

SAINT Bernadette PARISH



MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY | 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
Mrs. Sue Majchrzak	PSR Director
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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)



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



Scan code with your smart device to link to the livestreamed Mass. Or connect through YouTube or St. Bernadette website.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

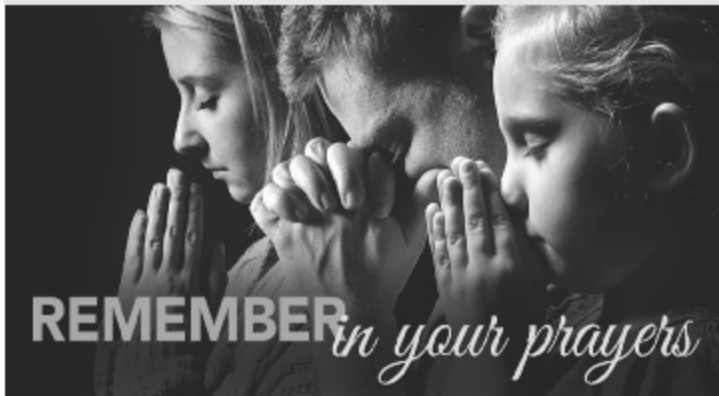
Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

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@stbernadettelemay.org



Fr. Bob Reiker	Rita Wiesehan
Phyllis Sandusky	Carole Benedick
Shirley Harris	Genevieve Zimmer
Jerry Johnson	Ed Neiter
Barbara Eichhorst	Eileen & Harold Howard
Cathy Weber	Ken Smith
Sandy Warren	Wally Perks
Fr. Gary Faust	Viola Finch

Ministers for the Weekend May 29/30, 2021

Lectors

4:00 pm	Mike Gacioch
8:00 am	Cathy Zimmer
10:30 am	Katie Hemme

Financial Information

May 16, 2021

Sunday Offertory

Envelopes	\$5,244.00
Loose	\$ 368.00
Online Giving	\$ 270.00
Total:	\$5,882.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 22

7:00pm **Thomas Raymond Behrmann**

Sunday, May 23

8:00am **St. B Purgatorial Soc**

10:30am **People of the Parish**

Monday, May 24

8:00am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, May 25

8:00am **Communion Service**

Wednesday, May 26

8:00am **Ray Blumenkemper**

Thursday, May 27

8:00 am **Communion Service**

Friday, May 28

8:00 am **Communion Service**

Saturday, May 29

4:00 pm **Francis & Dorothy Matejka**

Sunday, May 30

8:00am **Gene Meyer**

10:30am **People of the Parish**

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

The mask mandate now only applies to all parish faithful *who have not received a vaccination against the COVID 19 virus.* Our parish social distancing protocol will remain as it is for the time being. Of course, anyone is welcome to wear a mask who would like to continue to do so.



Landscaping

Several volunteers will be landscaping the front of the rectory. Several years ago the shrubbery died off and it needs a facelift. If anyone would like to give an extra donation to help beautify the grounds, please mark this on an envelope with your name and "landscaping". Thank you.

- PENTECOST SUNDAY -

◆◆◆◆ Fr. Bob's Column ◆◆◆◆

KNEE SURGERY REPORT #2



I have been discharged from the hospital and am now happily residing again in St. Bernadette's Rectory. The first operation for my third knee replacement has been successfully completed and there is a temporary knee in place until August, when a more permanent (?) metal

knee is installed, after the persistent bacteria has been eliminated.

Thankfully I can do short distances of weight-bearing walking with a walker around the house, and use the stair lift to get down to the first floor office and kitchen – two important sites I need to access! I am not in much pain, but I have to keep my knee elevated as much as possible. Also I have to wear a leg immobilizer 24/7 that goes from ankle to upper thigh. I am starting to get my appetite back after the surgery and anesthesia.

I really appreciate the huge prayer response from parish members for my complete recovery and return to active ministry in the parish. Thank you very much, and may God bless all of you for your loving concern.

God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

Here's another of my African experience stories. Really it's a Pentecost story.

For a number of years I taught the Catholic religion in our high school to the older students, who were mostly Muslim. There were no books or syllabus so I planned the course myself. With those almost ready to leave the school I taught a section on Christian marriage. At the same time, I taught this same group of older students health science, which included all the body systems, so I linked the section on reproduction with my Christian Marriage preparation and spoke a lot about abortion and what it was, both physically and spiritually.



After school one day one of the boys walked with me on my way down the dusty road home. He told me he had gotten his girlfriend pregnant. Because of what he heard in class, he decided he had to convince her not to get an abortion but to have the baby. He would try his best to support her. I encouraged him in his decision.



Fast forward now eleven years. I traveled down to Lungi, about 40 miles down a rough dirt road, to give a vocation talk at the Catholic Mission there. After Mass my former student came up to me with his wife and four children. He said to me, "I would especially like to introduce to you my eldest daughter." She was about eleven years old.

So...I know that I wasn't really prepared to teach a marriage course to a group of older teenagers in West Africa. And why I decided to link my health science class and religion class I really don't know. What I do know is that the Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways through us...even when we don't seem to be "equipped".

And I imagine that almost everyone who is reading this has a similar story of how the Spirit has worked in your life. We may not see the tongues of fire or the dove fluttering overhead but we can see or hear the results and we can all shout..."WOO HOO!!" (I tend to shout that rather than ALLELUIA! But use whichever you like!)

(Story...a true story... written by Sr. Ruth)



PENTECOST– Not Just Another Sunday!

Pentecost, when the church was being established, was based on a Jewish festival which took place fifty days after the first full moon of spring. (We now celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter.) The apostles and their support group were looking for an anchor to give all members a link to the Good News, how best to spread the Word of God. The Holy Spirit came down to clearly inform the Apostles as to their new mission on earth.



Pentecost is a dramatic entrance by God into our hearts, minds and souls. Are we doing something with the Gifts that we have been given by the Holy Spirit?

The question to be answered is: Does the fire of the Holy Spirit coming upon us connect us with the instructions that God is revealing to us? Are we paying attention to this invitation?

(Pentecost reflection written by Sr. Kathy & Jim Flick)

WEEKLY READINGS - May 23, 2021

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
- Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14
Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**
Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest**
Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**
Sir 42:15-25
Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Weekday**
Sir 44:1, 9-13
Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM**
Sir 51:12cd-20
Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity**
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

Mary, Mother of the Church, Feast Day -May24



Monday, following the great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. In this way, the Church specifically recalls Mary's reception of the Holy Spirit with the Apostles at Pentecost, as well as her desire to protect all who come to her Son in His Holy Church. The many mysteries of

Jesus' life that Mary pondered were brought to full understanding in her heart at Pentecost. As the Church was fully established in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, strengthening the Lord's followers to believe in and to proclaim the Gospel, the Blessed Mother was there as the foremost example of what it means to fully say yes to Jesus. This feast day is an invitation for each of us to receive more from Mary's example of holiness and from the grace of her Son that she offers us. Let us not be afraid to ask her prayers for ourselves and for the whole Church: O Mary, Mother of Christ, and Mother of the Church, pray for us that we might be made worthy of the promises of your Son!

- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ Communion Service 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Bible Study on Tuesday, 1:30pm, Feckter Hall
- ◇ Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30pm in Feckter Hall
- ◇ Thursday, 10:30am, RCIA
- ◇ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 pm Saturday
- ◇ Mass 4:00 pm on Saturday. 8am and 10:30am Sunday morning.



Presiders:

Wednesday, May 26th - Fr. Rich Heman

Saturday, May 29 - Fr. Ed Griesedieck

Sunday, May 30 - Fr. Rich Heman

Ordination to the Priesthood

On Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10am, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will ordain:

Deacon Charles Archer

Deacon Mitchell Baer

Deacon Joseph Detwiler

Deacon Edward Godefroid

Deacon Jonathan Ruzicka

Deacon Ryan Truss

to the Sacred Priesthood in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. All are invited to participate by livestream at

cathedralstl.org/ordination.

Deacon Edward Godefroid is the nephew of our parishioner, Paul Godefroid. Congratulations to the Godefroid family and many blessings on the newly ordained priests.



Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

If you feel God is calling you to serve him as a priest, religious sister, religious brother or permanent deacon feel free to contact the parish office if you would like to talk with Fr. Bob, a deacon or a sister.

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