

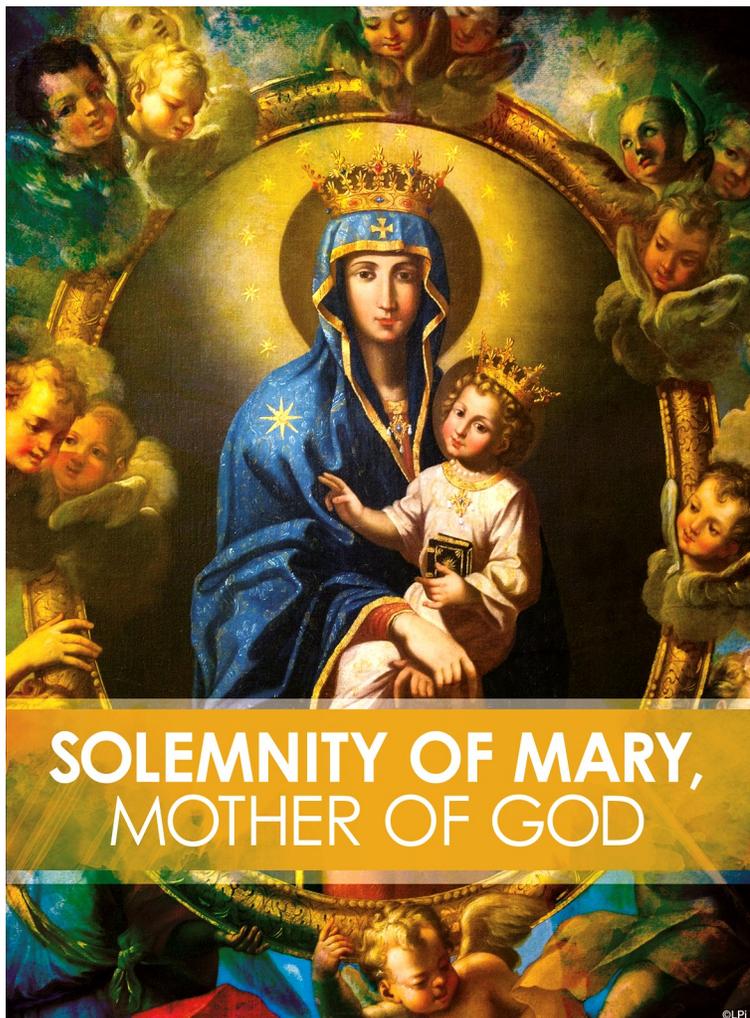
December 29 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



St. Bernard
Congregation
of Appleton

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



We invite you, your family
and friends to Mass,
Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 am.
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God," is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer."

On this day, we are reminded of the role the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word."

Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace" further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.
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MASS TIMES

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:

Father Jude Egbuna

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MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

5...4...3...2...1

We will soon be ushering in a New Year. Many take this time to reflect on the past year to see if changes are needed. For some it might be financial changes, for others it might be physical changes (time to knock the dust off the treadmill), and for others there may be more substantial changes like adding a child to the family or changing jobs or career. Whether changes are great or small, the new year offers the opportunity to assess life.

One of the things that can get overlooked when we think about making changes is our spiritual life. I think most of us think about changes in our spiritual life as making more time for prayer or spending more time at church. While these are both really good items to add to the list of new year's resolutions, the reading from Paul to the Colossians today might give us more to think about.

He tells us to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness.

If we are really looking to make a change in our life that can make a difference not only for ourselves but for the world, we may want to give some thought to Paul's words. It is great to want to improve ourselves because it shows an appreciation for the gift of life. If we try to be more compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient, and forgiving, we praise our Creator with gifts beyond measure.

Happy New Year!
Deacon Mike

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28

4:30 pm In Memory of
Ronald Beschta

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am For the Members of
St. Bernard

10:00 am In Memory of
Maria Bach Tuyet Hoang

Tuesday, December 31

No Mass

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 am In Memory of
Pat Sengstock

Thursday, January 2

8:00 am In Memory of
Gerry Altenhafen

Friday, January 3

8:00 am In Memory of
Theresa Kikuguchi

Saturday, January 4

4:30 pm In Memory of
Dolores Berg

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Deceased Members
of the
Irving Vincent Family

10:00 am In Memory of
Lawrence & Elaine Slavik
AND Members of St. Bernard

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We ask St. Bernard Parish to pray for family and friends of

Richard Girard

Mother of Jason (Kari) Neubauer

"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."

SUN 29

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

**Coffee & Rolls after all Masses
today in our Parish Hall**

MON 30

6:30 pm Handbells Music Rm.

TUE 31

**Our Parish Office is closed.
We will resume our regular business
hours on Thursday, January 2, 2020**

DID YOU KNOW

Parish Office Hours During Christmas and New Years

Our Parish Office will be closed December 31 and January 1. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Tuesday, January 1, 2020

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We invite you, your family and friends to join us for 9:00 am Mass.

Join us for fellowship THIS Sunday Sunday, December 29

after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. The Coffee and Rolls Ministry is dedicated to creating a welcoming environment that invites all to share the love of Jesus by encouraging community and making joyful noise while nourishing body and soul. **All are welcome...see you in our Parish Hall.**

Parish Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and would like to be added to the St. Bernard Prayer Chain, call Donna Alferi at 734-0933.

Praying The Rosary

Join us before Mass in the Marian Chapel. Saturdays, 4:00 pm and Sundays, 7:30 am to pray the Rosary.

Keep up with Respect Life News!

Free literature available in our Narthex. Please help yourself.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Pope Francis' 10 Suggestions for the New Year

1. Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God
2. Take care of your family life
3. Take care of your relationships with others
4. Be careful how you speak, don't gossip
5. Befriend those who disagree
6. Meet the poor in the flesh
7. Stop judging others
8. Watch out for anger or pointing the finger at others
9. Watch out for complaining continually
10. Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker
11. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'
12. Be happy

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FORMED

Well, the day we celebrate Christmas is over but we are still celebrating the Christmas season.

It's Christmas vacation and the parents or grandparents might be looking for something to entertain their children/grandchildren on a cold winter's day or night. There is a series called *Brother Francis*. This series is geared towards children approximately 8 years old or younger. *Brother Francis* series helps the children understand how to live a joy-filled Catholic life.

In Season 1, Episode 8 contains the animated presentation of the many wonderful events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Brother Francis celebrates the wonder and joy of Christmas in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son. Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph and others as they make way for our Savior.

There are beautiful, familiar Christmas songs (*Away in the Manger; Silent Night*) that are part of this episode as well. A new song, "What is Christmas?" reminds us Christmas is the coming of Christ. *O Holy Night* is a wonderful way to remind everyone of who we celebrate during the Christmas season.

Submitted weekly by a St. Bernard Parishioner

WED 1

9:00 am Mass

THU 2

8:00 am Mass

FRI 3

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Benediction

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Deductible Contributions for 2019—In accordance with IRS rules, contributions are deductible in the year that they are made. To receive credit for your donations in 2019, they must be placed in the collection, brought to our Parish Office, or made online on or before December 31. Donations include in stock transactions, dated and received by December 31, 2019 will be graciously included in your annual statement. Donations **received after** December 31, 2019 will be included in your 2020 annual statement from St. Bernard Parish.

Our Parish Office is open on Monday, December 30 during our regular business hours and is closed Tuesday, December 31

Any stock transactions to our Parish must take place with your stockbroker on or before December 31, 2019. We thank you for your financial stewardship in 2019.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help us Grow Young Disciples! Help Wanted!

St. Bernard Parish Discipleship Night Team is searching for one or two volunteers to assist with light office work. Approximately 5 hours a week. This is a perfect, very flexible, opportunity to work "behind the scenes" to help more children and young people discover and follow Jesus. For more information, call Deb at 739-8912 or email dholzem@stbernardappleton.org

St. Bernard Parish is grateful for your continued support of all our Ministries. We are blessed by your generosity!

12/20/19	Wk 24	Fiscal YTD	Total	Last FYTD
Env.	\$26,735	YTD Actual Env.	\$293,879	\$349,943
Budget Env.	\$16,538	YTD Budget Env.	\$396,923	
		Env. Over/(Under)	(\$103,044)	
Loose	\$ 483	YTD Loose	\$ 12,606	\$16,476
Budget Loose	\$ 712	YTD Budget Loose	\$ 17,077	
		Loose Over/(Under)	(\$ 4,471)	

Weekly Scrip Update: Scrip Sales \$5,555 Cost \$5,303 Rebate \$252

SAT 4

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

SUN 5

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
10:00 am J.A.M.
6:00 pm Lifenight

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PARISH LIFE

COFFEE AND ROLLS SUNDAY



Everyone
is welcome
to join us
in our
Parish Hall
the
2nd & 4th
Sunday
of each
month.

Our Menu
Refreshments, Fruit, Cheese, Peanut Butter
etc., Gluten Free Items, Free Trade Coffee,
Mugs, a Family Area for Children along with
great Conversation, and Meeting Other
Parishioners!

St. Bernard Parish Hall



Have you noticed at Coffee and Rolls on Sundays in our Parish Hall that we have added more options for Refreshments, fruit, cheese, peanut butter etc., gluten free items, free trade coffee, mugs, welcoming greeters, and a family area for children to interact in? Our changes have worked! Many Parishioners have said they like the changes as well as an overwhelming response to our request for volunteers to host on Sunday mornings!

Our Coffee and Rolls Ministers have spent time reflecting on the experience we would like to create through this ministry. As a result of our discussions and listening to what our Parishioners would like, we have created a mission statement for this ministry that we would like to share with you.

Mission Statement: *The Coffee and Rolls Ministry is dedicated to creating a welcoming environment that invites all to share the love of Jesus by encouraging community and making joyful noise while nourishing body and soul.*

Our Coffee and Rolls Ministers are committed to serving you and fulfilling this mission, but we will need your help in keeping it alive. Please be alert for opportunities to welcome folks who may be newcomers or visitors.

We will celebrate community with Coffee and Rolls on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, you will be welcomed by other Parish Ministries as well. On the 4th Sunday of the month, we invite volunteer hosts to join our lead Minister. Our lead Minister will direct the activities, so you don't need to be responsible for anything! We invite you to join us!

If you are interested in being part of this amazing Ministry for our Parish, please call Sandy, 920-428-7259 or Patsy, 920-850-2289.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

Remember a loved one on Christmas with a donation to our "Christmas Memorial."

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 _____