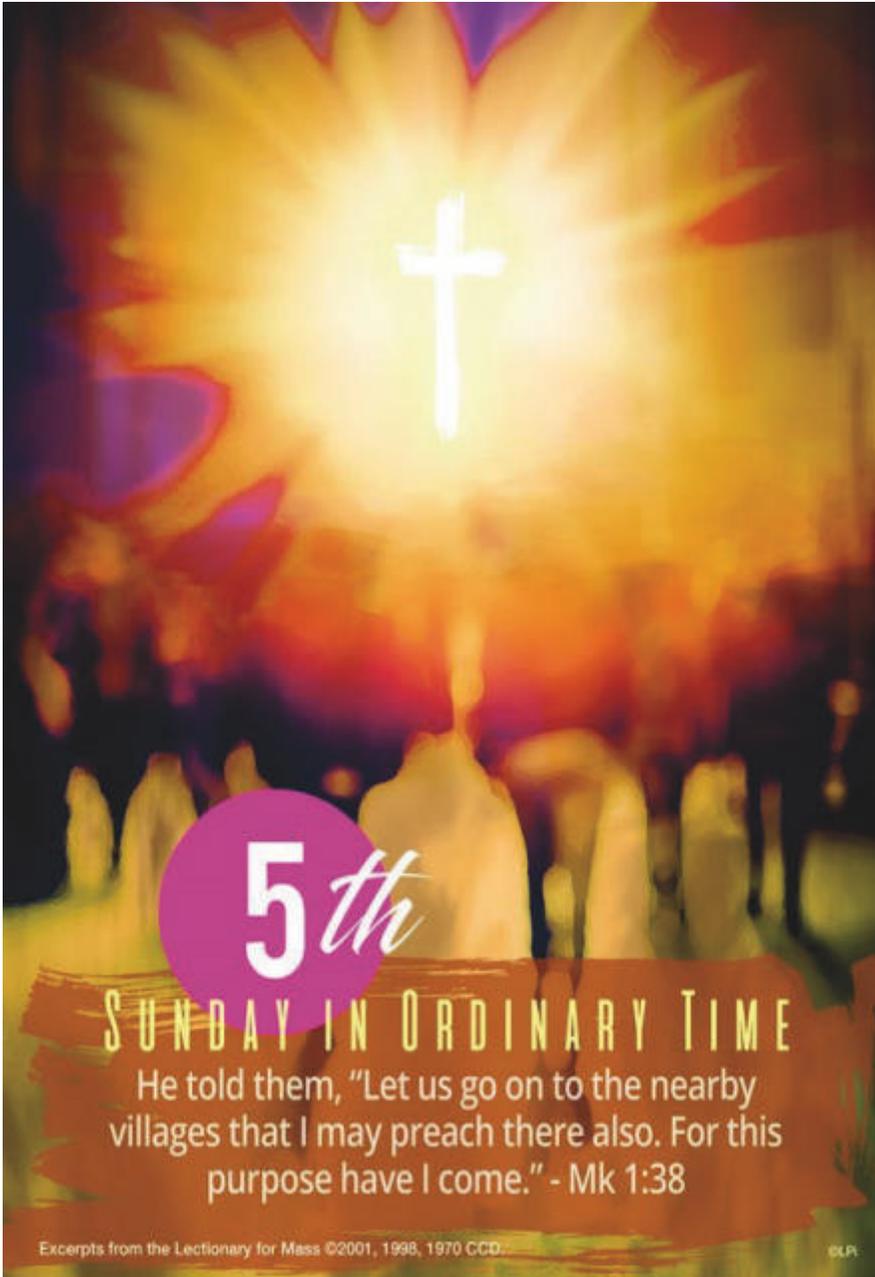




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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**Fifth Week in
Ordinary Time**

Next Week's Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Saturdays: 5:00pm

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am

30 Minutes prior to each Mass, the Holy Rosary will be prayed

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 pm

Mon-Fri - 7:30 am

Any time by appointment;

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St. Bernard Mission Statement

We offer support and strength through a community of strong traditions and rich friendships for people of all ages. We desire to build faith and knowledge in our Savior, Jesus Christ, to all who enter our doors. Come experience St. Bernard Catholic Community. Come be part of our mission to make Christ present in all we say and do.

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Announcements and other information for the Weekly Clairvaux are due by noon on the Friday nine days prior to the publication of the Weekly Clairvaux in which you desire to have your information published. Space is limited.

Please email requests

to stbernardchurch@hotmail.com.

2021 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

02-09-2021 \$25.00 Rowan Hrabovsky

02-12-2021 \$25.00 Laurie McNeil

02-14-2021 \$25.00 Jacob Rutten

February 8—St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Slavery has been outlawed in the United States since the 13th amendment was ratified in 1865. It was abolished in 1888 in Brazil and in 1926 by the League of Nations. In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the article: “No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.”

So what does this have to do with today’s saint? She was a slave. Bakhita, which means “fortunate”, was born about 1869 in southern Sudan, kidnapped at the age of seven, and sold several times as a slave. In 1883 she was sold to the Italian consul in Sudan and two years later “given” to his friend from Italy. She then became a babysitter to the friend’s daughter, joining the Church in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the friend wanted to take his daughter and Josephine back to Africa, Josephine refused, and the case went to court. The Patriarch of Venice and the Canossian sisters intervened the judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, Josephine had been free 1885! She joined the Canossian Sisters in 1893 and remained with them as a gatekeeper for a compound that included a kindergarten, orphanage, recreational center, and school until her death in 1947.

St. Josephine Bakhita had many owners, but only one Master. She wrote, “Seeing the sun, the moon, and the stars, I said to myself: who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a real desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage.” God is our master, but one who has set us completely free by saving us from sin through Jesus Christ. We are blessed beyond all telling!

If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Mueting’s Saint Weblog at: mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com

**Yours Truly,
Mr. Tim Mueting**

LAST WEEK’S GIVING

January 31st Collection	\$3350
Faith Direct Donations this period	\$0
YTD Total First Collections/Deficit Reduction Collections	\$248,865
YTD Required First Collections(\$8,100 per week)	\$243,000
YTD Performance First Collection [Collected-Required]	-\$2,835

2020 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION = \$21,586

YTD 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL = \$66,290

CHURCH ROOF DONATIONS = \$5,260 (Total Cost of repair is \$22,705)

NEW PARKING LOT FUND = \$10,935

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have generously supported the Archdiocese Annual Appeal. St. Bernard currently has reached 83.2% of it’s goal with 65 donors contributing a total of \$16,717. We are so grateful for your continued support.

Help Preserve the Beauty—Raise the Roof!

So far we have \$5,260 donated toward replacing our Church roof. We invite you to prayerfully consider a one-time donation to help meet our \$22,705 goal.



“Together We Can Do Great Things.” - Mother

SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 7, 2021

First Reading: I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
(Jb 7:4)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
(Ps 147) or Alleluia

Second Reading: I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel: He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

UNDIE SUNDAY IS HERE!

Thank you so much for all your generosity! May God bless you for your help for the poor! If you forgot to bring your "undies" this weekend please bring them sometime this week or next weekend. CFM (Christian Family Movement) members will be picking them up, sorting, and delivering them to the various shelters in the near future. Thank you again for caring for the poor of our community!

His Global Love Prayer Communities will livestream a Healing Mass on Wednesday February 10, 2021, beginning with praise and worship at 6:30 p.m. and Healing Mass to follow at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin Joyce from His Global Love and Fr. Michael Voithofer from Ablaze Worship Ministry will be leading and presiding. To view please go to :[<http://www.youtube.com>,] <http://www.youtube.com>, then type in "His Global Love" into the search bar and then click on live video for February 10, 2021 Healing Mass.

Gospel Meditation -Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold.

Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

Lenten Journey in the Word

Men and women of all ages and states in life are warmly invited to participate in a Lenten Journey in the Word, utilizing a daily Lenten Gospel Meditations book by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be weekly online meet-ups to share the journey with others. Technical support is available—email joe.valerieniemeyer@gmail.com. A limited number of books are available on the tables by the church entries, along with a handout for logging your daily devotions & graces. Sign up for one of the four available meet-up times on the clipboard, also at the church entries, OR sign up through this online form (type this link as the internet address): <https://forms.gle/6RrjKuyWqs4uKEVq5>

For those who want to commit to the daily devotions but cannot attend the meetings, we invite you to take a book and "make the journey" with another person (friend, family member, spouse) or group. Request support (tech or otherwise) at the email above if we can help you in any way. The gospel mediations are also available via email subscription from the Word on Fire website if the books run out. Please pray with us that this endeavor will bless our parish family! Contact any of the following people for more info: Valerie & Joe Niemeyer, Jodi Phillips, Sue Keyser (all in the parish directory).

School News

-Re-enrollment for current families is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Log into Sycamore to re-enroll.



-Feb. 8th-Children's Scholarship Fund applications open. Please contact the school office for more information.

-February 19th, 2021 is a Noon Dismissal.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 13th & Sunday, February 14th

President: Fr. Dan Wittrock

Deacons:

5:00pm: Deacon Paul Dreismeier

8:00am: Deacon Tim McNeil

10:00am: Deacon Chuck Sheik

Altar Servers

5:00pm:

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8:00am:

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EMHC's

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8:00am: NONE AT THIS TIME

10:00am:

Lectors:

5:00pm: Angela Chrystal

8:00am: Ella Jane Bailey* **

10:00am: Joe Mlnarik* **

*First Reading and Psalm (if no music)

*Announcements and Second Reading

St. Bernard School is looking for someone to help our Confirmation candidates for the 2022-2023 Confirmation cycle. We are in need of a volunteer who would be willing to make our students' Confirmation collars with the students' saint name on them. We would like to secure a volunteer this year so that they can learn from our current volunteer what is required! Thank you!

If someone you know is unable to attend Mass in person, but would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (402) 551-0269.

Baptism classes are held the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All new parents must take this class before having their first child baptized. Please call the Parish Rectory to register—(402)551-0269



SVDP CORNER

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 7th – February 14th

Sunday, February 7th:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Rita Kessler
10:00am Mass †Deacon Ed Osterhaus
St. Bernard Parish Family

Monday, February 8th:

Fifth Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Lucretia Gourley

Tuesday, February 9th:

Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †"For All the Souls in
Purgatory and Heaven".

Wednesday, February 10th:

Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00am Mass †Don & Barbara Fitzpatrick

Thursday, February 11th:

Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †"For the Souls of All
Who Have Taught at St. Bernard".
Heavenly Helpers Crew #4
Bev Mausbach, Colleen Rickabaugh, Karen Kafka,
Lino Thomas, Laretta Simon, Lisa Salcedo

Friday, February 12th:

Fifth Friday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Mike McGinness

Saturday, February 13th:

Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass †Donald Baldwin

Sunday, February 14th:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family
10:00am Mass †Deacon Ed Osterhaus



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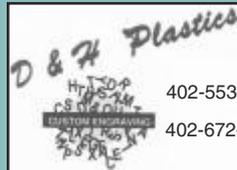
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