

# SAINT *Bernadette* PARISH



SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 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
Sister Kathy Kull, SSND	Liturgy Director
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## PARISH OFFICE

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### 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)

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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



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# -SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021-

## 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

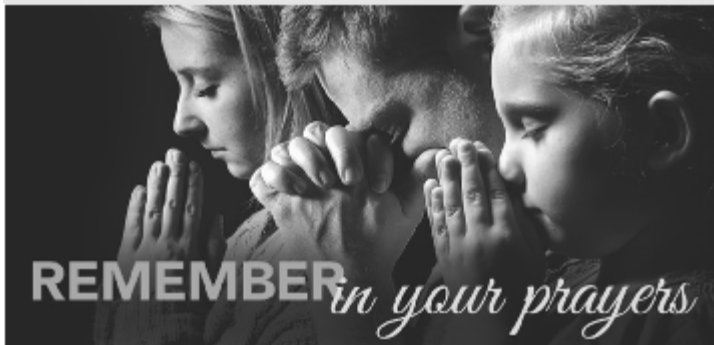
Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

### 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)



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

### It's time for Bible Study!

We will meet for Bible Study to prepare for the Sunday Scripture readings on Tuesday, September 7th from 1:30pm - 3pm in Feckter Hall. Please bring your Bible. Everyone is welcome!

If you've never tried Bible Study before, come try it out. Come and see how this could help you grow spiritually.

All those who have come before, we welcome you back!

Sister Kathy

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT FOR AUGUST 29, 2021

<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	<b>\$5,073.00</b>
<b>Sunday Loose Offering</b>	<b>\$ 854.00</b>
<b>Online Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$ 335.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$5,408.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Budget</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Actual</b>	<b>\$40,886.50</b>
<b>Budget surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>\$(4,113.50)</b>
<b>Special Collection</b>	
<b>Mission Coop Collection</b>	<b>\$1,354.00</b>
<b>Relief for Haiti</b>	<b>\$ 97.00</b>

### *Ministers for the Weekend of Sept. 11/12, 2021*

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00pm	Nancy Daake	Tom Turner
8:00am	Cathy Zimmer	Bill Wolk
10:30am	Jan Buckley	Greg Meier

## *MASS INTENTIONS*

### Saturday, September 4

4:00pm Dale Baumann

### Sunday, September 5

8:00am Gene Meyer

10:30am People of the Parish

### Monday, September 6

8:00am Communion Service

### Tuesday, September 7

8:00am Communion Service

### Wednesday, September 8

8:00am Rick Allgeyer

### Thursday, September 9

8:00 am Communion Service

### Friday, September 10

8:00 am Communion Service

### Saturday, September 11

4:00 pm Barbara Toney

### Sunday, September 12

8:00am Robert Emke Family

10:30am People of the Parish

# - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

## Fr. Bob's Column

### KNEE REPORT #17

My knee replacement incision is slowly healing with little seepage, and the knee feels good. But the surgeon wants me to wait a couple of more weeks before any serious walking and physical therapy. Keep up the prayers!



### NEWS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP ABOUT THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski has been with us in St. Louis for a year now and here is a portion of what he wrote to all of the Archdiocese in the St. Louis Review about future plans for parishes, schools, and Catholic agencies:

“Having gotten to know the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis over the past year, I’m now beginning to think about some structural elements of our mission. We build on a wonderful foundation! But we can’t be content with what we’ve done. We need to ask: What’s the next right step? Part of the next right step involves paying attention to structures.

To take two simple examples: 1) We’re set to cross a historic benchmark in the next few years. The number of active diocesan priests in parish work will match, and then dip below, the number of parishes we have. 2) Our two largest parishes in St. Charles County serve the same number of Catholics as 23 of our parishes in the city. The number of priests and the distribution of parishes are structural elements of our mission that are on my mind.

Have I reached any conclusions about that? I need to say this as clearly as possible: No!

But are there structural questions we need to ask ourselves? We need to say together, with just as much clarity: Yes!

Fr. Bob's column continued →

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

That’s why we’re in the initial stages of preparation to conduct a comprehensive pastoral plan that will shape our mission. Neither I nor anyone else has already reached any structural conclusions. I invite you to join me in prayer and conversation over the next few years as we plan together.”

In October, there is a meeting for all the priests with the Archbishop to learn more about this 2 year process of strategic planning. I will keep you posted about this critically important effort to prepare for the future in our Archdiocese of St. Louis, and in our parish.

### TIME TO THINK ABOUT SOMEONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR!

Our parish RCIA or catechumenate will begin in a month. If you are interested in studying the Catholic faith and joining the Church, please contact the Parish Office. Or if you know someone who would be curious about being Catholic, invite them to contact me, Father Bob, at the Parish Office.

If you are, or know of someone, who is an adult but not yet confirmed, this would also be the time to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This preparation is a time to grow into your faith as an adult.



### Laughter is Good for the Soul!

- Did you hear about the two boys that got caught stealing a calendar? They both got six months.
- I got fired from my job at the bank today. An old lady came in and asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- I wasn't going to visit my family this December, but my mom promised to make me Eggs Benedict. So, I'm going home for the hollandaise.
- I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey but I turned myself around.

“The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.” St. Mother Teresa

## WEEKLY READINGS - September 5, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> Col 1:24 - 2:3 Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>St. Peter Claver, Priest</b> Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 'Grandparents' Day</b> Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

### Catholic Teaching on Labor

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

**Labor Day** offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ Sunday, September 5th, Rosary in church, 10am
- ◇ Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, the parish office is closed.
- ◇ Communion Service 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Tuesday, September 7th, Adoration from 8:30am-1pm.
- ◇ Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Thursday, September 9th, 50 Plus Club Board meeting, 10am, Feckter Hall
- ◇ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 pm Saturday
- ◇ Mass 4:00 pm on Saturday. 8am and 10:30am Sunday morning
- ◇ Meal A Month collection September 11/12 for the Feed My People food pantry.
- ◇ First PSR class for the new school year, Sunday, September 12th, 9am - 10:15am.



**Presiders:**

Wednesday, Sept. 8 - Fr. Steve Bauer

Saturday, Sept. 11 - Fr. Rich Heman

Sunday, Sept. 12 - Fr. Rich Heman

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