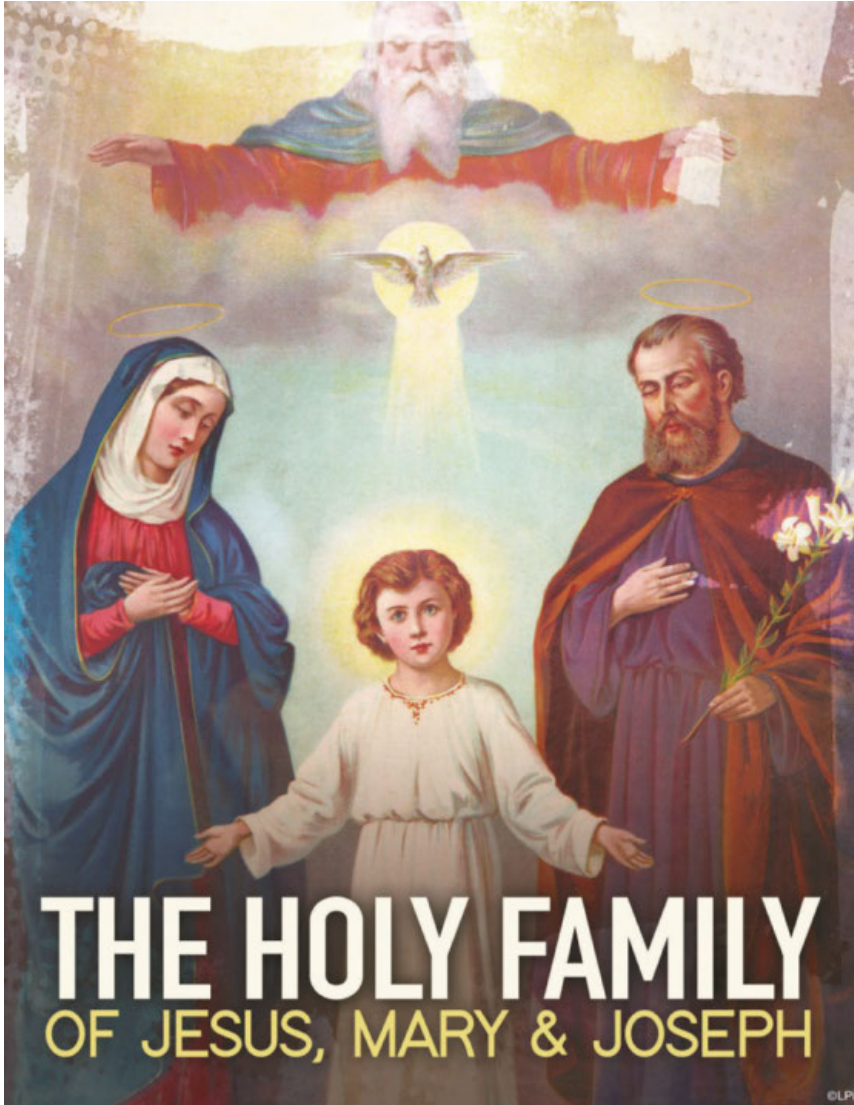




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SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL MASS

We will offer a Vigil Mass on December 31st to celebrate Mary as the Holy Mother of God at 6:00 pm.

As we celebrate the Epiphany on the weekend of January 1st/2nd, we will offer the Blessing of the Home and Household after Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
And 10:00* am
*Will be livestreamed

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

All Liturgies begin at 8:00 am
Monday—Mass
Tuesday—Mass
Wednesday—Liturgy of the Word
Thursday—Morning Prayer with Communion
Friday—Liturgy of the Word

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday
8:30 am—5:00 pm
Friday
8:30 am—Noon
*Other times by appointment

New Year's Holiday Hours
Our Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 27th,
Friday, December 31st &
Monday, January 3rd



St Bernard Catholic Church



MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

Did You Find Him?!

I will admit that this article is a little tricky to write. Technically, this bulletin is for the Sunday when we celebrate the Holy Family, but I know that many will be getting the bulletin at Christmas. So, a little challenge to try and blend the two together!

The gospel reading for the Feast of the Holy Family describes the scene of Mary and Joseph looking for Jesus in Jerusalem. As any parent would be, they were filled with anxiety (and probably panic) about finding their child amidst the goings-on of a big city. I can imagine that they were expending every minute of their time asking, searching, and begging to see if anyone could help them find Jesus.

What about us?

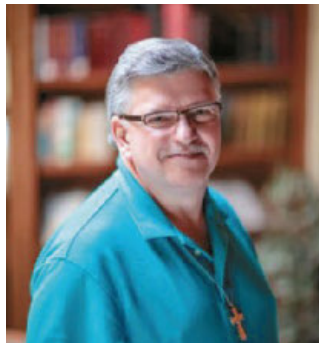
There is little doubt that the world we live in produces great anxiety (and at times panic) as we hear story after story on the news of what should frighten us this week. What do we do with that? Do we go through our day just living with that anxiety or do follow the example of Mary and Joseph and put our energy into looking for Jesus? What do you think would happen in your life if you truly searched for Jesus in your heart? (Hint, he is the Prince of Peace!)

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the birth of Christ and the Holy Family. You are always welcome at our parish, and if you would like to talk more about deepening your relationship with Jesus or about our parish, I would love the opportunity to sit with you for a while. There is great joy in the coming of Jesus into our world and great peace to find Him. I would love for you to share in that joy and peace.

Christmas Blessings!

Deacon Mike

Pastoral Leader



MESSAGE FROM FR. PAUL DEMUTH

Dear friends of St. Bernard's,

What a joy it is to lead you in worship on a weekly basis! These past months have helped all of us to get to know one another and to learn to pray and worship together as a community.

Now that Christmas has come, we are joined with the WORD of God "who emptied himself" in order to become one with us — The WORD made flesh! This reality is all the more powerful since we have faced the pain of the ongoing pandemic. Even though we may be tempted to give up or to wish "everything would just go away," we are astounded that God would so love the world that he would send his only Son to us to redeem and lift us up even when so many issues face us personally and as world citizens.

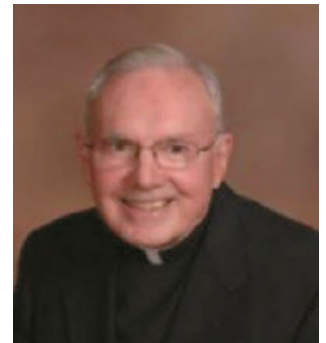
Jesus challenges us to move beyond division and criticism to such a deep love of one another that, despite our divisions, we still show love and forgiveness as the very identification of who we really are. Christ makes all the difference!

Thank you for your care for one another, for your willingness to live and work for the common good. Thank you for getting vaccinated, for protecting one another, for reaching out to those who are hurting and to those who are in the forefront of service in healthcare, policing, waiting on us, filling our shelves, driving our trucks, and smiling while they do it!

Christmas begins a beautiful season that lasts until the Epiphany, January 2nd. But its effects are eternal. God bless and keep you and your families.

Fr. Paul Demuth

Sacramental Minister



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass on December 31, 2021 at 6:00 pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

Your choice of Mass:

Saturday, January 1st at 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 2nd at 8:00 or 10:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00 am	December 25 De Hoang & Bach Tuyet Hoang*
Sunday 8:00 am	December 26 Jean & Tom Kamps*
10:00 am	Larry Amelse* Members of St. Bernard
Monday 8:00 am	December 27 Jeanette Marie Yogerst*
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 28 Ruth Josiger*
Friday 6:00 pm	December 31 Members of St. Bernard
Saturday 4:30 pm	January 1 Debbie Albrecht*
Sunday 8:00 am	January 2 Marian Matsche*
10:00 am	Connie Collins* Members of St. Bernard

*In memory of



Sunday	December 26 8:00 am Mass Scrip Sales 10:00 am Mass Scrip Sales
Monday	December 27 Parish Office Closed 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday	December 28 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Small Group Study 6:00 pm Parish Council 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	December 29 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	December 30 8:00 am Morning Prayer with Communion
Friday	December 31 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word 6:00 pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass
Saturday	January 1 3:45 pm Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial Information Week 24

Week through 12/17/2021

Envelope Collections	\$ 13,285
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 1,313
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Actual Env.	\$ 293,361
Budget Env.	376,154
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (82,793)
Loose	\$ 14,420
Budget Loose	9,231
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 5,189

SCRIP

Sold	\$ 16,165
Cost	\$ 15,461
Rebate	\$ 704

GOOD NEWS

Our connection with Xavier School System continues to grow stronger. Our parish was able to host Mass for Xavier High School on December 3rd (Memorial of St. Francis Xavier) and December 8th (Immaculate Conception of Mary). Both Masses filled our sanctuary to the brim! We were also able to host Reconciliation for all four grades.

From the Staff of
St. Bernard Parish

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Our Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th, Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd

PARISH LIFE

Flowers/Decorations for the Christmas Season Given in Memory/Honor of:

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Floral donations continued in the January 2, 2022 bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Appleton Area Reconciliation Guide

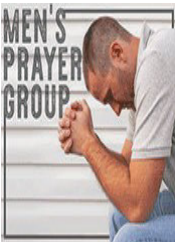
Timely reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important factor in a healthy spiritual life. Examining our conscience, confessing our sins, and turning to the Lord for forgiveness helps to keep us whole and to avoid temptation. This resource is a combined effort of the eight area Catholic parishes to encourage the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday	9:15 am – 9:45 am	St. Thomas More
Monday		
Tuesday	4:50 pm – 5:20 pm 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	St. Pius X* St. Bernadette St. Mary
Wednesday	5:30 pm – 6:15 pm	St. Therese
Thursday	7:20 am – 7:50 am 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm	St. Pius X* St. Therese
Friday	10:30 am – 11:15 am	St. Therese
Saturday	8:30 am – 9:30 am 8:40 am – 10:00 am 9:00 am – 10:00 am 9:00 am - 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	St. Bernadette St. Pius X* St. Mary St. Joseph Sacred Heart St. Therese St. Bernard St. Thomas More

* 2 – 3 confessors available
St. Pius will also have confessions available December 21 from 6:30-8:00p and December 22 from 6:30-8:00p.

RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in the narthex or the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!



Join us on Monday, December 27th at 9:00 am in the Janssen Center for speaker Brendan Keane (St. Bernard Parishioner.) He will speak about his experiences in the Kairos Year, the yearlong process of discerning God's possible call to the priesthood.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider supporting the mission of St. Bernard Parish with any year-end distributions. As we see our parish coming back to life, we will need the generosity of our parishioners to continue this momentum and to bring the message of Jesus to our mission field.

Thank you to everyone who helps support our parish! Your gifts are not taken for granted!

Deacon Mike

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Bernard Community Outreach Team is hosting a pillows and blankets drive from November 28th through December 31st to benefit the Community Clothes Closet.

Any sized NEW pillows and NEW blankets will help families and children in need this winter and offer some much needed comfort in these challenging times.



Cash donations are also welcome. Please use an envelope and indicate that it is for the pillows and blankets drive.

All donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

St. Bernard Mission Trip Summer 2022

We are going out. Will you join us?
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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Yes, it is! Not only do we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but there are several other special feasts during this Christmas season. On Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy

Family, so I'd like to take this time to offer a prayer for families, taken from the USCCB website.

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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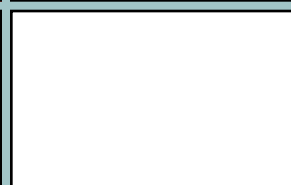
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