

St. Bernard and Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Churches

Merry Christmas!



January 1st is not a Holy Day
this year, as it falls
on a Saturday.
There will be **NO MASSES** on
January 1st. No 10am or 5pm
Mass. Mass times on
Sunday, January 2nd are
at 9am and 11am.



The Christmas Star

May the Light that shone
from the Christmas Star
On that night so long ago
Fall on you this Christmas night
and set your face aglow.
May it shine from your eyes.
May it rest in your mind.
May it burn in your Spirit bright.
May the Peace it spoke to a weary world.
Bring joy to your heart tonight.

December 26, 2021 / Holy Family



MASS SCHEDULE

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Sunday at 9am, Rosary at 8:30am

St. Bernard

Daily Mass

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7am

Wednesdays & Fridays at 9am

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5pm

Sunday at 9am and 11am

Rosary

Wed. and Fri. at 8:30am before Mass,

Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30am after Mass.

Monday at 9:30am at Planned

Parenthood.

Reconciliation

Sat. at 4:30 pm., Wed. at 9:30am.

Or by appointment.

Please remember to contact the office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.

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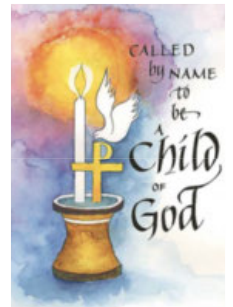
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ST. BERNARD MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2

Mass	9:00am	11:00am
Lector 1	NEEDED	S. Starr
Lector 2	NEEDED	R. Starr
Euch. M.	P. Davidson	L. Lynch
	P. Mueller	J. Gilfeather
	V. Zabrocki	NEEDED
Usher	J. Brown	K. Joyce
	B. Brown	G. Joyce
	J. Cavanaugh	B. Kujat
	A. Cavanaugh	A. Pickens
Sacristan	R. Brown	G. Rome
Pew Env.	McConnell's	J. Haider
Greeters	Front: MaryLou, Joey Daly: Karen	Front: Cheryl, John Daly:
Altar Servers	C. Fornshell C. Fornshell A. Fornshell	E. Gilfeather A. Gilfeather



Next

Baptism:

Sun. Jan. 9th
after the 11am
Mass

Please call to
schedule or
stop by the
office.



Reflection for the weekend

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi

Mass Intentions Dec. 28 - Jan. 2 & Readings For The Week

We join in prayer with those who have requested Masses to be said for their friends and loved ones:

Mon.
Tues. 7:00am †Caitlyn Walsh By Kevin & Jacinta Walsh
Wed. 9:00am †Abe Swartz By Dianne Fritch
Thurs. 7:00am †John Kiko By Tom & Lucy Harmon
Fri. 9:00am †Bill & Jean Swenney By Rumph Family

NEW YEARS DAY - NO 10AM OR 5PM MASSES

Sun. 9:00am †Dan Stenglein By Doug & Alice Stenglein
Sun. 11:00am Diana Achten By Jerry & Family

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sts. Cyril & Methodius: Sun. 9:00 *Int. Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius and St. Bernard's*



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory For Weekend of December 12, 2021

St. Bernard's.....\$20,069.48

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Diocese Raffle

Get in on the excitement. The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is holding the 2nd annual charity raffle from now until May 20, 2022. The five major prizes will be drawn live at the Moving Mountains Benefit the evening of May 20th at the Newbury in Great Falls. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the church office by cash or check. Debit card purchases (no credit cards) may be done online at www.diocesegfb.org. Stop by today and purchase your tickets. Next \$500 drawing will be January 15th.



Retrouvaille A Lifeline for Marriages Feb. 25-27, 2022

Married Singles Lifestyle - The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Thank You



Thank you to all those who helped during Advent by carrying an advent candle, ministered for Christmas Masses, decorated the church, cut down our trees: Fr. *David, John Moorhouse, Doug Hellekson, Loran Hansen, Frank Ewalt, and Steve Kuhlmann* for his land to find trees. Thanks also who helped with the Christmas Mailing: *Jim & Cynthia Finch, Trish Smith, Isabel Kudrna, Jeryl Macauley, Gary Splittberger, Mary Garrow, Patty Delaney, Dianne Fritch, Kay Danielson, Sharon Karlson, Alice Kenat, Char Sienko and Laurie Ewalt*. Also thanks to *Donna Ayers* and all her musician's, choirs, cantors and instrumentalists. We are so blessed.



ST. BERNARD'S PRAYER CHAIN:

To put a loved one on the prayer chain: Call: *Gladys Swoboda* at 259-8779

or Email: *Joanne Timm* at jstimm@aol.com.

(over 206 emails are sent out with the prayer requests).

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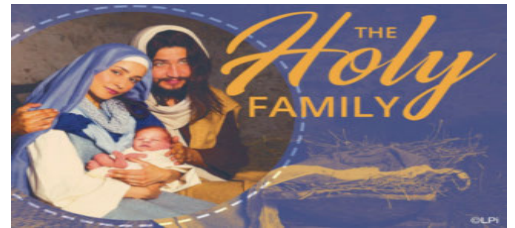
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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please pray for those struggling with illnesses:

Bernie & Lydia Kehrwald, Frank Kestner, Kevin Massick, Bitsy Merchant, Jim Orler, Laurel Parsons, Jim Ulrickson, Crystal West Jr., Debbie Witt.



Food Collection

Fill a bag for the Food Bank. Next Weekend Jan. 1 & 2 St. Bernard's. Thank You.

Consider giving some of these items: boxed milk, tuna, soups, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, water peanut butter, jelly, rice, cereal, bread, dishwashing detergent, ziplock bags, tomato sauce, fruit, ramen, baby food, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels. Maybe a can opener to open canned items.

Following in the Footprints of Christ!



Faith Formation K - 3

Join us as we see how God made us extraordinary. Classes are Mondays from 6:00-7:15pm or Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45pm.

NO CLASS THIS WEEK: Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We will see everyone for class again January 10th and 12th.

Nativity play! Thank you to everyone who helped with and was part of making the nativity play so fun this year!

RCIC: Next Class is January 12th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tim McDonald at 259-4350 or tmcDonald@stbernardblgs.org.

Sunday School during the 9am Mass for 3,4,5 year olds in St. Thomas classroom. NO Sunday School until Jan. 9th.

Youth Groups (Grades 4 - 12)

We do not have youth group this week but will start up again on January 11 and 12. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and we will see you after the break!

Middle School Retreat: March 4-6 we will be having a middle school retreat. This is a special retreat that is run by the college and high school youth of our parish. If you are interested in helping run the retreat or attending the retreat please turn your forms in by February 23.

New calendars: The new calendars for the rest of the school year are out. If you didn't get a calendar at youth group you can pick them up at the church.

Youth Group Times: 4th and 5th Grade Youth Group - Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:45pm / Middle School Youth Group - Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30pm / High School Youth Group - Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30pm

Questions: If you have any thoughts or questions about youth group please contact Brian Shea at 259-4350 or brians@stbernardblgs.org. We are always trying to make the program better and love to hear your thoughts and ideas.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process through which adults enter into the Catholic Church. Through discussions, prayers and reflection, you are accompanied on this journey of faith, with the RCIA team and the whole parish, allowing each person to develop a relationship with God.

Sessions Sunday's at 10am. We are eager to welcome you so contact: *Roy Brown* -

rcia@stbernardblgs.org

NO Class Dec. 26, Jan. 2 & 9.



There is a group for ages 3 (potty trained) on up. If you are interested or have questions

contact Donna Ayers at

dayers@stbernardblgs.org 406.294.3556.



Haiti News !

Thank you so much St Bernard's for your continued support of our Lady of Grace School in Desvarrieux. Your continued support means that so many children who wouldn't be able to go to school are able to attend. Their families are so grateful. You can always send a check in the mail clearly marked for the school or take it into the office. THANK YOU.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius News

Parish Council 1st Tuesday of Month - Sept. through May.

The **FIRST SUNDAY** OF EACH MONTH FOOD BANK SUNDAY.

January 2

Lectors W. Suralski
R. Fehringer
Music B. Wolfe
Sacristan A. Hofer



STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS
MINISTERS



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CCW Christmas Stockings

We would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to fill 420 stockings. CCW would also like to thank Turley Dental Care who graciously donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for all our stockings. We have made many children happy. Thank you Marion Von Rohr for making all the stockings.



St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for continued support of our Mission and the many programs we offer throughout the past year. We wish you and those you love a very Blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter Experience: We rediscover Jesus every year at Christmas and recognize the great gift He has given us. Why not share a weekend with your spouse and show them what a great gift they are to you? These weekends are a powerful time for you to focus on one another, reconnect and grow closer. Upcoming dates: Billings, MT Feb 4-6, 2022, Gillette WY Feb 18-21, 2022, Elk Mountain Apr 22-24, or visit the website at www.wwme.org for more dates. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org, email montana.dooleys@gmail.com or call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275.



LaVie's Fundraising Event with special guest, Tim Tebow, will be on March 17th, 2022. Thank you for being so patient over this past year and a half as we continuously revised our banquet dates due to COVID-19. We appreciate your support and continued partnership! We are pleased to announce that there are still a limited number of tickets available. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact LaVie. If you have previously purchased tickets and have not requested a refund, your seats are still reserved. Once the event is closer, you will be receiving an email with updated ticket information.



The beautiful Season of Christmas; -we know Baby Jesus is LOVE so we are in the beautiful Season of LOVE! Humans of all ages are healthiest when they are loved and are loving in return. To quote one of our dear departed priests, "How is your Love Life?" We are loving Christ, our children, our parents, our friends and neighbors and hopefully even those we really don't know or better yet those we don't really care for. So be REALLY healthy during this season and all year long and place a big emphasis on LOVE in your lives! And continue to have a Happy, Healthy, Holy Christmas Season.



Dear Friends,

Remember last year's Christmas? Reserving a spot for limited seating at Church, Mass in front of a computer for many. Families and friends gathering on Zoom. Shipping gifts. It was a bit unsettling.

The first Christmas at Bethlehem was the same. Mary was traveling with Joseph to Bethlehem for the Roman census; turned away from shelters, ending up in a stable with animals for the birth of Jesus.

We have less restrictions this Christmas. We'll share the feast of God's great gift of love more like we used to with gifts shared, home visits, friendships renewed, and church doors open.

Thanks for sharing your faith, encouraging one another and supporting St. Bernard's and Sts. Cyril & Methodius; we are in Communion with one another in the love of Jesus. A joyful Christmas for you.

Fr. Dave and Eli

Fr. Tom, Michael V.

*Mary, Jodi, Donna, Roy,
Brian, Tim, Priscilla,
Steve, Kathy*



The moment of prayer

That first moment when you pray to Lord,
That first ever thought
On this wonderful Christmas day,
Thank you Lord for showing me the way,
And making my life complete,
In every which way,
Thanks Almighty Lord for today,
Merry Christmas!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES

Please take a moment to fill out this form below and return it to the office or put in the offering basket and we will contact you about registering. *If you have an address change or phone change please so note below and turn into the office.*

Full Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____
Cell _____
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WELCOME!

We appreciate your coming to worship with us today; we hope you find warmth and hospitality here! If you are new to our community and want to join our parish, please call **259-4350** or stop by the office.

**Office Hours at St. Bernard's:
Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm & Fri 8am-noon**

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