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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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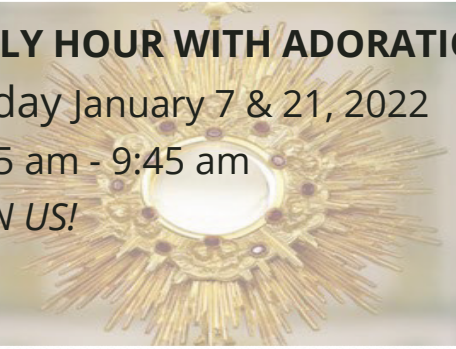
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## HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION

Friday January 7 & 21, 2022

8:45 am - 9:45 am

JOIN US!



### 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, January 3rd



St Bernard Catholic Church



## MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

### A Star is Born

Today we celebrate the Epiphany when the revelation of Jesus was made known to the magi through nature. It wasn't like the shepherds who had an angel appear to them to announce the coming of the Savior, but instead, the news comes through the workings of the universe in the form of a star. Given the prominence that is placed on the "star's rising" it must have been a significant event in the night sky. I wonder what it looked like?

In the final episode of season one of *The Search*, former astronaut General Kevin Chilton describes what it was like to be in space and to see the sunrise over the earth for the first time. He describes the sun as not being yellow, red, or pink, but a brilliant white light. And instead of having a light background like the sky, the background was space so it was the darkest black he had ever seen. He compared the experience to holding his first child in his arms... life-changing.

I wonder if the magi knew that the star they saw would be life-changing or were they just so curious they couldn't help but follow the star? What about us? Do we seek Jesus in such a way that it is life-changing or do we just follow because we are curious where it will lead us? Are we willing to follow the lead of the magi to lay our gifts at the feet of Jesus or are we waiting for another star?

*Deacon Mike*

Pastoral Leader

## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

It was so wonderful to see our worship space filled with parishioners and guests!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful!

*Deacon Mike*

Pastoral Leader

### The Chosen

Have you heard the buzz around the parish about how great the small groups are for the video series *The Chosen*?

We will be starting a new group on Wednesday nights for Discipleship Nights! Come for a meal at 5:30, some praise and prayer at 6:00, and the video and discussion from 6:30 - 7:30. We start up again on January 5<sup>th</sup>!

Are you chosen?

## FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

Hello fellow parishioners,

I missed an update for you in October, so this month, you'll have both October and November.

Our church support was right around \$50,000 in October on 4 weekend Masses and \$68,000 in November over 5 weekends (the last weekend in October was deposited on November 1<sup>st</sup>.) Both months were just a few thousand less than what we had originally budgeted. However, the combined shortfall was made up in a special bequest in November of just over \$38,000! Our staff is doing a great job in controlling our expenses and the last 2 months were right around \$51,000 in each month. This was nearly \$20,000 less than originally budgeted.

After the first 5 months of the year, we have a net deficit of (\$25,000) on collections of \$277,000. This compares to the first 5 months of last fiscal year that showed a deficit of (\$120,000) on collections of \$260,000. The large deficit improvement is due to 3 key areas: additional collections of \$17,000, reduced expenses through the first 5 months of \$20,000, and two very generous one-time gifts that we received this year totaling \$68,000.

Thank you for your time, talent, and treasures along with your prayers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God Bless,

*John Lord*

Chairperson, St. Bernard Finance Council

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer,

**PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

**If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,**

please contact:

*Office of Safe Environment*

*Diocese of Green Bay*

920-272-8174

Or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)



We always encourage you to report the incident to the civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US—THERE IS HOPE!**

## MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>January 1</b> Debbie Albrecht*
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am	<b>January 2</b> Marian Matsche* Connie Collins* Members of St. Bernard
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 3</b> Jeanette Marie Yogerst*
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 4</b> De Hoang & Bach Tuyet Hoang
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>January 8</b> William Radford's 100th Birthday
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am	<b>January 9</b> Jeanette Marie Yogerst* Bryan Roemer* Members of St. Bernard

\*In memory of



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 2</b> 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 6:00 pm High School Discipleship Night
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 3</b> Parish Office Closed 8:00 am Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 4</b> 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Small Group Study 4:00 pm Social Justice Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 5</b> 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5:15 pm Reign in Song Rehearsal 5:30 pm Discipleship Night
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 6</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer with Communion 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 7</b> 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 8:45 am Holy Hour with Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 8</b> 3:45 pm Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass

## Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Financial Information Week 25

Week through 12/24/2021

Envelope Collections ....	\$ 27,107
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections .....	\$ 516
Budget Loose .....	\$ 385
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>	
Actual Env. ....	\$ 320,468
Budget Env. ....	391,827
Env. Over/(Under). ....	\$ (71,359)
Loose .....	\$ 14,936
Budget Loose .....	9,615
Loose Over/(Under) .....	\$ 5,321

### SCRIP

Sold .....	\$ 7,990
Cost .....	\$ 7,644
Rebate .....	\$ 346

OUR MISSION

*Welcome and inspire all to  
share Christ's love through  
faith and service.*



We ask St. Bernard Parish to pray for the family and friends of

**Shirley A. Smith  
&  
Shirley Ellerbusch**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

## PARISH LIFE

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

#### Given By

Mary Roemer

Paul & Mary Summ

Judy & Dave Sparapani

Suzanne Kewley

Kenneth & Carole Kositzke

Janice Moderson

Donna Alferi

Don & Jeanne Pappas

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Mary Ellen Brown

Keith & Kathleen De Valk

Joan Block

Bruce & Anne Douglas

Clifford Engel

#### In Memory Of

Dick Roemer, Bryan Roemer, Art & Alice Roemer, Gene & Phyllis Thoma, Robert Thoma, John Thoma, Gene Franz, Sr. Marie Schwan

Reinhold & Virginia Summ, Raymond & Maxine Szmanda, Dale & JoAnn Hoerman, Raymond Jack Szmanda, Jan & Gene Kessinger

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Mike Pappas, Angela Pappas, Andy Pappas, friend Vicki and Family Members gone before us

Jan Cozzuol

Fr. John Bergstadt

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A **BIG** THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped deliver poinsettias.

THE WISE STILL SEEK *Him* 



"A Nation That Kills Its Own Children Is A Nation Without Hope."

*Pope John Paul II*

## DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS FOR EVERYONE

### **"Discipleship Nights" Returns on January 5th**

No matter who you are, young or old, Catholic or not, parishioner or not, you are invited to join us for Discipleship Nights on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Just as it is written above our doors, "All are welcome!" You are welcomed, loved, and awaited at Discipleship Nights!

*High Schoolers have the option of attending either Wednesday night or Sunday night gatherings.*

Adults with or without children may sign up for adult sessions as well.

# ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE



## 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

### Resolution for New Year

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.

*Pro-Life Articles*

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND With Fr. Paul Demuth

Join Fr. Paul and pastoral minister Sheila De Luca on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **Monday, May 16 to Sunday, May 29, 2022**. This 13-day pilgrimage will include visits to Galilee with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, to the West Bank to see Old Testament sights; to Bethlehem, where we will share a meal with a Catholic Palestinian family, as well as the holy places in Jerusalem where Jesus preached, worked miracles, suffered, died and rose. Our guide will be a Christian Palestinian who will be with us the entire time to give us the Christian perspective of the sites.

The entire 13-day trip is designed in such a way as to give ample time for us to explore the Holy Land in a relaxed, reflective and prayerful manner. Our hotels will be of good quality; breakfast and dinner is included for most days and the weather will average in the mid 70's to 80's.

**George's International Tours** is a third generation family company and is hosting the pilgrimage for only \$3,732, double occupancy (for single, add \$1,095).

There are approximately 10 spaces left at this time. For information, contact Fr. Paul ([pdemuthsenior@gmail.com](mailto:pdemuthsenior@gmail.com)) with your name, address and phone. He will forward details and an application form to you.



### Your Efforts in Helping Others Are Truly Appreciated!

Our Community Outreach Team is incredibly grateful for everyone who has donated to the pillow and blanket drive throughout December.

They have already taken three loads over to the Community Clothes Closet.

### We are going out. Will you join us?

**HURRY - SPACE IS LIMITED**

**YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING GRADE 9 THROUGH AGE 20  
DESTINATION: HUNTINGBURG, IN  
July 10-16, 2022**



For more information contact Deb at [dholzem@stbernardappleton.org](mailto:dholzem@stbernardappleton.org) or call 920 739-0331

Please submit bulletin articles 2 weeks prior to the date of bulletin that you would like them included in.



### What is the Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk?

This is a blessing for our homes that echoes two traditions.

First, since the chalk markings are placed above the door on the lintel, we are reminded of the Israelites who marked their lintels with lamb's blood in Egypt, so the angel of the Lord would pass over their homes in the darkness of the night, protecting their first born.

Second, the chalk markings also bear the initials of the wiseman who journeyed to pay homage to Jesus the newborn king.

The blessing involves using chalk to mark the entrance to our homes with the following symbols:

20 + C + M + B + 22

The 20 refers to the first two numbers of the current year. C is for Caspar, M is for Melchior, and B is for Balthasar. The 22 represents the last two digits of the current year.

The three letters also stand for the Latin phrase **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** or "May Christ Bless this House."

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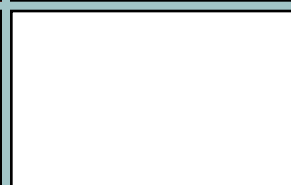
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