

# SAINT Bernadette PARISH



FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | LEMAY, MISSOURI

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

### WEEKDAY

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday Communion Service 8:00 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Reiker	Pastor
Dn. Michael L. Buckley	Deacon
Dn. Phillip Warren	Deacon
Sister Ruth Emke, SSND	Office Manager
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[www.churchofsaintbernadette.org](http://www.churchofsaintbernadette.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 pm

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR CLASSES 9:00 to 10:15 am  
Sunday Mornings September to April  
phone: 314-892-6882 (Parish Office)

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF LENT**  
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, in the Parish of St. Bernadette, understanding ourselves to be a part of the Universal Church, have received the call of His son Jesus through Baptism and Confirmation, to be His disciples and to spread and promote the Kingdom of God in faith and prayer through Christian worship, education, and service. The Council, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Sacraments, attempts to listen to the needs and furnish leadership to the people of St. Bernadette. We do this to serve our God and to develop in our parish, His presence as the source and cause of our common Christian life and holiness.

## Mass from St. Bernadette

Type into your browser line:

**YouTube St Bernadette Lemay**

No livestreamed 4pm Saturdays at this time.

The recorded video is downloaded about 2 hours after Mass.

# - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT -

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

Sunday after 10:30 am Mass. Registered parishioners should contact the Rectory Office at least three weeks prior to desired date. Baptisms are not usually celebrated during Lent.

### Matrimony

Registered Parishioners should make arrangements with the priest of the parish as soon as you are seriously contemplating marriage - at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings are strongly discouraged during Lent and Octave of Easter.

### Communion Calls

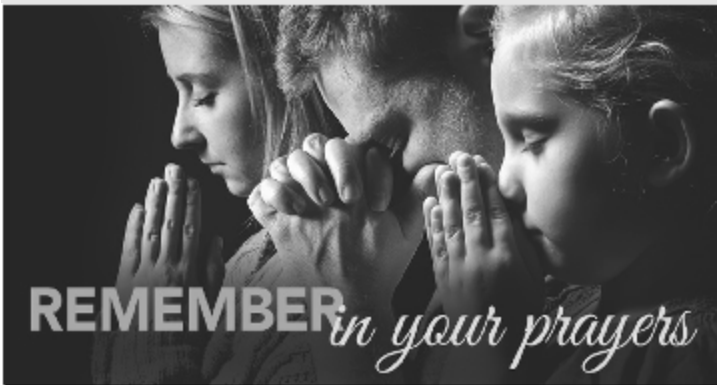
Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

### PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer Works! Parishioners are ready to pray for those in need. Ask and it shall be given to you. Contact Audrey at 487-6077.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin items to the Parish Office in writing by 2:00 pm each Monday for the upcoming weekend. You may choose to send them via email at [secretary@stbernadetteleam.org](mailto:secretary@stbernadetteleam.org)



Jerry Johnson	Fr. Gary Faust
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Deborah Nachowiak	Ray Blumenkemper
Carol Curran	Ken Smith
Sandy Warren	Wally Perks

***Ministers for the Weekend***  
***February 28, 2021***  
**Lectors**

4:00 pm	Mike Gacioch
8:00 am	Cathy Zimmer
10:30 am	Greg Meier

***Financial Information***  
***February 14, 2021***

*Collection Counters' Snow Day...  
 Info will be included in bulletin next week*

**Total: \$**

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.



How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when

you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT -

## Fr. Bob's Column

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – WHO IS DRIVING WHO?

In the Gospel of Mark today, “*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert ... for forty days.*” And then Jesus drove Satan away – so that he could begin his public ministry of healing and teaching the people of Galilee. We also note that Jesus significantly drove many evil spirits out of people possessed by them. It seems clear that the Lord God is in charge and that evil and sin is getting pushed around! Indeed, the Lord is doing the driving!

Now with the liturgical Season of Lent starting, we need to be a “driven” people. But what are we driven by? Sometimes we say that someone is driven by greed or selfishness, pride or vengeance, or any one of the many human passions that can control our lives. So Lent is our time to evaluate what is “driving” or motivating our life. For most of us it is a tussle between our own sinful tendencies and the Lord’s grace. With Lent upon us, now we have a chance to repent of our sins and renew our spiritual lives again by letting the graces and opportunities given to us to drive out any evil spirits and to drive us toward the glory of Easter.



### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING IN THE PARISH:



- + Daily Mass at 8am, Monday through Friday
- + Stations of the Cross, 8:30am (after Mass), Friday
- + Adult Religious Ed. –

“The Sacraments”, video by Bishop Barron, Tues. 6:30pm or Thur. 1:30pm

+ Lectionary-based Bible Study, with Father Bob, Tues. 1:30pm or Thur. 6:30pm

+ Lenten Friday Abstinence from meat – a good day for other sacrifices or fasting



- + “Rice Bowl” almsgiving for Catholic Relief Services
- + “Second collection” today for Black & Indian Missions in the U.S.

Fr. Bob's Column Continued



## Fr. Bob's Column Continued...

### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH



Again thanks to all who are using their Sunday offertory envelopes, whether you are coming to Mass, or dropping them in the mail or in the rectory mail slot. Your faithful generosity has been keeping the parish operating financially fairly well, considering pandemic protocols limiting attendance.

A spiritual note for Lent to work on might be to remember when you place your Sunday offertory envelope in the basket as you come into church is to say a quick prayer as you offer your gift to the Lord in thanksgiving for all that he has given you. You can do this also as you place your Sunday offertory gift in the mail. Remember this is not just “paying your dues” or “paying a bill”; it is a personal gift to God through his Church.



### Souper Bowl Collection

The St. Bernadette St. Vincent De Paul Conference would like to thank all those who donated to the Souper Bowl collection. We received **\$387**. This money will be used to provide food and other assistance to the neighbors in need in our parish area. The members of the conference appreciate your support.



### Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and giving alms.

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we **give alms**, we share what we have with others. There are some good stories of hope at : [crsricebowl.org/videos](http://crsricebowl.org/videos).



WEEKLY READINGS - February 21, 2021

**Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent**  
 Gn 9:8-15  
 1 Pt 3:18-22  
 Mk 1:12-15

**Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
 1 Pt 5:1-4  
 Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**  
 Is 55:10-11  
 Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday: Weekday**  
 Jon 3:1-10  
 Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday: Weekday**  
 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
 Mt 7:7-12

**Friday: Weekday**  
 Ez 18:21-28  
 Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday: Weekday**  
 Dt 26:16-19  
 Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
 Rom 8:31b-34  
 Mk 9:2-10

*MASS INTENTIONS*

<b>Saturday, Feb 20</b> 4:00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 21</b> 8:00am	<b>Special Intention</b>
10:30am	<b>Amber Rose Pate</b>
<b>Monday, Feb 22</b> 8:00am	<b>Eppard Family</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 23</b> 8:00am	<b>Buckmann Family</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 24</b> 8:00am	<b>Ann Varrone</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb 25</b> 8:00am	<b>Dale Baumann</b>
<b>Friday, Feb 26</b> 8:00am	<b>St B Purgatorial Soc.</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 27</b> 4:00pm	<b>Marilyn Kramer</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 28</b> 8:00am	<b>Leonard &amp; Rita Lorkowski</b>
10:30am	<b>People of the Parish</b>

## - PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ 8am Mass from Monday through Friday during Lent.
- ◇ Bible Study on Tuesday, 1:30pm.
- ◇ DVD series on The Sacraments, 6:30pm, Tuesday
- ◇ Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ RCIA on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.
- ◇ Thursday, 1:30pm is the DVD series on The Sacraments.
- ◇ Thursday evening, 6:30pm, Bible Study
- ◇ Stations of the Cross following Mass each Friday morning during Lent.
- ◇ Saturday Confessions 3:00-3:30 pm
- ◇ 4pm Saturday evening Mass , 8am and 10:30am Mass Sunday morning.
- ◇ PSR, Sunday, 9am - 10:15am in school

Dear Fellow Parishioners,



We are the 7th and 8th grade PSR students. We are collecting **new and unused socks** for patients at our local VA hospital and need your help! If you are able, please help us give some warmth and comfort to veterans in need. We will have a box placed in the back of church and will be collecting socks until March 14th. We feel that these people have served our country and it's important for us to serve them.

Thanks for your help!

The 7th and 8th grade PSR Class



### Lector for 8am Sunday Mass Needed



Is there anyone who would like to be a lector at Mass on Sundays at 8am? The next list would be out in April and you would receive a little training before that time. Your turn would come up every four weeks. Just let Sr. Ruth know in the parish office. (314-892-6882) or [secretary@stbernadettelemay.org](mailto:secretary@stbernadettelemay.org)

# FIRST WEEK OF LENT



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