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SAINT BERNARD

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD!



Dear Friends,

A blessed, holy Christmas to you and your families! Thank you for being with us to celebrate our Lord's birth this weekend. COVID still seems to have a firm hold on many aspects of society; thank you for coming to be with us and to worship together! To all of our visitors – welcome! We're very happy to have you with us, and we encourage you to keep coming!



One of the things I loved to do as a child was to pile in the ol' Buick and drive around different neighborhoods with mom and dad and see the creative light displays that people had on their homes and shrubbery. Back in the early 80's, one was somewhat limited thanks to the technology of the time, but now, there's all kinds of ways to light a home and to make a display that is truly unforgettable. That's precisely how we should feel about this glorious day, friends. It is unforgettable, because this is the moment that humanity cries out with gladness and exaltation to the Son of God who is born into the world and who has brought about our salvation. This is a day that we can never forget, because God is with us – He is among us, bringing us the Father's love and restoring what was lost by the sin of our first parents. Salvation is our glory!

Have you ever been in a terrible situation, and it has you filled with agnst and stress, and then, all of a sudden, a certain person comes on the scene and you say, "Thank God! So and so is here now, and all will be well." The stress and anxiety leave us. Given everything going on in the world right now, there is a lot of agnst in a lot of people. The Lord has come to us again to remind us that He is close to us, and He walks with us through every minute of every day. So many people equate Christ to a proximate figure that is only visible to us on Sundays. Christ is before us, behind us, all around us! He is here to take away our worries, our anxieties and our hesitations. On our part, we have to surrender those things to Him and give them to Him. It's far easier than done, but surrender is an important part of the spiritual life. My prayer for each of you this Christmas is that we can all feel the presence of Christ in our lives, and be renewed each weekend when we come forward and receive the Eucharist. That's how we embrace Chris and bring Him into the fullness of our lives!

I want to acknowledge the art and environment team who always do such a beautiful job to make our worship space feel like the joy and happiness of Christmas – thank you so very much for your labors of love to help us worship more beautifully. I also want to offer my thanks and appreciation to Andrew Kreigh, our director of Liturgy and Sacred Music for all the hard work he put in in preparing our choirs and helping us worship through the beautiful worship aids that are the creation of his hand. To the choir and all our musicians – your gifts and talents are so very much appreciated as we all lift our voices together in praise of the newborn Christ. We are so blessed that God has given us such a beautiful home to worship, and wonderful people who embue the spirit of Christmas and truly take in the heart of Christ in all they do. Thank you one and all!

We're nearing the end of our raffle ticket sales, and we still have quite a ways to go. We still have this entire week to purchase tickets. We want to reach 400 tickets sold by December 31. As of this writing, we're only half-way to our goal. Thanks for doing what you can to make this fundraiser for the parish a success!

May the Holy Family continue to be your source of joy and peace throughout the Christmas season. Please know of my love and prayers for all of you, and your intentions that you bring to the Lord in your heart. May God bless us all with a truly joyful Christmas season.

With love,
Fr. Michael



THANKS , FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As I write this note of thanks, my heart is filled with joy. I just dropped off new winter coats to school kids who need them. I can't tell you how great that made me feel. On behalf of our Knights of Columbus Council, I want to thank you for the great gift of your generosity in helping those who are in need. When you support our programs, you enable us to help those who need it most. Whether you purchase roses on Mother's Day, Tootsie Rolls in the fall, brats and hot dogs at our brat stands or our raffle tickets, you make it possible for us to do the works of charity that the Knights of Columbus embrace in our mission to love and serve. This year, we were able to help the Right to Life of Dane County, Wisconsin Special Olympics, First Responders at our annual Blue Mass, one of our diocesan seminarians, Coats for School Kids, food cards, Global Wheelchairs, Keep Christ in Christmas signage for your yards, Ultrasound Machines and a few other causes. We need more hearts to feel the joy of helping someone in need in our Council. If you want to feel good helping others and can help us to do the work of Christ, please join our fraternity of Catholic men. It does not require a lot of time. Please contact Mike Hoffman at 608-669-3595.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Mike Hoffman, Grand Knight of Council 9082

OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

Due to the early bulletin deadline, no financial data is available. Financial information from December 18 and 19 will be published in our next bulletin.



2022 CALENDAR RAFFLE

We're currently half-way to our goal of 400 tickets sold for our annual parish calendar raffle. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Every ticket you purchase is eligible to win every drawing. Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

1. Pick up your tickets in church and return your stubs with payment via the offertory basket, by mail or by dropping off at the parish office during open door hours
2. Pick up your tickets in the parish center during open door hours and return via the methods in #1
3. If you're not able to make it in to the parish, please contact me by phone (249-9256 x222) or by email (pastor@sbmsn.org) and I'd be happy to fill out some tickets for you and charge a major credit card.



Thanks for your generous support of our fundraiser.

Thanks, Father Michael

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation this year. St. Bernard will have Mass for this day on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 8:30am.

SCRIP UPDATE

Our regular SCRIP order will continue to be processed on the first Tuesday of each month. January's orders are due in the parish office on or before Monday, January 3rd. Thank you for your continued support of St. Bernard Parish.



2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

The last regular Sunday offertory collection of the year is this Sunday, December 26, 2021. The following guidelines are offered for donations to be included on your 2021 giving statement:

- * All donations for 2021 must be received in the parish office by Friday, December 31, 2021.
- * All hand-delivered 2021 contributions may be dropped in the mail slot in the parish office door by Friday, December 31, 2021. The outside doors to the parish center are open from 9:00 am to 3:00pm that day. The office will not be open.
- * All mailed 2021 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2021.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Bernard Parish.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 27th

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

St. John the Apostle (F)

1 Jn 1:1-4 | PS 97 | Jn 20:1a and 2-8

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm Arlene Linder †

Tuesday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents (F)

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | PS 124 | Mt 2:13-18

12:10pm Rita Frank †

Following Devotions to OLO Miraculous Medal

Wednesday, December 29th

Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11 | PS 96 | Lk 2:22-35

8:30am Marian Baltes †

Following Devotions to OLO Perpetual Help

Thursday, December 30th

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17 | PS 96 | Lk 2:36-40

12:10pm Betty Hart †

Friday, December 31st

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21 | PS 96 | Jn 1:1-18

8:30am Bill Babowal †

Following Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Saturday, January 1, 2022

The Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | PS 67 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

8:30am Intentions of the Women's Care Center

Following Devotions to the IHM & Confessions

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | PS 72 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

4:30pm Betty Hart †

8:00am Pro populo

Following Confessions

10:00am Rita Frank †

Highlighted Time = Live Streaming

PRAYER LINE



The parish has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intentions on the Prayer Line, please call Connie (244-6624) or Carol (244-4817).

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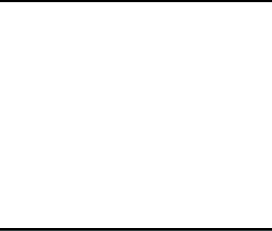
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