

St. Bernard Catholic Community

December 20, 2020

Love



Advent

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass - Livestream
Keith Jones
11:00 a.m. Dorothy Kellner
6:30 p.m. O Antiphons

MONDAY, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. St. Bernard Students and their Families
Recitation of the Rosary
6:30 p.m. O Antiphons

TUESDAY, December 22

8:15 a.m. Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Recitation of the Rosary
6:30 p.m. O Antiphons

WEDNESDAY, December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 p.m. O Antiphons

THURSDAY, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

All Masses will be Livestream

4:00 p.m. Troy Neal
7:00 p.m. Peace
11:00 p.m. Madonna Karrer

FRIDAY, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. Mass - Livestream
People of the Parish

SATURDAY, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

4:00 p.m. First Responders

SUNDAY, December 27

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 a.m. Mass - Livestream
Madonna Karrer
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Parish Stewardship

Sunday Offering Received - Dec. 13	\$	14,679.00
Budgeted Amount for Dec. 13	\$	12,115.00

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her." Luke 1:38

It is through Mary's "YES" that the promise of the prophets finds fulfillment. Mary serves as a role model for all stewards.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following parishioners who are celebrating 70+ years!

Clarence Schulz, Dec. 20	Ruth Thomas, Dec. 20
William Brinly, Dec. 22	William Tyra, Dec. 22
Janet Joyce, Dec. 23	Ronald Hadorn, Dec. 24
Eunice Luckett, Dec. 26	Luis Prada, Dec. 26

Preparing for Next Week

The Holy Family

Respect for Elders

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "will your descendants be." (Genesis 15:5)

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 - Promise of a Great Nation
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 - The Faith of Abraham
Luke 2:22-40 - The Presentation of the Lord

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its oldest members?

Kids: Who are the oldest people you know and what can you learn from them?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Ann Bellingham, Margaret Blandford, Pat Bohannon, Robert Caseman, Joyce Downs, Pat Dwyer, Larry Fogarty, Fran Fox, Darlene Havel, Jackie Recktenwald Hazelrig, Annette Henry, Roxanne Hobbs, Pat Howell, Laura Hughes, Elizabeth Hunter, Joseph Jessel, Fred Kirsch, Mike Kreutzer, Peggy Kuchenbrod, Sonny Lucas, Chris Manning, John Manning, Nicholas Manning, Chuck McDonald, Richard Mohr, Carol Montgomery, Irene Mueller, Tom Newton, Caden O'Daniel, Karen Pierce, Doug Powers, Wayne Robinson, Tish Schaaf, Jean Seaman, Tony Senninger, Theresa Stopher, Nataley Thompson, Steve Tobbe, Mary Tyra, Tommy Walsh, Larry Warren, Betty Weber, Norma Wiedemer, Tom Wiedemer, Ken Woodburn, Jeremy Wooten.



TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The Catholic Education Foundation, the Archdiocese of Louisville and the funding partners are helping more families than ever who cannot afford the full cost of educating their children in a Catholic elementary school. All families with one or more children enrolled in or applying to a Catholic elementary school may apply.

Tuition assistance applications should be submitted between **December 15, 2020 and February 28, 2021**. A single form, the FACTS management application, will be used for all forms of Catholic elementary school tuition assistance. Families must use the online application on our website, **www.ceflou.org**.

To make the application process easier for families, you will submit your **2019** federal income tax return and **2019** W-2 information.

You must reapply for tuition assistance every year. Award letters will be mailed to families no later than June 15, 2021.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Our Long Range Planning committee has developed a survey that we would like for every parishioner to complete. Your input from this form will help our parish move forward in the direction that God needs us to go.

It is on a Google Form, and can be accessed using this link: <https://forms.gle/UhiTVwgLRdn6Ji8S8>

If you would rather fill out the survey by hand, copies are available in the Church, in the parish office and in the school office. Just fill them out and return to us by January 3.

Thanks for taking the time to share your beliefs about our parish with us!

2020 COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities next weekend. This collection supports the work of Catholic Charities of Louisville. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services, including the Sister Visitor Center, the Mother-Infant Care program, the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative to combat human trafficking, Migration and Refugee Services, Immigration Legal Services, Common Earth Gardens, Common Table, and the ID program for homeless through the Cathedral of Assumption's Daily Lunch Program. Thank you for your gifts to this collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville.

FLOCKNOTE

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Text STBLOU to 84576. After you go through the prompt, you will get a welcome message that says "Thanks for joining St. Bernard Louisville"

Scan the QR code.



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2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL BRINGING CHRIST TO OTHERS



Our Parish Target - \$65,200
Our Parish Participation Goal -
268 households

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. To date, we have raised **\$59,420** toward our goal through the support of **193** households. If you have not yet responded with a gift, please do so today. Gifts to the 2020 CSA can be made online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

KIRCHGESSNER FAMILY COLLECTION

St. Bernard will be collecting donations for the Kirchgessner family. A tragic accident in Panama City, Florida took the perfect, little lives of Addie and Baylor Kirchgessner, students at Notre Dame Academy. This collection will be used to support their parents, Matt and Lauren. Baskets will be placed in the back of church through Dec. 20, or you may drop off a donation at the parish or school office. Thank you for your generosity!

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries

Needs List

Cereal/Oatmeal

Crackers/

Canned Meats

Canned Fruits/

Canned Beans



Ravioli/Canned Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce/Mac-n-Cheese

Shampoo

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Bar Soap/Deodorant

Laundry Detergent

Dish Liquid/Gallon Zip-lock bags

We can use any food or toiletry items.

For more information call Chris at 502-762-9611

Thanks for your help in serving our
community!



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2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

During Advent, we await the One who is perfect grace, light, and joy. The Christ Child's arrival during a time when darkness has been increasing each day, and our anticipation of that arrival, emphasize his salvific role. For if even the smallest light is a glimmer of hope in the night, how much more is Christ's perfect and all-consuming light a life-saving flare in the darkness of sin and death. As we hear the angel Gabriel say of Christ, in his visitation to Mary: "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High ... and of his kingdom there will be no end." Emmanuel, God with us, is the reason for our hope, and the reason for our joy.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I don't know about you, but despite my best intentions, I have been known to get a little swallowed up in the commercialism of Christmas. But this last week of Advent feels like a chance to reorder my mind and heart. One way to do this is by focusing on the "O Antiphons," prayed during the Church's evening prayer from December 17-23. Each antiphon begins with the word "O," and is followed by a title for the Messiah, found in Scripture, and a petition for him to come and save his people. Although this may sound overly complicated, you most likely know of these without realizing it: they have been transposed into the verses of the hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Today's first reading speaks of David, who thought he could build a place for God to dwell, but he can't. Instead, for us, whom God created and fashioned in his own image, God created a dwelling for his Son, so that he might enter into our human history as one of us; and in doing so, dwell among us and within us forever. Come, Lord Jesus.

INVITE

When lighting the final candle on your Advent wreath, invite your family to help you make the prayer interactive. Focus on the lesser-known verses of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, such as the one below - it is an ancient prayer still very relevant today.

O King of the Nations

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of Louisville requires that all adults who work with children in our parish communities attend a "Honor Thy Children Safe Environment" training session and have a **background check**. Background check forms are available from Larry Abell. The following workshop dates are on the calendar. You do not need an appointment, just come 15 minutes early and register. **SESSIONS LIMITED TO 25 ATTENDEES**

Please note: Children are not allowed to attend this training.

Jan. 12 - 6:30 p.m. - St. Albert the Great - Parish Life Center

Jan. 13 - 6:30 p.m. - St. Gabriel - Gymnasium

PRO-LIFE SIGNATURE AD

Our church is invited to participate in a Pro-Life Signature Ad in memory of nearly 65 million babies aborted since January 22, 1973. The ad will run in the Sunday, January 24, 2021 statewide edition of the Courier-Journal. The ad is sponsored by Right to Life of Louisville. Please be part of this important message to Kentucky. Your name or family name will be added to the "signature" ad. \$5 is requested from individuals, couples or families to support the expensive media outreach. Please sign now and pay online at <https://krla.org/Louisville/SignatureAd> or send a check made out to RTL Louisville: 134 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, KY 40207.

QUEEN OF HEARTS



Do you want some extra cash? Want to try your luck? To participate in this parish fundraiser, visit this link to purchase your chance! <https://stbernardlou.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/QueenofHearts>. Choose a number at time of purchase. If your name and number is drawn on January 10, the card will be turned over. If it's the queen of hearts then the pot is split with you and the church. There will be a drawing the second Sunday of each month. The more chances you buy, the better your chances and the bigger the pot! Currently the jackpot is near \$3,900! Ky. Lic. #0122

Eliminated numbers - 5, 11, 13, 22, 23, 25, 41, 52

ST. BERNARD AUCTION 2021

Given the uncertainties we face from the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision has been made to hold the St. Bernard Auction 2021 virtually. The auction will open at the end of February and run for two weeks. We are beginning the process of securing the needed donations of goods and services to be offered at the auction. If you own a business, or have a contact with someone who does, we are asking you to consider a donation. This biannual event is a major fundraiser for our parish/school. Please be generous with your donations. Reach out to others who would be willing to help. Your help is greatly appreciated! If you have a question, or would like to make a donation, please contact Molly Williams at mwilliams@stbernardlou.com. Ky. Lic. #0122

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Shop now through December 31, 2020, for Christmas gifts, sacrament gifts or a personal read to help encourage your faith. **Be sure to use our code STBERNARDLOU, at checkout!**

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2020 YEAR-END GIVING

As 2020 draws to a close, please remember St. Bernard as you make your year-end gifts. All donations must be received in the Parish Office no later than noon on December 30 to be included in your 2020 statement. Thank you for your generosity to St. Bernard this holiday season and all throughout the year.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Child is a fund that has been established to help those who wish to have their children attend our school, but due to financial emergencies or circumstances need help in making that dream a reality.

School Lunch Program - The cost of school lunch for one child is \$70 per month. If you would like to make a donation of any amount, there are a number of ways to do this.

If you would like to give to either of these programs, please visit www.stbernardlou.weshareonline.org and choose the appropriate program or drop your contribution in a marked envelope into the weekly collection.

Your gift helps kids feel better and succeed as students. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Father Chuck or business manager Jim Parr.

ST. BERNARD TABLE OF ANGELS



We have got such an awesome faith community at St. Bernard! First of all, every angel--all 100 of them--were adopted within the first 10 days of when they were available. And we're pretty sure that it wasn't our imagination that this year's angel gift bags were heavier and more full than ever before! What generous and caring folks we have here in our parish/school community. With the help of our elves, we checked in EVERY angel gift bag on time! This is a first in the 29-year history of our Table of Angels outreach. We thank each of you for the example you set for your children. We thank each of you for "braving" the hazards of the existing pandemic. And we thank each of you for your big hearts and generosity! A special thanks, too, to our elves who help each year with checking in the gift bags and transporting them to FCHUM. We had a couple of new elves this year, and St. Nicholas even showed up to help pack five vehicles with gifts. And we cannot forget our St. Bernard Youth Ministry Coordinator, Carly Willman, and her group of students who shopped for angels with the donations that came in. Thanks one and all ... and Merry Christmas!! Karen & Tim Schenk

Advent/Christmas at St. Bernard

We wait in joyful hope...

Starting with the **Sundays of Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20)**

Take Note: Drive-thru communion time shortened to 9:30 - 10:00 AM.

Advent Eucharistic Adoration - Thursdays (December 3, 10, and 17)

Noon - 6:00 PM. Each will end with Benediction at around 6:10 PM.

Come when you are able or sign up for a set adoration time at

www.stbernardlou.com/eucharist

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 - all school Mass - 8:15 AM

Mass will be live streamed and drive-thru communion offered from 9:15 - 9:45 AM.

The "O Antiphons" each evening, December 17-23, 6:30 PM

(with the exception of Saturday, December 19, when they will begin at 5:30 PM.)

Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00, 7:00 and 11:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 AM

All Christmas Masses will be live streamed. On-site remote viewing areas will be set up for overflow guests who will not fit into Church because of safe distancing protocols.

Drive-thru communion offered on Christmas Day from 10:00-10:30 AM.

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

Thursday, Dec. 31 - 6:30 PM and Friday, January 1, 2021 - 9:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass will be live streamed and drive-thru communion offered from 10:00-10:30 AM.

All Sunday 8:30 AM Masses continue to be live streamed to both Facebook and our Youtube Channel



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NEW YEAR'S EVE FIESTA APPETIZERS Carry Out Only

St. Bernard will be offering Fiesta Appetizers from our own Dario Saldana for New Year's Eve. Dario's world famous queso, guacamole, and/or salsa, each accompanied by freshly fried chips, will be available.

Large orders are \$16 and will feed 12-15 people

Small orders are \$8 and will feed 6-8 people.

Please place your order by Dec. 29. Orders will be available for pickup on Dec. 31 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the gym. Pre-order on St. Bernard's website - <https://stbernardlou.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/NewYearsEveFiestaAppetizers>.

Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy Dario's appetizers!

What the **CARES Act** means for your charitable giving?



The purpose of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill provides increased tax incentives for charitable giving for both individuals and corporations to stimulate philanthropy throughout America.

Are you itemizing deductions?

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash contributions was increased for individual donors. For cash contributions made in 2020, you can now elect to deduct up to 100% of your AGI (increased from 60%).

Interested in corporate giving?

The AGI limit for cash contributions was also increased for corporate donors. Corporations can now deduct up to 25% of taxable income (increased from 10%).

Not itemizing?

The CARES Act allows for an additional, “above-the-line” deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to \$300. If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, you can claim this new deduction.

Wondering about your Giving Account?

Both of these new incentives apply only to cash contributions to public charities and do not apply to contributions to supporting organizations or public charities that sponsor donor-advised funds. However, there have been no changes to existing deductions for contributions made into a donor-advised fund like your [Giving Account](#). This means you are still able to deduct up to 60 % AGI in cash and up to 30% AGI in appreciated assets contributed to a donor-advised fund.

Existing carry-over rules still apply, so if your donations in 2020 exceed your AGI deduction limits, you may carry forward excess deductions for up to five subsequent tax years. As always, donors should consult with their tax and legal advisors when considering their charitable giving.

What about IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)?

The CARES Act did not change the rules around the [QCD](#), which allows individuals over 70½ years old to donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity¹ annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income. However, under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100% of their AGI for cash charitable contributions. This effectively affords individuals over 59½ years old the benefits similar to a QCD; they can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100% of their AGI for the tax year.

If you're planning a large donation in 2020, this may be a smart strategy as long as you are between the ages of 59½ and 70½ and are not dependent on existing retirement funds.

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The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) ACT includes provisions to incentivize individuals and corporations to make cash contributions to public charities in 2020.

Above-the-line deduction. Under prior IRS rules, if you do not typically itemize your deductions on your income tax return, you are not permitted to take a charitable deduction for cash contributions to qualified charities. The CARES ACT, however, temporarily suspends this limitation. But only for the 2020 tax year. The CARES ACT has added a new above the line \$300 deduction for cash contributions to a qualified charity like St. Bernard. At a minimum, therefore, why not consider making a gift this year of at least \$300 to St. Bernard? The gift would be beneficial to you and to the parish.

Relaxed limitations on deductions for individuals. A second benefit of the CARES ACT is for those who DO itemize deductions. The CARES ACT increases the allowable deduction for cash contributions to a qualified charity like St. Bernard to **100% of your adjusted gross income**. This, too, however, is for the **tax year 2020 only**. For example, if your charitable donation in 2020 to St. Bernard matched your AGI (adjusted gross income) dollar for dollar, you would have no taxable income in 2020. Additionally, if your contribution in 2020 were to exceed your AGI, the CARES ACT allows you to carry forward the excess and utilize that excess amount over the following five tax years, but only at the 60% rate, not the 100% deduction allowable for this year only.

Relaxed limitations on deductions for the companies/corporations. For corporate taxpayers, the CARES ACT increases the limitation for cash contributions to qualified charities to 25% of taxable income in 2020. The corporation can also carry forward and utilize any excess amount over the following five years, but at the normal rate in subsequent years.

Additional tax planning opportunities:

Contribution of publicly traded stock. Individuals who donate publicly traded stock, if held longer than one year, can deduct the fair market value of the stock as a charitable contribution. Additionally, if the publicly traded stock has appreciated in value, individuals do not need to report the gain as income on their tax return.

Qualified Charitable Distribution from IRAs. Individuals who are 70 ½ may exclude up to \$100,000 each year of otherwise taxable IRA distributions if the distribution is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity like St. Bernard.

The above is general guidance only on potential tax saving opportunities in 2020. (Please consult your tax attorney or CPA about how the above can apply to your personal situation.)

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Office hours

Mon. - Fri 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Parish email address

stbparish@stbernardlou.com

Sacrament Preparation (Youth) - For information on sacrament preparation for youth (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) or for adults interested in completing their Sacraments or learning more about the Catholic Way of life please contact Cyndi Marlow in the parish office at 239-5178.

Visit us at www.stbernardlou.com

INFANT BAPTISMS (0-6)

The Rite of Infant Baptism for children, ages 0-6, is celebrated quarterly. Please contact Tiffany Sizemore, 836-0980, or tansizemore@gmail.com, to register and begin the process. Parish membership and attendance at a preparation class are required. Children above the age of 6 and adults seeking baptism should contact Cyndi Marlow in the parish office, 239-5178 to inquire about the RCIA process.

Marriage

Please call Fr. Chuck Walker at 239-5178, ext. 131 at least 6 months before the intended wedding date to allow an adequate amount of time for marriage preparation.

New Member Registration

When moving into our parish, please call the Parish Office at 239-5178 for information on new member meetings and the registration process.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated on Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m., or by appointment, 239-5178. Communal celebrations with area churches are held seasonally. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Arrangements for home reception of Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick are made by calling Denise Meyer, 239-5178, ext. 128. Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or enters a nursing facility.



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