



# Weekly Clairvaux

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A composite image featuring two distinct sections. The top section is a pink banner with the text "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" in white, where the letter "M" is partially obscured by a large, stylized pink heart. The bottom section is a dark purple banner with the text "6th Sunday OF EASTER" in white, with "6th Sunday" written in a cursive script and "OF EASTER" in a bold, sans-serif font.

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

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MAY

09

2021

6TH WEEK OF  
EASTER

## 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.

## Pastor

### **Reverend Daniel L. Wittrock**

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Tim & Laurie McNeil

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Please email requests to [stbernardchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stbernardchurch@hotmail.com).

## 2021 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

05-11-2021	\$25.00	Sam DePetro
05-13-2021	\$75.00	Caitlyn & Jake Maines
05-14-2021	\$25.00	St. Bernard Parish
05-16-2021	\$25.00	Alecia Filbrandt

## **May 13—Our Lady of Fatima**

Mary is honored throughout the liturgical year. Her appearance to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 is celebrated this month. Her message to them and to us was simple: Pray! Pray the rosary for world peace, the end of WWI, sinners, and the conversion of Russia. May 13 was also the date when Blessed John Paul II was attacked by a would-be assassin's bullets in 1981. He attributed the savings of his life to the intervention of Mary and gave one of the bullets to the bishop of Leira-Fatima, who had it placed in the crown of the statue of Mary.

Mary leads us to Jesus. She has always led us to Jesus, whether it was at Cana, at the foot of the cross on Calvary, or in appearing to three children at Fatima. She is our mother and she wants only what is best for us, Jesus. If we listen to her and pray for her intercession, we will find the reward that has already been given to us, salvation through Jesus Christ. May we remember to pray to Mary and through Mary to Jesus this May.

**If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Mueting's Saint Weblog at: [mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com](http://mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com)**

**Yours Truly,  
Mr. Tim Mueting**

## **LAST WEEK'S GIVING**

May 2nd Collection	\$3,502
Faith Direct Donations this period	\$0
<b>YTD Total First Collections/Deficit Reduction Collections</b>	<b>\$352,240</b>
<b>YTD Required First Collections (\$8,100 per week)</b>	<b>\$356,400</b>
<b>YTD Performance First Collection [Collected-Required]</b>	<b>-\$4,160</b>

**2021 EASTER COLLECTION = \$12,758**

**YTD 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL = \$66,900**

**CHURCH ROOF DONATIONS = \$20,655 (Total Cost of repair is \$22,705)**

**NEW PARKING LOT FUND = \$11,135**

(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 97.1% of its goal with 71 donors contributing a total of \$19,517. We are so grateful for your continued support.

## **Help Preserve the Beauty—Raise the Roof!**

So far we have \$20,655 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

May 09, 2021

**First Reading:** "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

**Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

**Gospel:** "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

### *Gospel Meditation—Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them.

Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

### *Happy Mother's Day!*

As we did two years ago, we'll be helping Essential Pregnancy Services with expenses they incur offering services to women in need such as:

- Professional Counseling
- Parenting support: this includes education and learning opportunities, material assistance via the baby boutique, event opportunities, and more!
- Education & Learning: EPS offers monthly classes in both English and Spanish to help clients work toward individual and family self-sufficiency.
  - Adoption referrals and other resource information.

Please pick up an empty baby bottle at a church entrance; after adding your donation, plan to return it in a month. Later returns will be taken to them on receipt. Thank you for helping these mothers!

Please welcome our newest members of the Parish as they were recently baptized:



Benson Frahm  
Althea Frahm  
James Mori  
Colt Leslie



### PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank you and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen

### Everyday Stewardship—Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment—and it you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest. I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship—they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it would never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top—maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines—is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying patient, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice. Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

### School News

-Monday, May 10th—Dine out Night at Panda Express on 72nd and Sorensen. (20% of event sales will be donated to the school.)

**New School Website**—[www.stbernardomahaschool.org](http://www.stbernardomahaschool.org)  
Parishioners identified opportunities to attract younger families to our school, based on our last Parish Survey (Jan. 2019).

A New school website helps us accomplish this mission, thanks to an *Ignite the Faith Excellence grant*.

If you know of families who may be interested in St. Bernard School, please share this news with them!

## Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 15th & Sunday, May 16th

Presider: Fr. Dan Wittrock

### Deacons:

5:00pm: Deacon Chuck Sheik

8:00am: Deacon Paul Dreismeier

10:00am: Deacon Tim McNeil

### 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: Angela Chrystal

8:00am: Beth Dankert-Babb\* \*\*

10:00am: Kim Mohr\* \*\*

\*First Reading and Psalm (if no music)

\*Announcements and Second Reading

Thank you to all St. Bernard Parishioners who generously donated to Ad Gentes Mission. So far, we have contributed **\$1,490** to sisters and novices providing an oasis of hope in Africa. If you missed your opportunity to buy a raffle ticket, please contact the Rectory to support this wonderful mission. Ad Gentes Missionaries will continue to serve as angels of evangelization and fight human misery, loneliness, violence and hunger for us.



### THIS WEEK'S HEAVENLY HELPERS CREW #2

DARLENE DREISMEIER, BILL MONAHAN,

GREG CRISMAN, LARRY STRAZDAS, AND

NORENE GRIEB

### SVDP CORNER

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

"It was a very warm afternoon when Jill and her 5 year old daughter showed up for a pantry. She had to take the bus because she has no car. She arrived with a plastic trash container on wheels so she could more easily take the items back to the bus stop and on to her apartment. I rolled the grocery cart out to her and was quickly going to go back into the Clairvaux when her daughter tapped me on the arm. She gave me a rather wilted violet and said thanks."

- A SVdP Volunteer

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**May 9th – May 16th**

*Sunday, May 9th:  
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family  
10:00am Mass †David & Jim Edwards

*Monday, May 10th:  
Sixth Monday of Easter*

8:00am Mass †Paul Wells

*Tuesday, May 11th:  
Sixth Tuesday of Easter*

8:00am Mass Don and †Armella Reding

*Wednesday, May 12th:  
Sixth Wednesday of Easter*

8:00am Mass †Don & Barbara Fitzpatrick

*Thursday, May 13th:  
The Ascension of the Lord*

\*Holy Day of Obligation\*

8:00am Mass † Deacon Ed Osterhaus

*Friday, May 14th:  
Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle*

8:00am Mass †Nettie Eames

*Saturday, May 15th:  
Sixth Saturday of Easter*

5:00pm Mass †Donald E. Baldwin, Sr.

*Sunday, May 16th:  
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Mass †Bob & Peg Gehringer  
10:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family

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