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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 †Kristin Konsoer

10:30 St. Bernard parishioners

Monday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:15 †Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

8:15 †Andrew "Andy" Annen

Thursday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

8:15 †Elaine Kurt

Friday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

8:15 †Margaret J. Miller Apel

10:00 †Rev. Laverne Meier (Middleton Village)

Saturday, January 8

8:15 †Lyle Meeker

5:30 †Jack Rogan

Sunday, January 9

8:00 St. Bernard parishioners

10:30 †Elden Cushman



GOSPEL READING

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." — Matthew 2:2

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-

12

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/Mark 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4/Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/Luke 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Luke 3:15-

16, 21-22

USCCB Daily Bible readings:dailyreadings@usccb.org



As our Christmas season continues, we come to the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Magi were searching for Christ. When they found him they worshiped

him and offered him gifts.

Millions have followed in the footsteps of the Magi and come to Christ.

We can count ourselves among those fortunate millions.

There are many practical ways in which the Feast of the Epiphany makes its point. It teaches us that in Christ there is no room for religious elitism.

It may sound like a time-worn truth, but it stills bears repeating:

In God's eyes all are equal. We are not free to build roadblocks of any kind.

Today's second reading says that we are all co-heirs, comembers and co-partners. We are called to a classless society in a Christian sense of love and openness.

Each Epiphany reminds us that we still have a way to go.

There is a beautiful Epiphany tradition of blessing your homes. Available today is an Epiphany home blessing that

can be used with your families

It involves a prayer of blessing and the marking of your entry doors with chalk.

A copy of the blessing, an explanation of what to write on your entry way and blessed chalk are available at the church entrances.

It is a beautiful and old tradition in our faith.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a huge THANK YOU to everyone for your good wishes and generosity that have been extended to me during this Christmas season.

I appreciate all the cards and gifts. It is a privilege for me to be part of this community.

I am so looking forward to 2022 as our building project is completed and as we continue our lives of discipleship and growth in our faith.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Bernard's a great community of faith. Blessings, Fr. Brian



May the Lord's blessings be with you in 2022 as we journey together in faith.

St. Bernard Parish staff

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.

"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.



"Why did God make you?

God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven."

I want to reflect on the Baltimore Catechism's simple answer to the question of why we exist as we embark on the new year 2022.

Our existence is hopeful and focused on our relationship with the God who loves us.

We may not be able to change other people or solve the world's big issues, but we CAN change ourselves.

As you look ahead to this year, how can YOU know, love, and serve God better?

Prayers for a hope-filled New Year!—Laura Angle

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°

A new David

In the Book of Numbers, Balaam is granted a vision of the messiah. As Balaam says, the messiah is coming as the "star" and "scepter." These symbols are representative of kingship, and they ultimately point to Jesus' reign. Thus, in the New Testament, when the star appears to the magi, the arrival of the true messianic king is signaled!

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!

Register for Frassati Fest by Jan. 3

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.

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) FEBRUARY 14 (SMG)

FEBRUARY 28 (BS) MARCH 14 (SMG) MARCH 28 (BS) APRIL II (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 19, 2021

God's Plan	\$10,106.55
Holy Christmas	\$190.00
Building Maintenance	\$60.00

VANCO December 15, 2021

God's Plan.....\$25,464.50

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.

IRA CONTRIBUTION

Wondering what to do with your annual IRA distribution? If you and your spouse are in your 70s, this may be a great opportunity for you to make a gift to the parish.

Calendar

Sunday, January 2

7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL

Monday, January 3

Tuesday, January 4

8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel 9:00 AM Our Lady's Good Helpers/REC

Wednesday, January 5

10:15 AM Luke House Meal Program/Parking lot 5:00 PM Family of Faith/Church and REC 6:00 PM RCIA/POCR

Luke House Meal Program Tuesday, Jan. 4

Please bring donated food items to the parking lot by 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 6

5:30 PM Book Study Group/Library 6:30 PM SVdP Meeting/Library

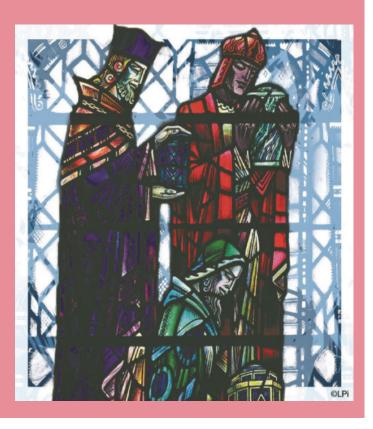
Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church

Sunday, January 9

7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL



Parish Events



The St. Bernard Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had a very successful cookie sale in December.

"This is the best we have ever done!" said Mike Spiewak, the conference treasurer.

He thanked Rod Nilles for being the lead organizer of this fundraiser, all the great bakers in our conference and in our parish and everyone who helped with set-up, printed signs and materials, cookies baggers, check out team, and all the people who worked the sale and kept it looking festive! The net proceeds exceeded \$2,000.

"God bless our faithful members and the generous and loving parish that is St. Bernard," said Neal Bickler, the conference president.

All proceeds will help those in need in our community.

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

The **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is hiring two new development positions! They are seeking a Director of Development as well as a Major Gifts Officer to better serve the 80,000 pilgrims who visit yearly. Located in La Crosse, Wis., the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is in the beginning phase of a capital campaign to build a beautiful retreat house adjacent to the Shrine Church. For more, email vkuenstle@americanphilanthropic.com.

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, administrative assistant, at erin@blsacrament.org or 608-238-3471 x110 if you have questions or would like to sign up! An email will be sent to participants with directions to the location before the class begins.

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.

St. Anthony Spiritual Center will hold a silent retreat on Jan. 28-30. "Separating the wheat from the chaff in our lives: Upheaval, Deep Listening, New Paths" will be presented by Fr. Frank Corradi and others. For more information, call 715-443-2236 or go to info@sarcenter.com.

St. Anthony Spiritual Center will host a presentation, "Create and Pray with Art" by Rev. Tammy Barthels on Feb. 4-5. The cost is \$115. For more information, call 715-443-2236 or go to info@sarcenter.com.



The cement footings have been poured for the new gathering space between the church and the parish center.

County recognizes Creation Care team

Climate

The Care for Creation team from St. Bernard Parish was recently recognized as a 2021 Climate Champion by the Dane County Office

Champion by the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change.

Ben Roden, who leads the group, said they were recognized for their joint project with the city of Middleton Sustainability Committee and the Middleton High School Green Team by replacing older light bulbs with LEDs brought in by St. Bernard parishioners last spring.

BAPTISM

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

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new parishioners:

Mary Jane Maier Jeralyn Kendall Michael and Luanne Borowicz

Adults who are 18 years and older are welcome to register at the parish office from 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also call the parish office at 831-6531, pick up a new parishioners registration packet at any entrance to church or on our website at www.stbmidd.org/parish-membership.

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.



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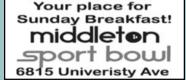
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