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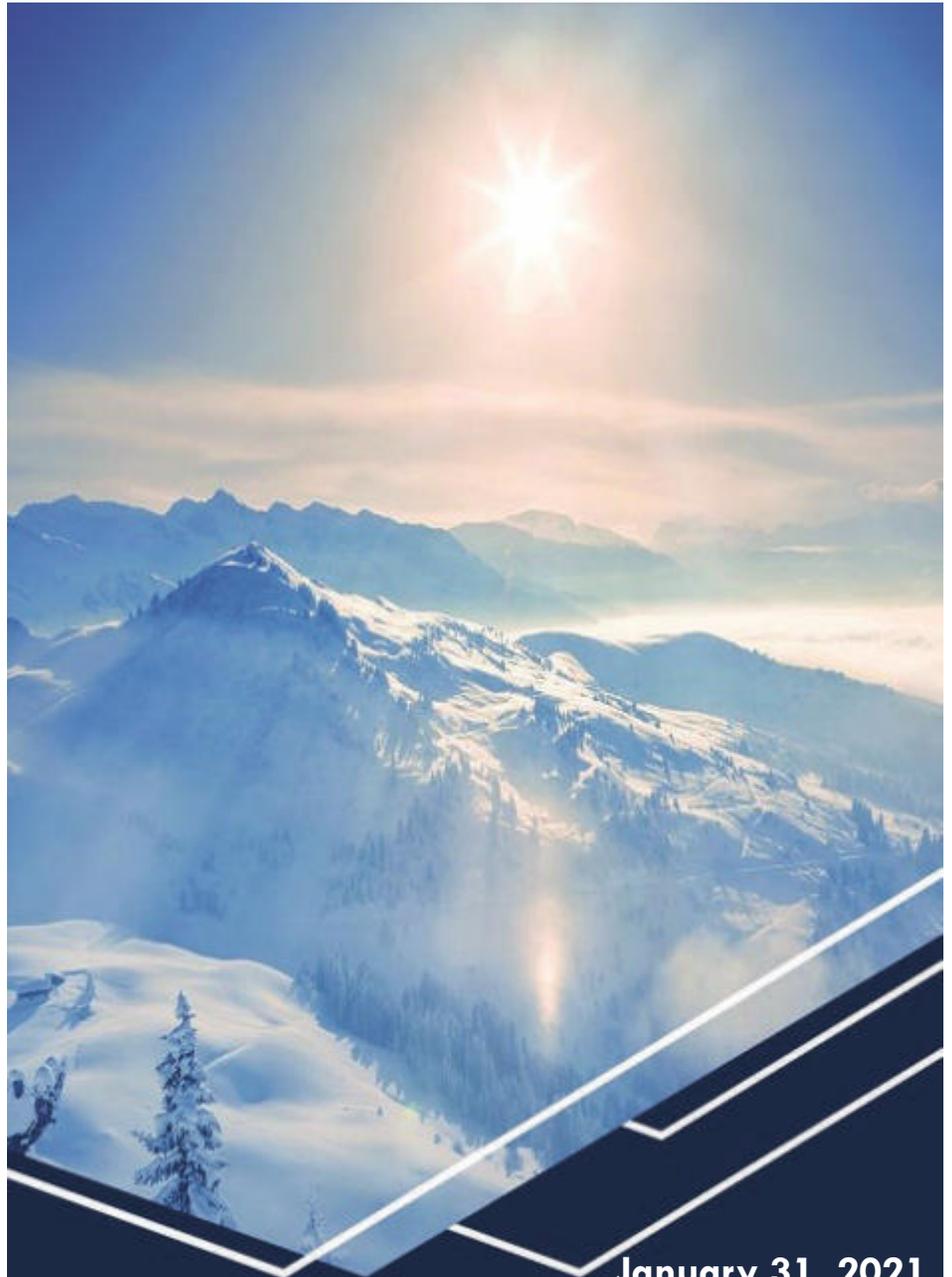
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January 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

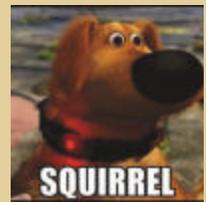
What Was I Doing?

Dug is the name of the dog in the movie *Up* that speaks in human language through a special collar that converts his barking into English. In one of the scenes, Dug is out for a walk sniffing along the ground (like dogs do) when suddenly he stops, jerks his head to the side and says, "Squirrel!" then promptly resumes his walk. It is a caricature of real dogs and how they can seem to become distracted quite easily from whatever they are doing at the time. We use the phrase "Squirrel!" at our house whenever Lisa and I sense that the other is veering off task. It is a light-hearted way of saying, "You are not doing what you said you were going to do." (One of us is more prone to this phenomenon than the other, but I will let you guess who)!

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians today, he is concerned that the followers of Christ do so without distractions. He calls out anxiousness as being a specific distraction to following Jesus. Unfortunately, we live in a world full of distractions that will only become more distracting. As a matter of fact, there are entire industries and institutions built on keeping people distracted from and anxious about their life. I wonder if Paul would use stronger language if he could see the way the world is today?

Staying focused on the things that are important is not easy, but it can be done. First, identify the things in your life that are important (you need to be honest here!) Once you have identified what is important find ways of focusing more of your time and energy to those things. Finally, take Paul's advice and make one of those things to be an adherence to the Lord. In other words, find ways of deepening your relationship with Jesus. Find out what Jesus wants from you and shed the distractions in your life!

Deacon Mike



Bishop's Appeal 2021

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

Why Give to the Bishop's Appeal?

And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:40*

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Care Ministers are trained to go out and share the Gospel with the homebound and sick. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Families seeking to adopt are connected with newborn babies. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible.

91% of every dollar raised goes to Diocesan Ministries and services right here in northeastern Wisconsin. Make a tremendous difference, and give to the Bishop's Appeal. How much you give is less important than the spirit in which you give. Even small donations add up to large donations.

To make a gift today contact St. Bernard Parish Office, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

ST. BERNARD YOUTH



As a Parish Community, please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they begin their final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation date will be, Tuesday, May 4.

Dear God, fill our children and youth, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, with the desire to become faithful Christians. As they continue on their faith journey, help them grow into a deeper relationship with You. Amen



We invite you to keep our First Communicants in your prayers as they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

FORMED Submitted weekly by a St. Bernard Parishioner

When you wake up in the morning, what occupies your mind?

Do you take notice of your to-do list? Do you try and figure out just how your day is going to go?

Many of us get into that routine, but what if instead you got up 5-10 minutes earlier and the first thing you did was to go into FORMED.org and went to Dr. Tim Gray's Daily Reflection?

Honestly, the Daily Reflections are usually around the 3 minute mark. That gives you 2-7 minutes to ponder what he has to reflect on and how it can change your steps into the gift of the day ahead.

If you say "But I'm not a morning person?" Easy, look at it in the evening or better yet, use it around the dinner table. Just FIT IT IN.

You won't regret it.

MASS INTENTIONS

**In Memory of*

Saturday, January 30

4:30 pm *Stan & Gladys Helminski

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am *Don Laux

10:00 am *Tom Fountain

AND Members of St. Bernard

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am *Edward Mallek

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am *Virginia Betley

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am *Sally Gustman & Family

Friday, January 29

8:00 am *Stan & Gladys Helminski

Saturday, January 30

4:30 pm *Virginia Betley

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am Members of St. Bernard

10:00 am *Pamela Laedtke LaVigne
AND Members of St. Bernard

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, January 31

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
[8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday, February 1

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23,
24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday, February 3

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab,
3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 5

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
[1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

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STEWARDSHIP

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 Week 30

Weekly Giving 1/29/2021

Envelope Collections .. \$ 12,737

YTD Actual Env. \$371,095

Last FYTD \$420,751

Loose Collections \$ 420

YTD Loose \$ 12,037

Last FYTD \$ 18,676

SCRIP

Sold \$ 3,825

Cost \$ 3,676

Rebate \$ 149

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

We Rise Again-Bishop's Appeal 2021-Starting February 6-7

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." Mark 1:38

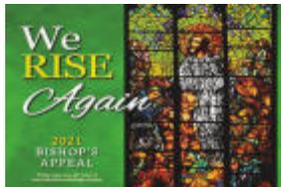
Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus reaching out, healing the sick and those possessed by demons. Then He pushes on to continue preaching, it seems His efforts never cease. Jesus came to us with a purpose from the beginning. In a very short time, He came to preach, build up disciples to carry forth His mission and to prove He was truly the Son of God.

In just the same way, Jesus is reaching out to us now to walk with us in healing. With Him together, We Rise Again! The faith formation team here at our parish accompanies our children in just the same way.

The future of our Church is in our young people and forming them as bold Catholics ensures that the light of Christ will always be shared.

The Bishop's Appeal helps fund the training for our youth faith formation leaders. Please make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today and help Faith Formation Leaders continue the important work of accompanying our youth on their faith journey. The abundance of Christ's love they share is immeasurable! Contact our Parish Office, use the pledge card you received at home, or visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give to make your gift. Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal, and for your support of St. Bernard Parish.



St. Bernard Parish Bishop's Appeal Goal for 2021 is \$50,843.00.

Look for a letter in the mail from the Diocese of Green Bay in early February regarding 2021 Bishop's Appeal.

Hello fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish Finance Council, I am writing a monthly article for the bulletin over the next six months while we continue to experience the many effects of the pandemic. The article will appear near the end of each month after the Finance Council has approved the financial statements for the prior month. We want to communicate how the parish is doing financially along with other ongoing communication and topics the Finance Council is working on. I will provide actual year-to-date results and projections for our fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2021.

For the first six months of our fiscal year (July 1 - December 31, 2020) the parish has church support of \$339,135 (down 10.9%) and a loss of \$114,609, as compared to a loss of \$96,289 a year ago. The loss for this current year has been funded from our cash balances. We are projecting church support of \$690,000 for the full year (down 17.8%) and a loss in excess of \$200,000, as compared to a loss of \$5,000 last year. As a way of recall, last year we benefitted from some additional church support in June along with funds available through the government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), among other things.

We are blessed as a parish to have had surpluses in prior years, resulting in a healthy cash situation on our balance sheet to fund this loss in the short term. If there was ever a need to have a "rainy day fund," clearly the year that we are now upon with the pandemic is one of those situations. In talking with the diocese, we are not alone in finding ourselves in a situation of the decrease of financial support without people gathering and worshipping together in Christ.

Other topics we are working on include having begun to have more regular dialogue and communication with the St. Francis Xavier system and our parish; and discussion with the diocese, and hopefully the other seven parishes in the Appleton community, on opportunities to help one another during these challenging times.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact myself, another member of the finance council or Colleen.

Thank you for your time, talent, and treasures along with your prayers.

God Bless,

John Lord, Chairperson, St. Bernard Finance Council

Discipleship NIGHT

Elementary & Middle Youth

February 3, 10, 24 Discipleship Night
 February 17 Ash Wednesday
 February 24 Discipleship Night

High School Life Night Wednesday or Sunday

Sunday, January 31
 Or Wednesday, February 3
 February 17 Ash Wednesday
 Sunday, February 21
 Or Wednesday, February 24



ATTENTION PARENTS/YOUTH



Attention: Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, State-wide Voucher Program

Dear Catholic Parishioner,
 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System is proud to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). We have participated in the program for 8 years now and have more than 265 children enrolled at Xavier Catholic Schools receiving a Catholic education without the heavy burden of tuition for families who meet the income eligibility. WPCP allows us to open more seats to students who greatly desire a Catholic Education but are unable to afford it. The income limit for a married family of five can make up to an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$74,496. We stand firm in our commitment to pursuing this program as a way to make Catholic school education more affordable.

If you are interested in a free tuition voucher to attend St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, we encourage you to apply at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. This program is a renewing program with minimal annual paperwork which means if your child is drawn in the lottery, your child can attend Xavier Catholic Schools at no base tuition cost to you through 12th grade graduation. Parent application for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2021-2022 school year will take place February 1 thru April 15.

We are available to assist you with your application. For more information or to make an appointment, please call (920)735-9380 or email tpearce@xaviercatholicschools.org.

Many blessings to you,
 Tara Pearce, Vice President of Admissions
 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Love Begins Here Overview

In the summer of 2017, the Diocese of Green Bay started with five host parishes and over 200 missionaries (students). Each mission serve those most in need in humble, simple ways based off of the patroness of the mission experiences, St. Teresa of Calcutta.

We have been working tremendously to make Love Begins Here happen in 2021! We will be making some program changes to allow for COVID-19 social distancing guidelines; this includes switching to a day camp model with no overnight stay. Pre-registration for parish groups will be opening soon! All registrations are due by March 26th, 2021. If you would like more information, please call Deb at 739-8912 or email dholzem@stbernardappleton.org

Love Begins Here www.gbresources.org/lovebeginshere	High School \$175 Per Student/ Adult Free
Middle School \$150 Per Student/ Adults Free	June 20-24-De Pere Host: Our Lady of Lourdes
June 13-16-Two Rivers Host: St. Peter the Fisherman	July 11-15-Howard Host: St. John the Baptist
June 27-30-Appleton Host: St. Bernard	 Family & Schools of Discipleship Lynn Terrien, Lterrien@gbdioc.org Diocese of Green Bay
July 5-8-Combined Locks Host: St. Paul	

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