

SAINT *Bernadette* PARISH



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | 25TH 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
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)

25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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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



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

-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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



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

New Schedules for Lectors and Altar Servers

Please pick up your envelope with the new schedules from the front pew in church near the piano.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Learn more of Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Meetings will be held in Feckter Hall on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Bring your Bible, paper and pen. You may purchase a workbook for \$28 if you wish. Register at the Parish Office at 314-892-6882 by September 23rd



SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT FOR September 5, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,790.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$ 787.00
Online Electronic Giving	\$ 195.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$5,772.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 5,000.00
Year-to-date Budget	\$50,000.00
Year-to-date Actual	\$46,658.50
Budget surplus/(deficit)	\$(3,341.50)
Special Collections:	
Mission Coop Collection	\$ 240.00
Relief for Haiti	\$ 730.00
Memorial Gift	\$ 100.00

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT FOR September 12, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,776.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$ 616.00
Online Electronic Giving	\$ 385.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$3,777.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 5,000.00
Year-to-date Budget	\$55,000.00
Year-to-date Actual	\$50,435.50
Budget surplus/(deficit)	\$(4,564.50)
Special Collections:	
Mission Coop Collection	\$ 110.00
Relief for Haiti	\$ 10.00

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Words from the book of Wisdom mesh perfectly with the beliefs and attitudes which Jesus is trying to inject into the minds of His disciples. Living our belief in God is a strong challenge as Wisdom's passages point to what lies ahead...what we have to look forward to from those who seek to put down Christians and mock them, torture and test our connections with God. God will take care of true believers but how and in what manner? Moving to Mark's Gospel, we see the Disciples confused and not really listening to Jesus' prophetic words as to what will happen to Him eventually. Jesus can't get any response from the Disciples because they are confused as to their true purpose. The Disciples thought hanging with Jesus would secure a long and enriching livelihood free from pain and worry. But as Jesus then illustrated His point of reference by showing them a child in their midst and it was clear what the child represented in God's world...what His Disciples were meant to embrace....the correct meaning of love for one another as one loves a son, daughter, niece, nephew or cousin. Are we growing our faith through daily encounters with God through those around us and serving those who need our unqualified help? Written by Jim Flick.

- 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

◆◆◆◆ Fr. Bob's Column ◆◆◆◆

KNEE REPORT #19

As I write this early in the week, I am waiting to see my orthopedic surgeon on Wednesday. So for now I do not know anything new about my knee. The incision is making progress in healing and sealing fully. Consequently I am hopeful that the doctor lets me start walking more and not have to use this immobilizer brace. Then maybe I can get over to church and see some of you. Thanks again for all the prayers. Keep them coming!



TODAY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH!



This weekend the St. Bernadette Parish Family will hear the report about our St. Bernadette Parish finances for this past fiscal year and the budget of the present 2021-2022 fiscal year. Overall the results from this recent year were not too bad at all – considering we were in the midst of the corona virus pandemic all year. We actually came in better by \$4,757 than we had budgeted for. The actual deficit for the year was \$22,000, which meant that our savings went down to \$395,000.

As your pastor I am very grateful to all the regular and generous contributors to the Sunday Offertory collection, either in person, by mail, or electronically. Your conscientious financial stewardship keeps our parish functioning in a stable manner. We should all thank our St. Bernadette Finance Council for helping me and Sister Ruth manage the finances of the parish. Special thanks to Greg Meier, the chairperson, who does so much work in generating our financial reports and giving the annual report to the congregation this weekend. (The printed report will be in your Stewardship packet coming in the mail.) Everyone, keep up the good work! The Lord will bless you!

STEWARDSHIP – A GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS WAY OF LIFE!

Stop and think: *what if you only woke today with the things you thanked God for yesterday???* Perhaps too many of us would be in for a surprise, unfortunately. Christian Stewardship has been a pillar of our Judaeo-Christian faith for four thousand years – from the time of Abraham and the Jewish patriarchs, from the teachings of Christ and the early Church, all the way into our own time. It is just expected for all of us to give thanks to God for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us.



Fr. Bob's Column Continued...

The Jewish people gave in sacrifice to God the first new lamb or calf, or the first bushel from the harvest, or first jug of olive oil – each of these was a valuable portion of what they needed to live on, but they gave the first part to God (not the last part or a leftover), and they called this tithing. Eventually the Catholic Church adopted the term, tithing, for the financial gifts that Catholics make to the Church. Usually it meant giving the first 10% or 5% of one's income to support the parish, diocese, and all other charitable efforts.

You will be receiving in the mail your annual Stew-



ardship packet. Please take time to read and reflect on each item in the mailing. Then fill out your Stewardship Commitment form in order to indicate your willingness to give of your precious Time and considerable Talent

and hard-earned Treasure to St. Bernadette Parish as a form of gratitude to God for all he has given you! (Please return the Stewardship form in next week's collection or by mail to the Parish Office.)

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL – FINAL REPORT!

Did you see in last week's issue of the St. Louis Review that St. Bernadette Parish and over half of the other parishes exceeded their ACA goal of pledges, and even the Challenge Goal: Published goal - \$20,048; Challenge goal - \$22,050; and our actual parish total gifts and pledges - \$23,157. We also were among the parishes that had the best increased percentage of contributors.

Therefore, Congratulations are in order for the many contributors to the ACA in our St. Bernadette Parish Family, and to our new co-chairs of our ACA: Tom & Diana Butler and Mike & Margie Gacioch. Thanks so very much!

Thank You

	Let us hold in prayer Elaine Kraut
	Beloved daughter of parishioner Helen Bellville
	May she rejoice in the presence of Our loving Father.

Ministers for the Weekend of Sept. 25/26, 2021		
	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00pm	Sister Kathy	Nancy Daake
8:00am	Mike Gacioch	Jim Flick
10:30am	Sue Majchrzak	Greg Meier

WEEKLY READINGS - September 19, 2021

**Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday**
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16 - 4:3
Mk 9:30 -37

**Monday: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, priest; and Paul
Chong Ha-Sang, Companions, Martyrs**
Ezr 1: 1-6
Lk 8: 16-18

Tuesday: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13
Mt 9: 9-13

Wednesday: Weekday
Ezr 9: 5-9
Lk 9: 1-6

Thursday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1: 1-8
Lk 9: 7-9

Friday: Weekday
Hg 2: 1-9
Lk 9: 18-22

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9: 43b-45

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5: 1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19

8:00am Harold Maurer

10:30am Orville (Bud) Daake

Monday, September 20

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, September 21

8:00am Communion Service

Wednesday, September 22

8:00am Ron Richter

Thursday, September 23

8:00 am Communion Service

Friday, September 24

8:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm Pete Freihaut

Sunday, September 26

8:00am Robert Emke Family

10:30am People of the Parish

- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ Reconnect Weekend, after 4pm Mass Saturday and after 8am and 10:30am Mass Sunday, Feckter Hall
- ◇ PSR, Sunday 9:00 - 10:15
- ◇ Communion Service 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Thursday, September 23rd, 50 Plus meeting at 1pm in the gym.
- ◇ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 pm Saturday
- ◇ Mass 4:00 pm Saturday. 8 am & 10:30am Sunday morning



Presiders:

Wednesday, Sept. 22 - Fr. Steve Bauer

Saturday, Sept. 25 - Fr. Steve Bauer

Sunday, Sept. 26 - Fr. Steve Bauer



50 Plus News

Hi! My name is Kathy Gillis and I am the new president of the 50 Plus Club.

The next meeting is September 23rd at 1p.m. Members who stopped coming because they did not want to drive at night -

notice the time change.

We will be discussing the proposed date for our Christmas Party at Genesis on December 9th and the need for some one to volunteer to be our new vice president. Please come back and visit with friends, put on your thinking cap and enjoy a fun afternoon of Trivia. Refreshments will be provided. We will no longer be able to park on the school's back parking lot during our meeting. Parents will be picking up their children at 3:00 p.m. from the micro school at the same time our meeting will be ending. You can continue to park on the gym lot or next to church. Thank you.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? OR REVIEWING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Contact the Parish Office about participating in this year's RCIA.

We will be starting in early October.



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