

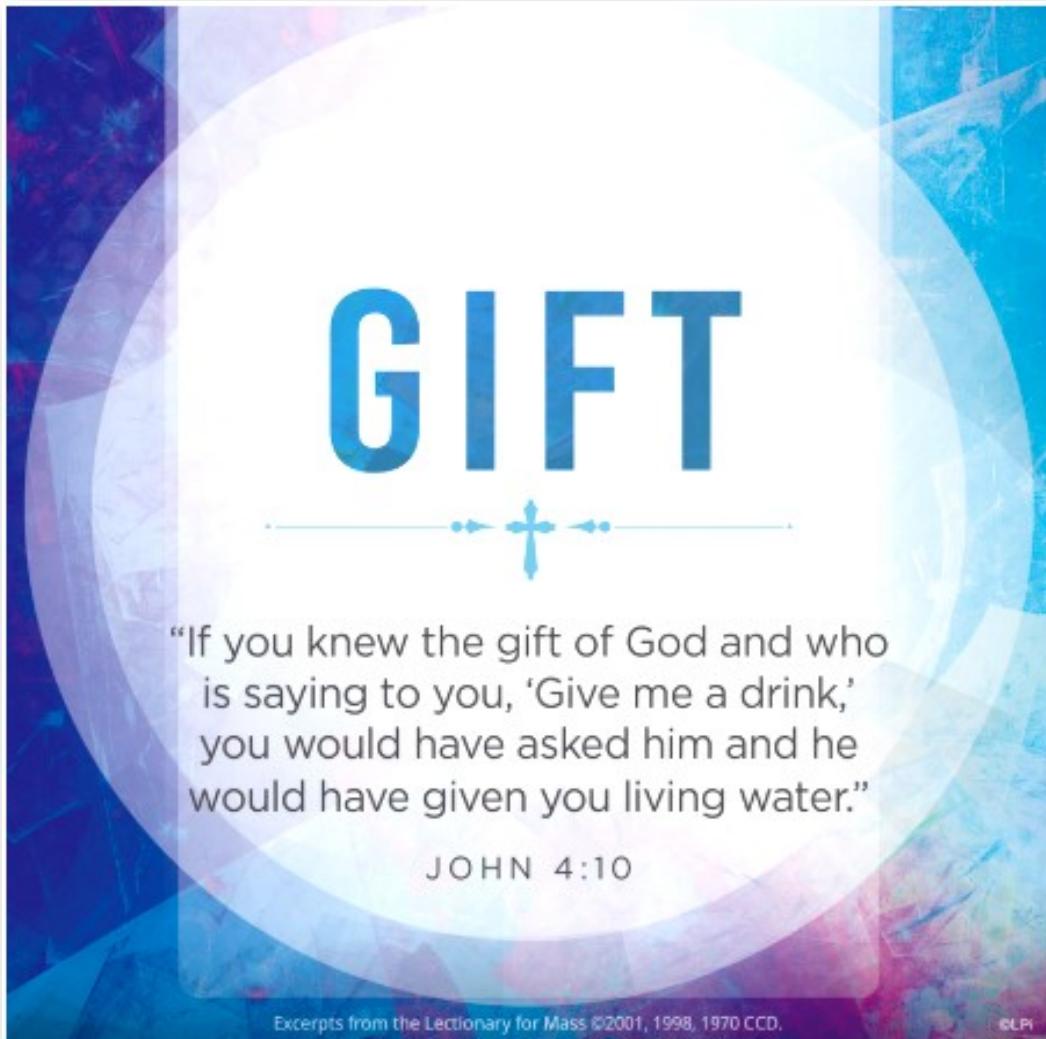
**March 15 2020**

**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**



**St. Bernard  
Congregation  
of Appleton**

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



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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

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## MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

### Stone is Hard, Our Hearts Shouldn't Be

Now that my classes are done, I have time to get reacquainted with my workshop and all the projects that have been accumulating over the past few years. It feels good to get the dust knocked off equipment (literally) and to take raw pieces of wood and form them into something beautiful and useful. What is frustrating, however, is to open a container of putty, finish, or glue and find that it is all hard and crusty after sitting so long. This means stopping what I was doing to make a run to the store to get a fresh supply in order to continue. Ugh.

Our responsorial psalm today is psalm 95 and our refrain is, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." The psalmist is recalling the Israelites journey in the desert and when the grumbled against God for leading them away from their captivity in Egypt because their journey became tedious. They hardened their hearts against God who called them "stiff-necked" because of their rebellion, they were hard to work with because of their obstinance.

When we have a hardness in our hearts, when we refuse to forgive others or to be open to the love of God, we make it hard for God to work with us too. We may not think it is a big deal, but just like finding that container of hardened glue when it is needed, God feels the same way when he is ready to use us and we are hardened in our heart and not able to be used. Lent is the perfect time to examine our lives to see if we are ready for what God has in store for us.

Prayer, fasting, and tending to the needs of the poor are great ways to make sure we are fresh and ready to go!

Oh great, now I'm out of sandpaper!

Deacon Mike



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Come and Celebrate with our Parishioner, **Kay Talbot** and her family for Kay's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, March 15 after the 10:00 am Mass in our Parish Hall.

We invite our Parish Community to join Kay and her family for Birthday Cake, Coffee and Rolls along with great conversation!

### SUN 15

- 7:30 am Rosary  
8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass/Y.H. Liturgy  
  
9:00 am H.S. Brewster Village Outreach

**Coffee & Rolls Sunday in our Parish Hall after both Masses**

### MON 16

- 6:30 pm Handbells Music Rm.

### TUE 17

- 8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Crafty Ladies Act. Ctr.  
10:30 am Women's Small Grp. Study Rm. 109  
6:00 pm Parish Council Act. Ctr.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 14

- 4:30 pm In Memory of Doug Seidler  
**AND** Members of St. Bernard

### Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 am In Memory of David Scherg  
10:00 am In Memory of Art & Gladys Schmidt

### Tuesday, March 17

- 8:00 am In Memory of Jerry Schaefer

### Wednesday, March 18

- 8:00 am In Memory of Magra Selig

### Thursday, March 19

- 8:00 am In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lavering

### Friday, March 20

- 8:00 am In Memory of Bernadette Bachman

### Saturday, March 21

- 4:30 pm Recognition of the 100th Birthday of Kay Talbot

### Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 am In Memory of Jerry Shoemaker  
**AND** Members of St. Bernard  
10:00 am In Memory of Kenneth Fulcer

## DID YOU KNOW



Bishop's  
Appeal  
2020  
PLEASE GIVE  
GENEROUSLY

St. Bernard Parish  
**Bishop's Appeal 2020**  
Goal      \$52,268  
Gifts      \$11,180  
Balance    \$41,088

### Esto Vir

Over 850 men attended the Esto Vir Conference on March 7! A special thanks to our Parish Captains, David Starr and Jack Mullins for their efforts in registering men from St. Bernard Parish. Everyone enjoyed a day of great speakers, reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Ricken.

**Ladies Spring Dinner**  
**Save The Date-Tuesday, May 12**

Our theme is  
“Praying the Names of Jesus.”

Enjoy delicious food, great conversation  
with friends, laughter,  
and make new friendships.

You are welcome to bring friends!

Watch the upcoming bulletins  
for more details.

If you would like to help with this event,  
please email Shelia at  
12msnoll@gmail.com.

### Would you like a “Guarantee Reward on an Investment?”

Purchase a Mission Trip Stock next weekend, March 20-21,  
Investing in the future of our Youth is a guarantee reward!  
Stocks will be sold after all Masses in our Narthex.

## FORMED

### Look in FORMED and search Lenten Reflections.

Yes, you've missed days, but that doesn't mean you can "just start". Often times we live in an "all or nothing more", but God meets us where we are. The Lenten Reflections are so spiritual and thought provoking. Dr. Timothy Gray does a wonderful job of explaining the reflections. They vary from 2-4 minutes (so you COULD actually catch up) and can provide a strong center or focus for Lent. They take you on a journey. Take the leap into these reflections. You'll only be happy you did.

## FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

### BEST HEALTH PRACTICES

Currently, there is a LOW risk of contracting COVID-19 ("coronavirus") for most Wisconsinites. However, St. Bernard Parish is taking some measures to prevent the spread of this and other diseases.

The March 5 letter from the Green Bay Diocese, encouraged we take some preventative steps with regard to the celebration of the liturgy:

- First and foremost, Parishioners with symptoms of illness (especially a contagious illness) should remain home and are exempt from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- Father and our Deacon, along with the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, will be sanitizing their hands before and after they minister the Eucharist.
- As we have been doing for the last three weeks and will continue this until further notice, the Precious Blood will be suspended.
- The Sign of Peace will be suspended. After the Prayer of Peace, we will go immediately to the Lamb of God.
- The Holy Water Fonts will not be refilled once they become empty.
- There will be small containers of hand sanitizers on the table and Welcome Counter in our Narthex. Please feel free to use them prior to Mass.

## WED 18

8:00 am Mass  
12:15 pm Stations: Through the Eyes of Mary  
6:30 pm Choir      Music Rm.

## THU 19

8:00 am Mass  
6:00 pm Lenten Companion Small Group  
6:30 pm Card Ministry      Rm. 112

## FRI 20

8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Lenten Companion Small Group  
5:30 pm The Way of the Cross Stations  
6:00 pm Spiritual Cinema Movie Night & Light Dinner

## WORLD POOR COLLECTION

### The World's Poor collection next weekend-March 21-22

The World's Poor collection provides each of us with an opportunity to change lives for over 1.3 billion people living in poverty in this country and abroad. The four agencies represented in this collection are Official Church Agencies working to help the poor and displaced. You have a choice to contribute to any one or all.

**Catholic Relief Services**-supports six Catholic agencies as they provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and advocate for peace and justice.

25% of this collection remains in our Diocese to fight local poverty. Please answer your call to help Jesus in disguise.

**The Campaign for Human Development**-supports programs to empower people to address the obstacles they face as they work to the cycle of poverty. Your support of this collection, gives people a hand up not a hand out. Causes of poverty are addressed to provide a sustainable future for those who struggle across the country. 25% of this collection remains in our Diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts.

**Peter's Pence**-supports the charitable works of Pope Francis by reaching out to those suffering around the world. Their initiatives provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

**Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**-helps people across Africa grow close to Jesus Christ and the Church. This fund supports pastoral projects to strengthen communities, their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Prayerfully consider contributing to this collection to assist those living in poverty, both locally and globally.

One of the best ways to get happiness and pleasure out of life is to ask ourselves, "How can I please God?"

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

### SAT 21

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

### SUN 22

- 7:30 am Rosary
- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass/J.A.M.

Mission Trip Stock Sales

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## COMMUNITY

### Spring Food Drive

Donation Bags for St. Joseph Food Pantry will be available next weekend, March 21-22. Please bring all Donations to our Narthex on the weekend of March 28-29.



Spring Food Drive  
Pick up a Donation Bag next weekend, March 21-22.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and helps many people in our Community. Thank you St. Bernard Parish.

### Now Showing!

"I am Patrick" at Hollywood Cinema, March 17-March 18, 6:30 pm. For more details, call Deb at 739-8912 "I am Patrick" is rated PG. The movie peels back centuries of legend and myth to tell the true story of Saint Patrick.

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Go Deeper, *Live the Journey*

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## LENTEN HAPPENINGS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**The Way of the Cross Praying the Psalms with Jesus, Fridays, 5:30 pm**  
**March 20, 27 April 3\***

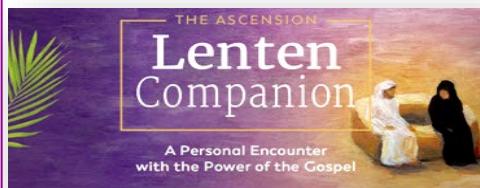
\*Includes Adoration

In this version of the stations, Fr. Toups invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside Him, drawing strength from Scripture during His last moments before the crucifixion.

**Through the Eyes of Mary**  
**Wednesdays at 12:15 pm**  
**March 18, 25, April 1, 8**

This way of the cross follows Jesus on His journey to Calvary through the eyes of His mother, Mary. With a mother's love, and also with deep faith, she accompanies Him and invites all to follow Him as well, with love and deep faith.

**Lenten Campanion Small Groups**-We invite you to join a small faith sharing group once a week, for 7 weeks. Each gathering lasts about an hour and includes scripture, faith-sharing and a short video. Days and times to choose from are listed below. You can sign up at the Welcome Counter in the Narthex or in our Parish Office.



**Thursdays, 6:00 pm**

**Fridays, 9:00 am**

**SPIRITUAL CINEMA**-Friday, March 20, 6:00 pm-*Feeling a little cold?* Warm up with a **Parish Movie Night Friday, March 20**. All ages are welcome to enjoy a grilled cheese sandwich bar, hot chocolate and a viewing of Disney's *Frozen II*. Afterward we will break into groups by age to dive deeper into the messages, or do an activity.



**Parish Reconciliation Service-**  
Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm.  
Reconciliation is offered every Saturday,  
3:00 pm-4:00 pm in our Church.



### Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost Decoration/Flower Memorial

If you would like to remember a loved one with a donation to the Decoration/Flower Memorial Fund, please fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked "Decoration/Flower Memorial." Place your envelope in the collection basket or bring it to our Parish Office during regular business hours.

From \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_