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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

Morning Masses

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 AM First Saturday: 8:15 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Private:

All Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:30 PM By Appointment: Contact Parish Office

EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL

Private Prayer: 7 AM to 5 PM daily Adoration: 8:45-11 AM on Tuesdays

DEVOTIONS

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 8:45 AM on Thursdays

Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:45 AM on first Saturday of the month



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 26 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 †Molly Toon Lillard 10:30 St. Bernard parishioners

Monday, December 27 - St. John

Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy InnocentsNo Mass.

Wednesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket 8:15 †Marcella and Edwin McWilliams

Thursday, December 30 8:15 †Sam Daleo

Friday, December 31 - St. Sylvester 8:15 †William and Gertrude Kemp

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

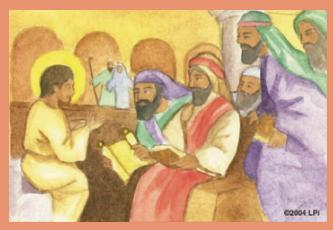
9:00 †Helen Neumaier

5:00 †Eleanor and William Slattery

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 †Kristin Konsoer

10:30 St. Bernard parishioners



GOSPEL READING

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. —Luke 2:46

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Colossians 3:12-21/Luke 2:41

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Monday: 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1-8

Tuesday: 1 John 1:5—2:2/Matthew 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17/Luke 2:36-40 Friday: 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6/Matthew

2:1-12

USCCB Daily Bible readings:dailyreadings@usccb.org



As our Christmas season continues, today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

We need to remember that we form part of the family of the People of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus stays behind in the temple. He did not get lost in the temple, but rather he began to find his true identity there as the Son of God.

Happy are we too if we find our true selves, as human beings and as children of God. The Christian family can be a great help to each of us in finding out who we truly are.

Thanks are in order to all who took part in the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cookie sale. Thanks to our St. Bernard conference for their organizational efforts, to all who donated cookies to be sold and to all who stopped by and made a purchase. THANK YOU!

This year's sale set a record. We are so blessed at St. Bernard's to have such an active SVdP conference. The outreach they do in the community to assist those facing so many needs is such a great example of Christian charity at its finest. Thanks to all.

I have been asked about relief efforts for those suffering from the recent tornadoes in the middle part of the country.

Here is one way for individuals to donate through the Diocese of Madison webpage. Go to madisondiocese.org. Click on "Donate," then select "U.S. and



Kentucky Tornado Relief." These donations are managed through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

After the first of the year, we will take up a collection at Mass for relief efforts as well.

Keep your Christmas joy alive. A Savior has been given us. Rejoice! Have a blessed week, Fr. Brian

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story of perseverance in



the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds and light where there is darkness.

Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to

other families."

While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love.

The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth, because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Liturgical Life

Next 'Hour with Jesus' set for Jan. 12



On Jan. 12, "An Hour with Jesus" will be held from 7-8 p.m., in the church here at St. Bernard Parish.

"Spending quiet time with the Lord can be life-changing," said Fr. Brian.

"It can change our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to ... give us direction in our lives."

Most of these hours of adoration will be held every second Wednesday of the month.

For more information, call the parish office at 831-6531.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES Diocese of Madison - Evangelization Initiative

We are the church.

In baptism, each of us is joined into the body of Christ and becomes a member of His Church.

We each have a role to play, using our gifts, talents, and interests to strengthen the community and share Christ with the world.

We are "Christians" or "little Christs", so our mission is to know Him and make Him known to those around us, through our actions and our words.

To quote Pope Francis: "All baptized persons are missionaries of the Good News, above all by their lives, their work, and their witness of joy and conviction."

Do others see Christ in the way you act and speak?— Laura Angle

'Life is Messy' book discussion

Need some incentive to read the new book, "Life Is Messy?"

Make a resolution to finish it in January, then come to the Religious Education Center lower level on Feb. 5 from 9-10:30 a.m., to discuss what you read. Mark your calendars!

Prayers for our pastor

Fr. Brian works each day to support us as his flock, so

wouldn't it be great to give back by supporting him in his leadership?

We would like to start a Seven Sisters Apostolate in the parish, where seven women (along with a few alternates) would rotate praying a Holy Hour each day for the sole

intention of our pastor.

To learn more, go to sevensistersapostolate.org. For questions or to indicate your interest, contact Laura Angle at laura@stbmidd.org or 608-829-5879.

FORMED°

Loving God and neighbor

When asked what the greatest commandment is,
Jesus tells us that we are to love God with all our being—
heart, soul, and mind. Closely related to the greatest
commandment is Jesus's exhortation to love our neighbors
as we love ourselves. Examine how you can grow in love
with God and your neighbor.

Religious Education

Confirmation retreat set for Jan. 14-16

Preparation for Confirmation 2022 has begun! Our retreat is scheduled for Jan. 14-16 at Camp Gray, so any high school student hoping to be confirmed in the fall, please contact Kathleen Teodoro at kathleen@stbmidd.org to register ASAP!

Sign up now for Frassati Fest!

Frassati Fest is a weekend youth conference for teens in the Diocese of Madison.

This annual event has been set for Superbowl weekend, so save the date for Feb. 11-13, 2022.

Frassati Fest will be held at the Kalahari Resort, so there is plenty of fun to be had in the waterpark, along with inspiring speakers, Mass, Confession, games, great food, an epic dance party, and more.

If we had enough people, we could reserve a house for St. Bernard teens, but the registration deadline is Jan. 3. Email kathleen@stbmidd.org to learn more!



WHEN: MONDAY NIGHTS / 7-8:30PM

WHERE: ST. MARIA GORETTI / BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER 8 (SMG)
NOVEMBER 22 (BS)
NOVEMBER 29 (BS)
DECEMBER 13 (SMG)
JANUARY 10 (SMG)
JANUARY 24 (BS)
FEBRUARY 14 (SMG)

FEBRUARY 28 (BS)
MARCH 14 (SMG)
MARCH 28 (BS)
APRIL 11 (SMG)
APRIL 25 (BS)
MAY 9 (SMG)

Stewardship

Make a donation to the Parish Center Renovation fund today!

We still hope to receive pledges from all of our parish families to celebrate the community effort in making this campaign, "Celebrating Our Past – Building for Our Future," a success.

You can make your donation on our website at: stbmidd.org/renovation.

Please consider making a gift at one of the levels listed on the table below:

Daily Sacrifice	Monthly Pledge	Quarterly Pledge	Annual Pledge	Total Pledge over 5 years
\$6.57	\$200	\$600	\$2,400	\$12,000
\$4.93	\$150	\$450	\$1,800	\$9,000
\$3.29	\$100	\$300	\$1,200	\$6,000
\$2.47	\$75	\$225	\$900	\$4,500
\$1.97	\$60	\$180	\$720	\$3,600
\$0.99	\$30	\$90	\$360	\$1,800

PARISH STEWARDSHIP December 5, 2021

God's Plan	\$19,715.41
Building Maintenance	
Holy Christmas	
International Combined Collection	

December 12, 2021

God's Plan	\$8,894.55
Building Maintenance:	\$105.00
Holy Christmas	\$35.00

You can submit your weekly contributions by electronic bank transfer, mailing your envelopes to the parish office or by credit card through Vanco at stbmidd.org/online-giving.

If you are interested in submitting your contributions by electronic bank transfer or need to make changes in your financial support, please call Barb Harrington at 829-5871 for more information. Thank you for using your envelopes.

REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

Please consider making a gift to St. Bernard parish in your gratitude to God for all the blessings you have received from Him. The good we do lives on after us—if we make a will!

An up-to-date will is the best way to provide for those we love and to continue our support of St. Bernard parish.

Calendar

Sunday, December 26 7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL

Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel 7:00 PM KC Rosary and Meeting/Church and REC LL

Wednesday, December 29

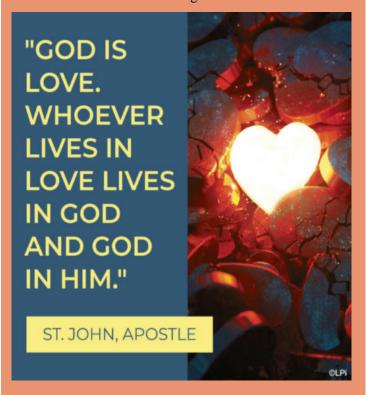
Thursday, December 30 6:30 PM Adult Choir/ Church

Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve



Saturday, January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church

Sunday, January 2 7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL



Parish Events

Young Adult News

Young Adult Women's Group: Our young adult women have decided to start a small group in January, reading and discussing a book about Mary. The group plans to meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings.

Young Adult Schedule: All young adults (20s and 30s) are welcome to join our new regular schedule of get togethers. We will meet in the parish library (second floor of the Religious Education Center) every second Thursday and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m., for fellowship and diving deeper into our faith.

We will start the year watching and discussing Chris Stefanick's The Search series. If you can't make it each time, that's ok! Come when you can.

For more information about either group or to be added to the Young Adult Flocknote, please reach out to Laura Angle at laura@stbmidd.org.

Parish distributes Giving tree gifts

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Giving Tree this year.



A large envelope of gift cards was delivered to St. Vincent de Paul in Madison.

Fourteen bags of baby gifts were sent to Elizabeth House, and a large van full of toys and gifts were delivered to our sister parish, St.

Francis of Assisi in Milwaukee. They work with each individual to find just the coat or gift that they need.

Many parents will be able to give their children something special this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer shawl ministry meets on Jan. 12

The prayer shawl ministry hopes to entice more parishioners to share their talents of knitting, crocheting and sewing to make prayer shawls for those in need.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 12 in the library.

The shawls have been very popular, and we would like more people to share in this wonderful ministry. They can be knit, crocheted or sewn.

We attach a small label with our parish name and then another hang tag with a prayer for the user.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laurie Zimmerman at 608-215-6894 or Sharon Braem at 608-335-9001.

Also if you would like to contribute your items, but cannot attend the meetings, please contact Laurie or Sharon.

IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites for an exclusive journey to our nation's capital for the **2022 March for Life D.C.**, to be the voice of the preborn. You will travel with Pro-Life Wisconsin on privately chartered buses to Washington D.C. on Jan. 19 and return to Wisconsin on Jan. 23. The March for Life itself will be on Jan. 21. Pickup locations include Madison, Green Bay, Plainfield, Necedah, Elm Grove and Racine. Visit www.prolifewi.org/march-for-life-dc for full details and to register before Dec. 20.

Together Encountering Christ retreat will be held at St. Dennis Parish in Madison on Dec. 27-29. TEC is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It is an amazing experience for those 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. Fr. Randy Timmerman is the spiritual director. Steve Davies is the lay director and can be reached at 608-220-2088 or sdavies@saintchristopherparish.com. Applications and more information can be found at madisondiocese.org/TEC or by contacting Marie Lins at 608-8210-3135.

Are you struggling in your marriage? **Retrouvaille** is a weekend retreat offered to married couples to help reestablish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The retreat provides tools to help couples with communication, forgiveness and trust. It teaches a dialogue process of meaningful communication. The next retreat offered in our area will be Jan. 7-9, 2022. Cost is \$200. There are partial scholarships available from the Diocese of Madison. Registration ends Jan. 3. For more or to register, email 2035@helpourmarriage.org or call 414-502-7685.

Sign up today to attend a virtual **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences** on Jan. 8-9; in person Experience Feb. 11-13 in Madison, Wis., or April 22-24 in Brookfield, Wis. Early registration is highly recommended. For more, go to alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

The Catholic Multicultural Center has several fun and engaging ways to stay up to date about program news, events, stories and quotes from staff, volunteers, and program guests, and more: 1) Subscribe to our email newsletter on our homepage: cmcmadison.org; 2)Like us on Facebook; or 3) Follow us on Instagram (@cmcmadison. Together we can make a difference, one person at a time.

Local Byzantine iconographer Drazen Dupor will offer an icon-painting workshop at **Blessed Sacrament Parish** on Jan. 14-16! Participants will paint an icon of Jesus Christ. No prior experience is needed. The class will run 4-9 p.m., on Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and 11:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Sunday. The class costs \$200, which covers the cost of all materials. Pay by a check made out to the artist on the first day of class. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on, or bring a smock or apron. Bring your own lunch/dinner each day. Please contact Erin Daly, at erin@blsacrament.org or 608-238-3471 x110.



Story of the **Nativity**

Children in Our Lady's Good Helpers pre-school co-op recently learned the story of the Nativity. Each student got a figure from the Nativity and placed them in the manger scene when they were mentioned in the story.



Creation Care Corner



Laudato Si' on the Incarnation

In the Encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (Laudato Si', 11)

Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all Creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the Incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy."

BAPTISM

If you are expecting a child, please contact Jenna Ripp at jenna@stbmidd.org about scheduling a baptism preparation class.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

Please call Kevin Laufenberg at 829-5876 whenever you or someone close to you is seriously ill so that he can plan a time for a visit. Also call if you or someone you know is homebound and would like a visit, a phone call or the Eucharist.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost or misplaced car keys, jewelry, religious items or umbrellas in the church? If there is a particular item that you have lost, please check the table in the usher's room. If it cannot be found there, please call the parish office at 831-6531.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you plan to move, change your address or leave the parish, please contact the parish office at 831-6531, so we can update our records.

PREGNANCY HELPLINE

Pregnancy Helpline of Madison is a non-profit organization that exists to provide life-affirming, compassionate care: giving accurate information, material support and community referrals to women, men and families before, during and after pregnancy. All programs are free. To find out how you can help by volunteering or donating, go to www.pregnancyhelpline.net or call 608-222-0008.

OUR LADY OF HOPE CLINIC

Our Lady of Hope Clinic is a Direct Primary Care Clinic that donates at least 55 percent of our services to care for uninsured patients consistent with Catholic health care tradition. Contact us at 608-819-8544 or 8547 or clinicmanager@ourladyofhopeclinic.org or visit us at 6425 Odana Road, Suite 13, Madison, WI 53719.

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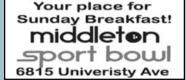
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