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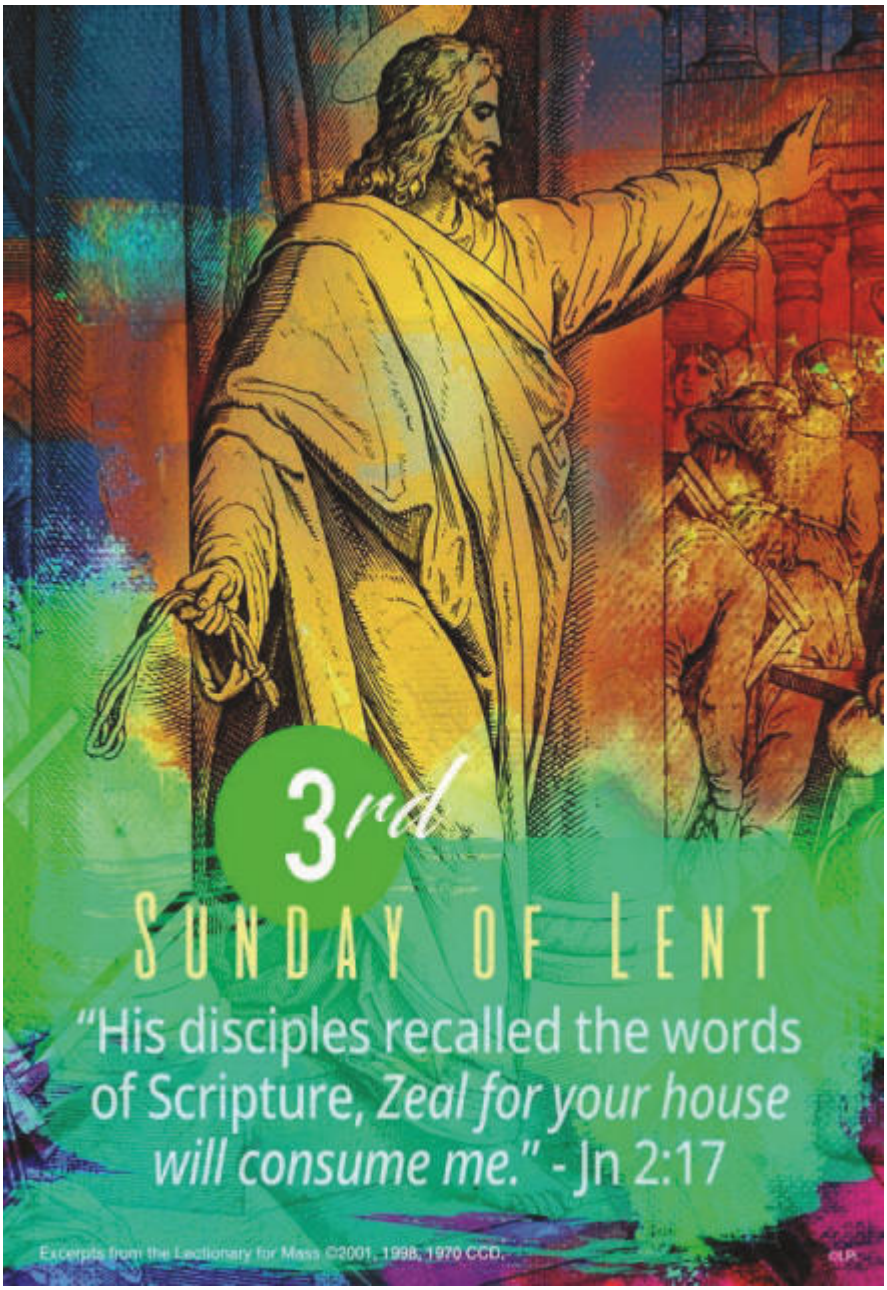

March 07 2021

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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;
Call: 402-551-0269

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

03-09-2021	$25.00	Ken Townsend
03-12-2021	$25.00	Candice McGrath
03-14-2021	$25.00	St. Bernard

March 9—St. Dominic Savio, Holy Man

To call St. Dominic Savio a holy man is a bit of a stretch. He was only 14, or about the age of a freshman in high school, when he died from a lung problem in 1857. Fourteen and yet he was a saint of God, living a holy life among boys his own age. He started following St. John Bosco with his desire to become a priest. He even founded a group called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which was dedicated to prayer and work. He did not accomplish great feats, but he knew how to pray and love.

Can a junior high or high school student be a saint? Why not? We are all called to holiness at every age of our lives. Children and youths have a natural turn to idealism. They are looking for something and someone to which they can dedicate themselves. That something is love and that someone is Jesus! Adults need to foster the innate desires of holiness, kindness, self-discipline, firmness of purpose, loyalty, friendship, generosity, forgiveness, and love to help them to grow to become the saints that God has called them to be. We also need to let them be role models to adults, as St. Dominic Savio is.

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

February 28th Collection	$3,882
Faith Direct Donations this period	$0
YTD Total First Collections/Deficit Reduction Collections	$274,864
YTD **Required** First Collections($8,100 per week)	$283,500
YTD Performance First Collection [Collected-Required]	-$8,636

YTD 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL = $66,600

CHURCH ROOF DONATIONS = $16,955 **(Total Cost of repair is $22,705)**

NEW PARKING LOT FUND = $10,935

(These funds cover the $35,000 Initial Expense, plus future Maintenance Costs)

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have generously supported the Archdiocese Annual Appeal. St. Bernard currently has reached 93.6% of it's goal with 68 donors contributing a total of $18,822. We are so grateful for your continued support.

Help Preserve the Beauty—Raise the Roof!

So far we have $16,955 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 Teresa

SUNDAY'S READINGS
March 07, 2021

First Reading: In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading: For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

Gospel: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

CUPCAKES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S IRISH HOOLEY, "COVID-STYLE" TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BAKE A DOZEN CUPCAKES FOR OUR TAKE-OUT DINNERS, PLEASE CALL ROSE AT THE RECTORY, 402-551-0269.

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS OR RAFFLE PRIZES FOR OUR UPCOMING IRISH HOOLEY. YOU MAY DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY OR CALL 402-551-0269 FOR PICK UP.

St. Bernard Parishioners:

On behalf of myself, Pat and Chris, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers and thoughts on the passing of my daughter Cassandra (Cassie) Sheik. Your presence at the services along with your cards, was very comforting and you will never know how much they meant to us. We have been blessed to be part of your family at St. Bernard's these past 6 years. May we all go out and share our love for God with the people God puts in our lives, like Cassie did. -Deacon Chuck Sheik

Please be aware that random texts and emails have recently been sent out with Father Dan's name attached to them. These messages include an ask for gift cards/money. These are fraudulent messages. Please disregard these messages if you happen to get them.

Gospel Mediation—Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture.

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct sems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or half-hearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and Ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

St. Bernard Refugee Committee—

Once again the St. Bernard's Refugee Committee will be accepting your donations of household and furniture items for use by refugees being resettled in the Omaha community. We want to thank you in advance for helping people who arrive here in Omaha without the basic necessities. If you are unable to deliver your donations to our storage facility, we will be happy to pick them up from you. Please call Bob at 402-571-8068 or Dick at 402-572-8211 if you wish to donate.

School News

Our service project for Lent is a St. Vincent de Paul personal care product drive. Our food pantry won't turn away non-perishable food, but right now they are in desperate need of personal care products such as: toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. This will run until March 31st.

Thursday, March 11th: Noon Dismissal
Friday, March 12th: No School Day!
Saturday, March 13th: Irish Hooley
Monday, March 15th: No School Day!

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 13th & Sunday, March 14th

Presider: Fr. Dan Wittrock

Deacons:

5:00pm: Deacon Tim McNeil
8:00am: Deacon Chuck Sheik
10:00am: Deacon Paul Dreismeier

Altar Servers

5:00pm:

NONE AT THIS TIME

8:00am:
10:00am:

EMHC's

5:00pm:
8:00am: NONE AT THIS TIME
10:00am:

Lectors:

5:00pm: Laurie McNeil
8:00am: Ella Jane Bailey* **
10:00am: Kim Mohr* **

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*First Reading and Psalm (if no music)
*Announcements and Second Reading

St. Bernard Child Care is NOW HIRING!

St. Bernard Child Care is now hiring for full and part time positions. Please contact Alexandra Frahm at (402) 556-4161 or by email at AFRAHM@STBERNARDOMAHA.ORG if you or someone you know is interested.

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.

Lenten Parish Penance Service

We will have a Lenten Parish Penance Service on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3pm.

SVDP CORNER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked, "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. Our helpline number is 402-690-9432.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
March 7th—March 14th

Sunday, March 7th:
3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family
10:00am Mass †Herbert Andrews

Monday, March 8th:
3rd Monday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Don & Barbara Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, March 9th:
3rd Tuesday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Paul A. Goodroad

Wednesday, March 10th:
3rd Wednesday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Angela Owens

Thursday, March 11th:
3rd Thursday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Alvin & Arvilla Sheik
Heavenly Helpers Crew #3
Ceil Zuerlein, Mary Mello, Rita Hatcher, Sharon Hrabovsky, Judy Frakes, and Don Reding

Friday, March 12th:
3rd Friday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Mike Mausbach
6:00pm Mass †Mary & Michaela LeClair

Saturday, March 13th:
3rd Saturday of Lent
5:00pm Mass †Deacon Ed Osterhaus

Sunday, March 14th:
4th Sunday of Lent
8:00am Mass †Bob & Peg Gehringer
10:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family

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