 9 2018

1617 W. Pine Street | Appleton, WI 54914 | (920) 739-0331

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:33b-34

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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:
FR. AMAL ROCHE

DEACONS:
MIKE EASH
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MAURY REED
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It has been two months since I joined the St. Bernard Parish family. Thanks for your support. I had a joint council meeting (Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council) along with our wonderful Parish Staff on August 21st and presented my vision for the Parish. Building relationships is very important in a Parish: A relationship with Christ and each other. The patron saint of our Parish, St. Bernard, is inviting us all to spiritual renewal by building a relationship with Christ and he stressed the social justice issues by inviting us to build a true community of the Disciples of Christ. Below is a snapshot of these ideas:

1. We have diverse groups at St. Bernard (Hmong, Hispanic, Asian, German, Irish, Polish, etc.). My idea is to throw a multi-cultural potluck dinner (next summer in August around the feast day of St. Bernard) which helps us to build up a relationship with each other. A multi-cultural dinner could help us connect with each other and the neighborhood.
2. In appreciation of what parishioners do for the parish, I am planning an appreciation breakfast every June.
3. The Discipleship nights on Wednesdays starting this fall can help build a relationship with Christ and all the young adults of the Parish.
4. Adult education such as Bible study, can help us draw strength from the scripture.
5. The people who have lost their spouses can get together once a month at one of the restaurants in town and enjoy fellowship.
6. We are called to reach out to people who are divorced, single and are in the process of annulments. I would like to start a separate ministry: Singles Ministry.
7. Young people are the future of the parish. I propose we invite the young adults together once a month for a potluck dinner at their houses to help them make a connection with each other and our parish. Once they feel comfortable and get to know me, they can be invited to Alpha sessions where they learn to build a relationship with Christ.
8. My focus is also on building the community of Disciples of Christ. We can identify those parish families that are struggling to make ends meet. In other words, the poor, families that are homeless, families dealing with addiction and try to help them get back on their feet. Also, visiting the people who are in prison and, once they get out of prison, having a mentor to guide them.
9. I will be inviting back to church, people who have left the parish due to various reasons. Also, the invitation can be offered to the non-practicing Catholics.

It may take time to work on these visions at St. Bernard; however, we have to plant seeds and let them flourish as we build up our Community in Christ. I hope you all will support this vision. Let us together work as one Body of Christ to make our parish more vibrant parish. Have a blessed holiday weekend.

God Bless you and your family, Fr. Amal.
**DID YOU KNOW**

**Adult Choir Seeking New Members**
Is God calling you to use your gift of music? Singers of all abilities are welcome! Be a part of this beautiful Ministry.
Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in our Music Room.
Call or text our director Pam at 920-809-3867 or email pamskeane@gmail.com.

**Praying the Rosary**
We will pray the rosary in the Marian Chapel 30 minutes before the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass and the 8:00 am Sunday Mass. The rosary will be led by Parishioners. All are invited to join in this devotion. The rosary will begin at 4:00 pm on Saturdays and at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Liturgical Ministers**
Printed copies of the new Liturgical Minister Schedule for fall/winter 2018 are available at the Welcome Counter and in our Parish Office.

**Christmas Stars: Calling All Former Cast and Crew!**
A special project to celebrate the 25th season of Christmas Stars. Christmas Stars alumni, cast or crew are invited to be part of a virtual choir that will include each performance in 2018. For details, visit www.christmasstars.org

**PARISH LIFE**

**Call to Prayer before Mass**
This weekend, we will begin something new before our weekend liturgies. Two minutes before Mass begins, we will have a “Called to Prayer.” This will be a time for each of us to clear our minds and prepare for the Sacred Liturgy. Once we enter into the sacred space of the church we are now in the presence of God and in his Holy Place. During this time we will join the musicians in singing a simple response called, “Holy Ground.” Here are the words:
“This is Holy Ground, we’re standing on Holy Ground, for the Lord is present and where he is, is holy. This is Holy Ground, we’re standing on Holy Ground, for the Lord is present and where he is, is holy.”
(by John Michael Talbot)

**Prayers**
We ask you to pray for our Parishioners who have passed and their family during this time.

**Mitzi Ferris and Bill Kieffer**

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

**High School Youth Forum**
“**All High School Youth**” are invited to join us for a Youth Forum on **Wednesday, September 12.**
We’ll have dinner, some fun activities and be ready to listen and plan for youth in our Parish.
The forum will run from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the Activity Center.
To help with food counts, please RSVP:
ejenks@stbernardappleton.org

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**WED 12**  
8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Mission Quilters Act. Ctr.  
6:30 pm Youth Forum Act. Ctr.  
6:30 pm Adult Choir Music Rm.

**THU 13**  
8:00 am Mass  
6:30 pm Handbells Music Rm.

**FRI 14**  
8:00 am Mass
FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Coming soon to St. Bernard Parish-FORMED……..What is FORMED?
FORMED is the revolutionary online platform that gives your parish unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church’s foremost presenters. Whether fallen away or deeply engaged, at the Parish or on the go, FORMED helps you reach your flock anytime, anywhere.

300+ episodes of video-based study programs...35+ feature films and movies...45+ audio presentations
25+ eBooks

Coming in October-Strengths Learning Sessions
“Come and learn about your unique Strengths”
Join your fellow parishioners for a six-week study on Strengths. We will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, October 8-November 12. To register, please call Colleen at 739-0331, or sign up in the Narthex after Mass. The cost is $15 per person.

Creating a Parish where strengths thrive.
Everybody has strengths, the unique combination of talents, knowledge, and skills that every person possesses. They are the innate traits and abilities people use in their daily lives to complete their work; to relate with others; and to achieve their goals.

Decades of Gallup research uncovered 34 strengths that exist at some level within everyone. But, each person has “signature strengths,” which dominate their actions and behaviors. From Achiever and Activator to Strategic and Woo, each person has a unique combination of strengths that represent their individual strengths profile.

St. Bernard Parish is helping Parishioners discover and develop their strengths. If you are interested or have questions please contact Colleen at 739-0331.

FINANCIAL

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Weekly Scrip Update: Scrip Sales $5,806  Cost $5,574  Rebate $231

STAFF

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SAT 15

3:00 pm  Reconciliation
4:30 pm  Mass

SUN 16

7:45 am  Confirmation Act. Ctr. Class
8:00 am  Mass
10:00 am  Mass
When we lack a basic understanding of what the Church teaches, we can feel as if we’re on a road without a map, or have the wrong map, or only pieces of the map. So how can we journey to the Father and the eternal life Christ won for us? Without a map, how will we make it to our destination? Rerouting presents us with a sweeping vista of what we believe in a way that makes sense and causes our faith to grow and flourish, both in our hearts and in the world.

**WHEN:** Begins Monday, September 10
6:00-7:00 pm - Location TBD

**COST:** $12.00 (Book)

**REGISTER:** stbernardappleton.org, in our Parish Office or in the Narthex

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Is there biblical evidence for the Eucharist? We often hear ‘the Lamb of God’, “The Bread of Life”, but do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture? Join us for a 10 week video and discussion series to discover firsthand how Christ’s Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God’s plan for our salvation.

**WHEN:** Begins Tuesday, September 11
6:30-7:30 pm - St. Bernard Parish Lounge

**COST:** FREE! Print off the materials weekly or bring an electronic device to follow along. (option to purchase study materials)

**REGISTER:** stbernardappleton.org, our Parish Office or in the Narthex

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This fall St. Bernard parish will be launching an experience called **Discipleship Nights**. Discipleship Nights are a new formula of faith formation that involves the entire Parish Community….Children, Youth and Adults.

Discipleship Nights will begin at 5:30 pm with a meal, 6:00-6:30 will be Praise & Worship (some scripture, some music and a witness talk). At 6:30 children K-5 will venture off with their faith formation leaders to learn about the Catholic faith, 6th-8th grade youth will venture off to discover Alpha for Youth, and high school teens and adults will come together to watch the Alpha Film Series and then break off into separate small groups for discussion.

**WHEN:** Begins Wednesday, September 19
5:30-7:30 pm - St. Bernard Parish

**COST:** FREE!

**REGISTER:** stbernardappleton.org, in our Parish Office or in the Narthex