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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 10:00 am

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Saturday 3:00 pm

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Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am-Noon

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November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:9

MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

The Wisdom of Laughter

I am fortunate to have grown up in a family that loved to laugh. Both sides of my family had a good sense of humor which led to many funny stories being told at family gatherings. One such (true) story is about my grandpa. He worked as a handyman for many years and was called upon to install the first stop and go light in the town where I was raised. He and a couple of town workers spent the night installing the light so that it would be done by the next day. After installing the light, he got into his truck and waited for the light to turn red and then drove through the intersection. He told us that he did it because he wanted to be the first person to run the red light in town! There were also plentiful stories about my uncles on both sides of my family and their shenanigans.

It may just be me, but I sense that people are losing their ability to laugh. I get it. Life certainly has its challenges for most people right now and there doesn't seem to be much to laugh about. But laughter has some great benefits for us physically, mentally, and spiritually. Laughter can break tension, loosen muscles, and lift our spirits. Laughter does not diminish the circumstances of life but should provide a way to look at those circumstances to remind ourselves that no matter what we face, our circumstances do not have to define who we are! This is especially true of circumstances that are beyond our control.

Allow yourself to laugh.

Deacon Mike



MEDITATION

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

FORMED

In the past, direction has been given to go to a specific place within formed.org, take a listen, watch a study or a movie.

After listening to the Gospel reading of the *BEATITUDES* today and focusing on the song, *Lead Me Lord*, go into formed.org, at the search icon, type in Beatitude. You can look at the collections that are available. You can also look at the videos that are available.

There are those of us out here who are poor in spirit and we should look at that. There are those of us out here who mourn and we should look at that. Find your own example.

Start to navigate formed.org on your own and see what you stumble upon. Enjoy. Just a different approach.

Submitted weekly by a St. Bernard Parishioner



We are grateful for and inspired by those veterans who have given their lives for our country. Thank you!

Loving God, We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the Veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our Veterans. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in noncombative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

IN SYMPATHY

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

Mother of Ellen (Nancy) Sauer

“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.”

MASS INTENTIONS

**In Memory of*

Saturday, November 7

4:30 pm *Clarence Molden

Sunday, November 8

8:00 am *De & Bach Tuyet Hoang
And Members of St. Bernard

10:00 am *Gene & Phyllis Thoma
Family Living & Deceased

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am *Virginia Betley

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 am *Deceased members of
St. Bernard

Thursday, November 12

8:00 am *Bill Kieffer

Friday, November 13

8:00 am *De & Bach Tuyet Hoang

Saturday, November 14

4:30 pm *Patricia Sengstock

Sunday, November 15

8:00 am *Mike Tassoul

10:00 am *Wedding Anniversary
of Bill & Bernice Nack
And Members of St. Bernard

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, November 8

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
[2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/
Mt 25:1-13

Monday, November 9

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday, November 10

: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and
23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 11

: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
[1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 12

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
[5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 13

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
[1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 14

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 15

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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Thank you for continuing to support our Parish financially, as you are able. Sunday offerings are by far the largest portion of our financial support to St. Bernard Parish. We encourage you to give online or by mailing your Giving Envelope to our Parish Office at 1617 West Pine Street, Appleton WI 54914.

Financial information

Weekly Giving 11/06/2020
Week 18

Envelope Collections ..\$ 19,998
YTD Actual Env.\$200,402
Last FYTD\$210,386

Loose Collections\$ 270
YTD Loose\$ 6,647
Last FYTD\$ 9,569

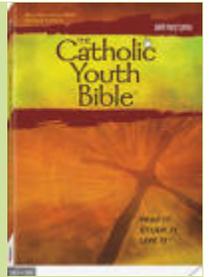
SCRIP

Sold\$ 3,500
Cost\$ 3,342
Rebate\$ 158

Scrip is available in our Parish Office. Please call ahead at 739-0331 to place your order.

Sponsor a Bible for our Sixth Graders

If you would like to sponsor a Bible in your name or in memory of, please fill out the form provided and return it to our Parish Office, Faith Formation Office, or mail to St. Bernard Parish, C/O Bible Sponsor, 1617 W. Pine Street, Appleton, WI 54914. A label will be put inside the cover stating your name or in memory of.



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If in "Memory of" is not filled in, the Name provided will be put on the label.



SCRIP for the Holidays

As the holidays approach, it is a great time of the year to help our Parish. As you are purchasing your needs for the holidays, please remember to use SCRIP. It costs you nothing extra and it benefits our Parish. SCRIP cards are accepted at Festival,

Pick'n Save, Woodman's, Amazon, Fleet Farm, Kohls, Meijer, Target, Walmart or Sam's Club.

We have over 20 popular cards in stock and can order over 40 other participating merchants.

To purchase SCRIP, stop by our Parish Office during regular business hours or call our Parish Office at 739-0331 to order.

Thanks for your support.

P.S. SCRIP also is a great gift or stocking stuffer for someone on your list!

World's Poor & Home Missions Collections

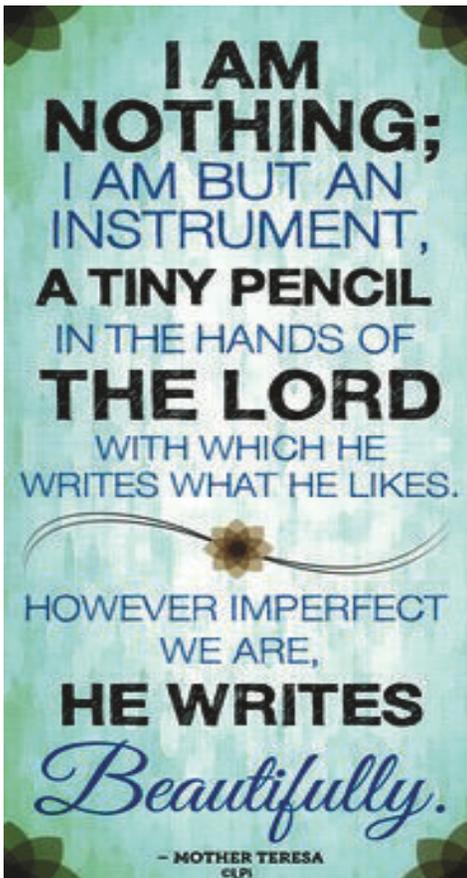
As missionary disciples, we are called to follow the Gospel's call to love others! **On November 15, the World's Poor and Home Missions Collection** provides us that opportunity. These collections encompass a multitude of agencies working against poverty and promoting human dignity in the name of the Catholic Church.

Please give generously using a Consolidated Collection envelope provided. You may also give online by selecting CF Operations and adding an additional note for it to be given to the World's Poor and/or Home Missions. Thank you!

Written by Josh Diedrich



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HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Infant, Miscarriage and Child Loss Memorial-Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm.

This will be held in our Church and also will be Live Streamed.

Please call Cathy at 739-0331 with questions or to register.

Volunteers Needed-We are in need of volunteers to help with our *Miscarriage, Infant & Child Loss Memorial Tuesday, November 10*. If you would like to help with this important ministry of our Parish, please call our Parish Office at 739-0331 or stop in our Parish Office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

HAPPENINGS

Holiday Bazaar

Virtual Holidays Bazaar

This year St. Bernard Parish Crafty Ladies 2020 Annual Holidays on Pine Street Bazaar will have a different look! Our Bazaar will be Virtual and will be featured on the Parish Facebook and also in the display case by our Parish Office. We will still be selling our unique, "one of a kind crafts" but will have a new format.

Craft Donations are welcome! If you would like to donate a craft item, we would be happy to accept your donation. Over the years the bakers in our Parish have generously donated their "homemade goodies." Unfortunately this year, we are not accepting food items. If you have questions, please call Gerry at 920-585-2015.

Christmas Stars 2020 will be presented in a one-hour "TV Christmas Special" format. You will be able to watch it from the comfort and safety of your home through your computer or smart TV. You can expect the usual fun and inspiration with an added dose of "TV magic". So gather the family (we suggest adding a big bowl of popcorn and some hot chocolate) and enjoy a new version of this favorite Christmas tradition!

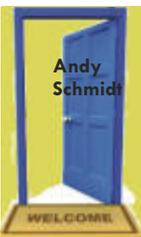


The streaming performances will run every day from December 11-25, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Additional 1:00 pm performances are available on select days. Tickets are \$13. Get tickets and a complete schedule of performances at www.christmasstars.org or call the box office, 920-733-8840. Please note: Xavier Fine Arts Theatre box office is closed to all visitors at this time, but is open for phone orders Monday & Wednesday from noon until 3:00 pm.

New Trees and Bushes on our Parish Grounds

Have you noticed over the years trees and bushes that have been removed on our Parish property?

Over the past few years, some new trees have been planted, and going forward it is planned to continue planting new trees along with bushes on a regular basis. Some of our Parishioners are making a donation to be used for a tree or bush as a memorial or to be planted in honor of someone. **At this time we are taking only donations for bushes.** We have only a few left. If this is something you'd like to do, please call our Parish Office at 739-0331.



We need your story of how Jesus has shown up in your life!

If you have a witness talk, story, or testimony of how Jesus has brought you closer to him, and you would not mind sharing that story in our Parish Newsletter, please reach out to Andy by calling 739-0331 or email aschmidt@stbernardappleton.org.

I would love to connect with you. My Office door is always open. Stop in and say hello!

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