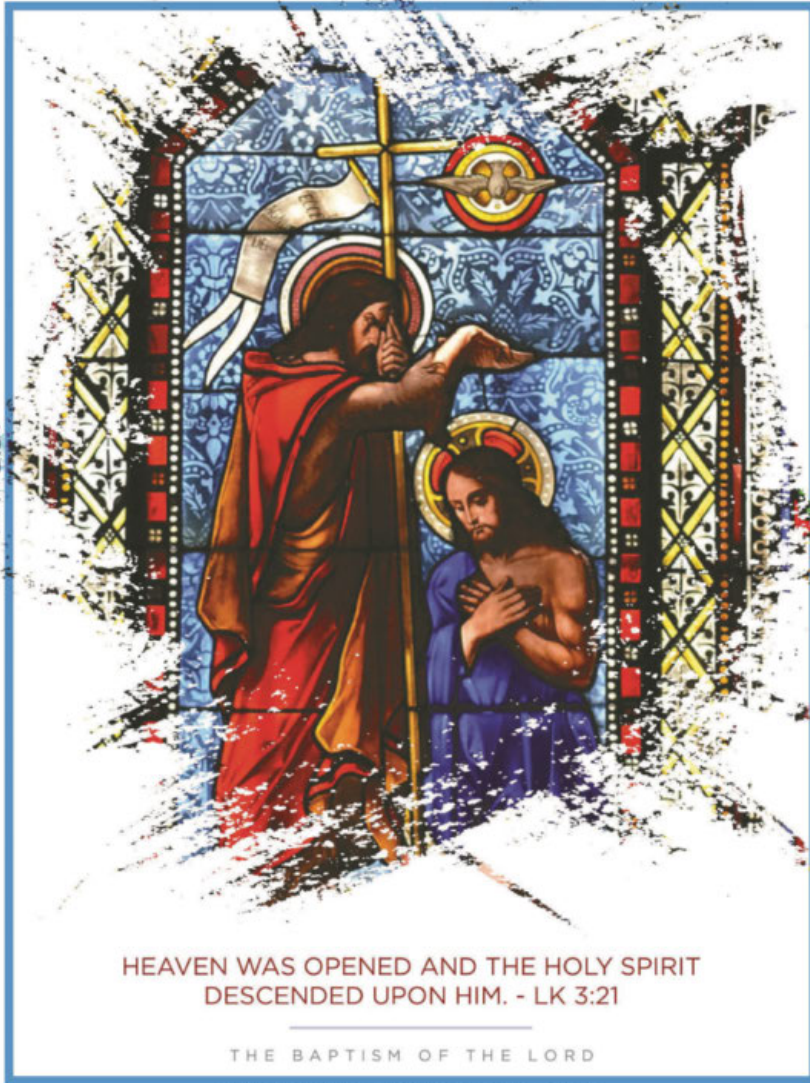




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JANUARY 8/9, 2022



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Chosen

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

We started 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.

Are you chosen?

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

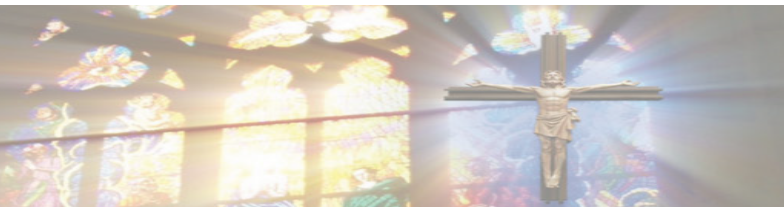
All Liturgies begin at 8:00 am
Monday—Mass
Tuesday—Mass
Wednesday—Liturgy of
the Word
Thursday—Morning Prayer
with Communion
Friday—Liturgy of the Word

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



St Bernard Catholic Church



MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

Silence is Golden

We are all familiar with the saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." It is usually meant to emphasize that those who scream the loudest will get attention. Is it just me, or does it seem like this is the only form of communication remaining in the world? It feels like voices just keep getting louder and louder and even though some voices need to be heard, they get lost because after a while, everything gets tuned out because we just can't handle the volume any longer.

The reading from Isaiah tells of the one who will "bring justice to the nations" not by shouting or by crying out, but by teaching and living the word of God. Along with that, they will bring peace and not violence. This is a prophecy from Isaiah that was just as shocking in his time as it is in ours. I wonder if we can even imagine a world where those that bring peace are the ones who are revered?

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The first public recognition that Jesus is the one who is to redeem Israel. What strikes me about this event is that Jesus does not shout, "I am the Messiah!" or try to gather an army to conquer worldly forces. Instead, the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. No yelling, no violence, and yet his baptism will change the world by making the water holy for all those that follow. How might we emulate this in our own lives?

Deacon Mike

Pastoral Leader

Follow the Ten Commandments

The abortion controversy is ongoing and it never should have been an issue in the first place. Back in the Biblical times of Moses, God, in His great love for His people, gave us His Ten Commandments as a guideline to get to heaven. One very important commandment for the abortion issue is 'Thou shalt not kill.'

If you have forgotten the Ten Commandments, I will list them for you...

- I am the Lord your God; you shalt not have strange gods before me
- You shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's day
- Honor your father and mother
- You shalt not kill
- You shalt not commit adultery
- You shalt not steal
- You shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor
- You shalt not covet your neighbor's wife
- You shalt not covet your neighbor's goods

As you review the commandments, you can see how we have fallen from grace as a nation. We still have time to change, repent and become people of God. And, for the record, there is a heaven and a hell and they will last for all eternity.

Ruth Weber

Davenport, Iowa

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism or register for the formation class, please contact Edna in the Parish Office at 920.739.0331.

Anointing of the Sick

During times of severe illness, one may be in need of the special sacrament for the sick. Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member may be in need of the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament.

Marriage

Preparation time for weddings with the church is 6-12 months in advance of the desired date. Please contact Dcn. Greg Humpal at humpal@stbernardappleton.org or 920.739.0331.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays, 3:45 to 4:15 pm.

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Dcn. Mike Eash at meash@stbernardappleton.org

Baptisms

We welcome

Macy Adogla, daughter of Faustina Adogla
and

Oliver Nathan Nisler, son of Samuel & Katelyn Nisler
into our family of believers!

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 9th

Saturday 4:30 pm	January 8 William Radford's 100th Birthday
Sunday 8:00 am	January 9 Jeanette Marie Yogerst*
10:00 am	Bryan Roemer* Members of St. Bernard
Monday 8:00 am	January 10 John & Rose Roovers*
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 11 John & Martha Vander Hyden*
Saturday 4:30 pm	January 15 Donald & Rosemary Lavinger*
Sunday 8:00 am	January 16 Mike Tassoul*
10:00 am	Stan & Gladys Helminski* Members of St. Bernard

*In memory of



Sunday	January 9 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 6:00 pm High School Discipleship Night
Monday	January 10 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Tuesday	January 11 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Small Group Study 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	January 12 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 10:00 am Mission Quilters 5:30 pm Discipleship Night
Thursday	January 13 8:00 am Morning Prayer with Communion 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	January 14 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday	January 15 3:45 pm Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial Information Week 27

2 Weeks through 1/7/2022

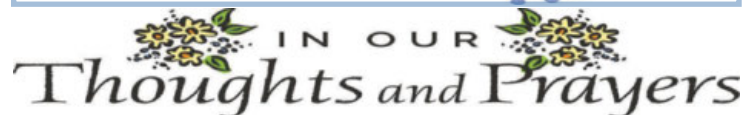
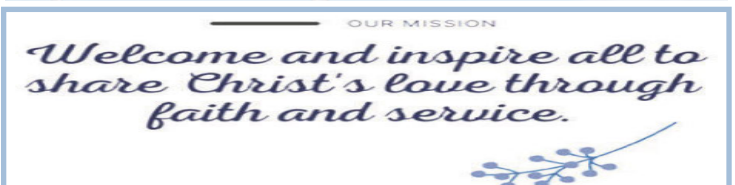
Envelope Collections	\$ 79,965
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 4,054
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Actual Env.	\$ 400,433
Budget Env.	<u>423,173</u>
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (22,740)
Loose	\$ 18,990
Budget Loose	<u>10,385</u>
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 8,605

SCRIP

Sold	\$ 1,860
Cost	\$ 1,779
Rebate	\$ 81



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

Marcelline Beschta

For the brother and nephew of
Evelyn Guckenberg

"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

Robert Kools
Jean Ann Faltynski
Douglas & Patricia Haas
Evelyn Guckenberg

In Memory Of

Marlene Kools
Richard Faltynski
James Sommers and Marian & Henry Haas
Peter, Allen, Randy & Gary Guckenberg and Lara Plamann

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECTS

Are you eligible for a Thrivent Action Team grant? Thrivent Action Team grants are given to Thrivent Members for fundraising and outreach projects for non-profits.

We have several projects coming up at St. Bernard that we would like to partner with you to write a \$250 seed money grant.

Please call Colleen at 920 730- 0331 or Bill Devine at 920 486-1465 for more information.

GOOD NEWS

We had almost 700 people attend our Christmas Masses!

FUN **PRIZES**

Valentine's Day

Bingo & Social

Monday, February 14, 2022

1pm -3pm

St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Joe's Food Pantry



The Crafty Ladies are gearing up for the 2022 Bazaar and we'd like your help!

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th from 9-noon.

There are a few changes coming, but whether you are a beginner or have more advanced skills, you're urged to attend to see what we're all about.

Meet new friends and have a few laughs.

Holiday on Pine Street Bazaar 2022

**YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING GRADE 9 THROUGH AGE 20
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HURRY - SPACE IS LIMITED

We are going out. Will you join us?



For more information contact Deb at dholzem@stbernardappleton.org or call 920 739-0331

Your Efforts in Helping Others Are Truly Appreciated!

St. Bernard has provided many people with pillows and blankets this winter. Nearly 100 pillows and blankets were distributed to needy people through the Community Clothes Closet. There was also \$480.00 donated for additional blankets and pillows to be purchased.

Thanks to all of you who heard of the need and responded so generously.

Many people are warmer and more comfortable this winter because you reached out to help.



DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS FOR EVERYONE

"Discipleship Nights" Returns 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.

JESUS' BAPTISM



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

ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play Open Auditions

Open auditions for **ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play**, a dramatic musical based on the life of Christ, will be held on Tuesday evening, January 18th and Saturday morning, January 22nd, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton.

Performance dates are April 7-10, with a special performance for Religious Education groups on April 6th. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a simple movement/dance audition.



To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and click or tap the "Audition for our cast" button near the top of the page.

Disciples for Life

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 | 12:30-5 PM
National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Join us for a vibrant celebration of life where we'll explore what it means to walk with moms in need before, during, and after pregnancy. This free event will be held **in person** and **via livestream**.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth track from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (new!)
- Keynote with national speaker Tori Petersen
- Panel discussion with local pro-life leaders
- Breakout sessions and Q&A with Bishop Ricken
- Pro-life rosary
- Respect Life Mass with Bishop Ricken

For more details and to register:

www.gbdioc.org/disciplesforlife

Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life
Diocesan Office of Living Justice

Choice

Abortion advocates do not want to talk about facts or science, but they love to talk about "choice." They refuse to be called "pro-abortion," but they gladly accept the label, "pro-choice."

Indeed, nothing has so clouded and confused the politics of the abortion debate more than the misconstrued application of this word. For years, abortion advocates have sought to bestow upon "choice" a nobility of its own, thereby avoiding discussion of what is being chosen.

The fact is that "choice" is nothing apart from the context to which it is applied. Laws against rape, murder, assault, theft, and drunk driving (to name a few) are all "anti-choice." They remove choice in order to protect a more fundamental freedom.

In the final analysis, we are only free to choose so long as that choice does not harm another person. For example, a person cannot choose to rape another person because rape is a violent assault on another human being. And so is abortion.

Pro-Life Articles

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PRESENT

Surveys suggest nearly 70% of Catholics no longer believe in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Join us as **Fr. James Jugenheimer** of St. Pius X Parish unfolds the mystery of the sacrament he calls "the very center of our faith."

Image: Blood-stained relic of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena/Orvieto

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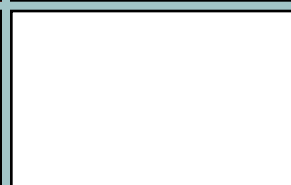
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