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Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Sunday 10:00 am
10:00 am-Mass is also livestreamed
Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:00 pm

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February 21, 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Have patience
to withstand the temptations
that storms bring into our lives.

MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

Cue Judy Garland!

Recently, a childhood friend posted a picture on Facebook of two small screwdrivers from the sixties that were given away as promotional items from small businesses. One of them was from Eash Electric. I replied to the post that the screwdriver was from my grandpa's company and that I appreciated her sharing the picture. A week later, I received a package in the mail with the screwdriver and a note that said she wanted me to have them because of the connection I have with them and my grandpa. It is lovingly displayed in our antique cabinet along with our other items that came from our families.

Upon seeing that little promotional trinket, my mind immediately went back to seeing grandpa working away at his bench repairing an appliance, small motor, or lamp. I can see it, hear it, and even smell it as clearly as if I was standing there right now. It is amazing how things can trigger our memories and take our mind to another time and place.

In the reading from Genesis today, we get confirmation that we are made in the image and likeness of God, because things can have that effect for God too! The story relates on how God sets the rainbow in the clouds and when he sees it, it will remind him of his covenant between him and all living things. So, if the creator of the universe has reminders of us, what reminders do we have of God? Of course, most Catholic households will have a crucifix hanging on the wall, but what about other rooms in the house? What about where you work, or in your car, or in your billfold or purse?

Rainbows are constantly happening around world. That means there is never a time when God is not thinking about the covenant he made. What can we do to help remind ourselves of our relationship with God?

Deacon Mike

What is the significances of the 40 weekdays before Easter?

The 40 days of Lent, which precedes Easter, is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines.

The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states,

"The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies and pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

(CCC 1438) www.catholic.org

FORMED-Submitted weekly by a St. Bernard Parishioner

Something brand new to FORMED is a 13 part Series *Explaining The Faith with Father Chris Alar*. Watch one or watch all the videos over time. The series starts with "What is Divine Mercy" where Fr. Chris defines who Jesus is as well as what Divine Mercy is. Divine Mercy is the highest form of the highest virtue. He delves into the Mass and it's meaning. Listen to St Faustina and the Feast of The Divine Mercy.

So many topics to choose from, including the *Teaching Mass*, two parts, (SO INCREDIBLE) and the *Sacraments: Catholicism and Confession, Catholicism and Holy Communion*.

Again there are 13 different videos in this series ranging from 35 minutes to 1 hour.

Well worth the time, you'll be glad you gave yourself this gift.

Stewardship

A **BIG** thank you to the many of you who have turned in your Stewardship forms! Great job, what a dynamic Parish we have! For the few of you who have not yet turned in your Stewardship forms, please pray and ask Jesus to guide you in filling out and returning your stewardship form. It is in an effort to continue to preach the Gospel in the way that the Holy Spirit is leading our community, and providing talent to us, that we kindly ask you to please return your stewardship form. **Reminder:** please do not feel the need to serve if you are not comfortable. However, we would like to make sure that we are as ready as we can be when things return to usual again soon, so if you want to help, but feel safer waiting, please note that on your form. Thank you for your yes to Jesus and to our Christian Community!

Rite of Enrollment
For Our First Eucharist Candidates

This Sunday, February 21, 10:00 am Mass.
As a Parish Community, please keep our six candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, Sunday, April 18.

Rosary Repair Ministry

If you have a Rosary in need of repair, we invite you to bring your Rosary to our Parish Office during regular business hours. We have a volunteer person who will repair your Rosary. We will call you when your Rosary is ready for pickup.

MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory of

Saturday, February 20
4:30 pm *Richard & Delores Miller

Sunday, February 21
8:00 am *Hilary & Rosetta Otto
10:00 am *Members of St. Bernard

Tuesday, February 23
8:00 am *Virginia Betley

Wednesday, February 24
8:00 am *Stan & Gladys Helminski

Thursday, February 25
8:00 am *Virginia Betley

Friday, February 26
8:00 am *Stan & Gladys Helminski

Saturday, February 27
4:30 pm *Charles & Anna Fennewald

Sunday, February 28
8:00 am *Dan Remick & Darwin Ness
10:00 am *Members of St. Bernard

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, February 21
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-1

Monday, February 22
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23
Ps 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 26
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/

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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 Week 33
Weekly Giving 2/19/2021

Envelope Collections ..	$ 8,935
YTD Actual Env.	$410,103
Last FYTD	$463,445
Loose Collections	$ 376
YTD Loose	$ 13,605
Last FYTD	$ 20,253

SCRIP

Sold	$ 1,395
Cost	$ 1,327
Rebate	$ 68

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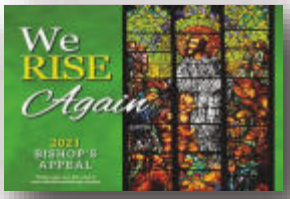


St. Bernard Parish Bishop's Appeal 2021

Goal	**$50,843**
Gifts	**$15,120**
Balance	**$35,723**

Bishop's Appeal 2021-A Catholic Charities Story
Can This Marriage Be Saved?

A wedding is an exciting event! The anticipation and emotion of the Mass and reception is wonderful, but the really hard work comes after you walk up the aisle as two lives joined together as one.

When couples face problems in their marriage, Catholic Charities offers help. Here, couples can work on issues caused by poor communication, financial stress, family issues, infidelity, resentment, and other challenges in their relationship.

Following an initial assessment, a certified therapist will work with couples to develop goals for their relationship, and tools to practice newly learned skills. Counseling ends when a couple decides their goals have been reached.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal allows Catholic Charities to promote healthy marriages. They have five counseling offices in northeastern Wisconsin, bringing their services close to people in need. To make a gift today contact our Parish Office, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

Please Join Us! St Bernard Parish Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a Lenten book study group using, *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor, by Layla F. Saad.* Using a step-by-step reflection process, she encourages people with white privilege to examine their thoughts and behaviors (often unconsciously) that affect black people negatively. Journaling is an integral part of the program that will make the book study meaningful for you as a transformational Lenten process. The weekly discussion in a group of peers will utilize the Circle Way, a non-hierarchal (no leader) style of listening, storytelling and respectful discussion. **Please purchase an online version of the book at Amazon.com or a hard copy at your local bookstore.** We will meet via zoom Tuesdays 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, February 23 through March 30. To sign up or for questions please contact Bill at kessenichw@gmail.com.

YOUTH

Elementary & Middle Youth

February 24	Discipleship Night
March 3, 10, 24	Discipleship Night
March 17	Family Night
March 30	At Home

High School Life Night

Wednesday or Sunday

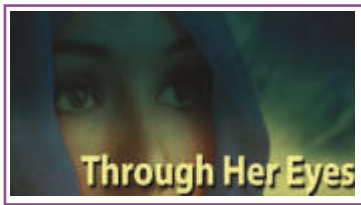
Sunday, February 21
Or Wednesday, February 24

Sunday, March 7, 14
OR Wednesday, March 10, 17

LENT HAPPENINGS

Fasting and Abstinence **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent is obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The Way of the Cross Fridays, 6:30 pm
February 19, 26 March 12, 19, 26
In this version has traditional meditations that draw us closer to our Lord during His passion and death.



Through the Eyes of Mary-Wednesdays, 12:15 pm

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

This way of the cross follows Jesus on His journey to Calvary through the eyes of His mother, Mary.

What is a Parish Mission?
A Parish Mission is an opportunity for a parish to set aside time to deepen and clarify its faith response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A Parish Mission evokes a deeper faith response in the committed members, reawakens and rekindles the faith, and offers us an opportunity to invite the unchurched and other Christian faiths to share Catholic belief and worship.

We at St. Bernard Parish are having a Parish Mission this Lent presented by Fr. John Broussard, CPM

Parish Mission Series Keeping the Faith

Sunday, March 14,	Mission Talks-7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Monday, March 15,	Mission Talks-7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 16,	Mission Talks-7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 17,	Mission Talks-7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Evening Confessions	6:00 pm-7:00 pm (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Our Parish Mission will be livestream. It is available on Facebook and YouTube at St. Bernard Appleton.

Topics:
Confession
The Theology of Suffering and the Cross
The Blessed Virgin Mary
The Eucharist and the Mass
Living the Faith in our Daily Lives
Examination of Conscience available

February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	Mary's Way of the Cross	25	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	27

Wednesday, February 24 Mary's Way of the Cross-12:15 pm

Friday, February 26- Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	Mary's Way of the Cross	4	Adoration Liturgy of the Hour 6:30 pm	6
7	8	9	Mary's Way of the Cross	11	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	lenten Retreat
lenten Retreat	Retreat Talks	Retreat Talks	Retreat Talks	Mary's Way of the Cross	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	20
21	22	23	Lenten Penance Service	Mary's Way of the Cross	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	

March 3, 10, 17, 24 Mary's Way of the Cross-12:15 pm
March 5 Adoration with Liturgy of the Hours
March 12, 19, 26 Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm
March 13, 14 Retreat
March 15, 16, 17 Retreat Talks at 6:30 pm
March 24 Penance Service 6:30 pm-Reconciliation to follow until 8:00 pm
March 26 Reconciliation in Parish Lounge 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

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