

SAINT BERNARD

January 1, 2012

Octave of Christmas,
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Parish



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:00 am

PARISH HAPPENINGS

No Coffee and Donuts Sunday, January 1.

The Nursery will not be available Sunday, January 1.

BAG COLLECTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
Please pick up a bag from the Narthex after church this Sunday and bring it back with your donations next Sunday, January 8. The Clothes Closet/St. Vincent de Paul is the recipient. A list of needs is attached to the bag.

CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word
Children 4 through the 4th grade are invited to **participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word** next Sunday, January 8, during the 10:00 Mass.

*Wishing you a Blessed
&
Happy New Year*

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. This may be to honor God or thank him for blessings received. Mass intentions are often offered for some person(s) living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic. Mass intentions can also be for a special purpose. Dates available in January are: January 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 29.

The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass. Stop at the Parish Office or call the Parish Office, 739-0331, to reserve your special date.

Lighthouse CDs

Lighthouse CDs with a number of topics are available in the Narthex. Use your drive to work as a time to learn more about your catholic faith. A \$3 donation is appreciated.



Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

The Norbertine Center for Spirituality, St. Norbert Abbey, 1016 N. Broadway, De Pere is committed to offering spiritual educational opportunities for adults. The new Norbertine Center for Spirituality Winter-Spring-Summer 2012 offering catalogue is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Parish Office. You are welcome to see if there is something you may be interested in.

Readings for Sunday, January 8
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-6/Mt 2:1-12

Prayer Room A group of people will be available to pray with you in the Marian Chapel after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses.

Every Sunday the Hmong Community gathers in the Lounge to celebrate the 10:00 am Mass.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

4:30 pm Mass Living and Deceased Members of St. Bernard Parish

Sunday, January 1

8:00 am Mass *Octave of Christmas Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
10:00 am Mass Frank Moran
Thomas Bedore

Monday, January 2

No Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 am Mass Leon Nolden

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 am Mass † Marcella Band

Thursday, January 5

8:00 am Mass † Leo Griesbach

Friday, January 6

8:00 am Mass *First Friday*
Living and Deceased Members of St. Bernard Parish

Saturday, January 7

4:30 pm Mass Rebecca Maher
Living and Deceased Members of St. Bernard Parish

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Mass Al Krizeneky Family
10:00 am Mass Craig Wheeler

† Indicates the Rosary is said before or after Mass

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION/BENEDICTION

Friday, January 6, is First Friday. Mass will be at 8 am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:30 until Benediction at 9:30 am. During this time we remember those who passed away last January:

Herbert Schmidlin, Virginia Flanigan, James Gustman, John Schwalbach, Roland Piette, Grace Brown, Martin Van Ryzin and Adele Cournoyer

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-8:30 pm. Families who are planning a Baptism in the near future should call or stop by the Parish Office to register for classes. All parents need to attend a preparation session before the celebration. We encourage you to attend even before your child has arrived.



View the bulletin on-line at www.stbernardappleton.org

ADULT & YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Faith Formation, K-8, 4:30/6:30
Confirmation - Candidate and Sponsor, 6:30 pm.
St. B's Café, 5:45-6:30.

Help St. Bernard By Using SCRIP

Consider purchasing Scrip for the gas and groceries you **purchase every week.** We carry Coppers/Pick'nSave, Festival, Woodmans, Kwik Trip and Express Gas gift cards and we can also pre-order gift cards for many other stores. Place your order one weekend and pick up the following weekend.

In the four months we have offered scrip we have sold \$47,900 worth and made a profit of \$3,117. Thank you for your continued involvement.

Volunteers are needed to help sell Scrip. You would only need to volunteer one weekend a month (after Mass) or at the Wednesday Night Cafe. To volunteer or for more information, call Darlene at 739-5296 or Tim at 731-2258.

NEW SMALL GROUP AFTER 50 SPIRITUALLY EMBRACING...

A new small group based on the book, "After 50 Spiritually Embracing Your Own Wisdom Years" by Robert Wicks will be held on January 22, 29 and February 5 after the 8 am Mass in the Small Group Room. The group is open to all ages but especially to those 50 and older. The book encourages readers to seek and embrace God as the center of their lives, to care for others and to nurture their lives in simple ways. To learn more, call Gerri at 739-2538.

St. Bernard Gift List

The Parish maintains a Gift List with items that are not covered in the regular budget. If you would like a copy of the Gift List, stop at the Parish Office.

Landscaping	\$300 (remainder of the cost for landscaping done this fall)
Round Folding Tables	\$155 each
Long Folding Tables	\$90 each
Cart for Folding Chairs	\$245

Project Andrew Dinner with Bishop David Ricken

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 pm Mass followed by supper **and discussion at the Bishop's Residence, 1925 S. Webster St., Green Bay.** The event is for H.S. juniors, seniors and older who may be interested in a vocation to the priesthood. RSVP by January 9th to Fr. Schuster, 920-272-8289 or vocations@gbdioc.org.

Pro-Life Corner

Diocesan Respect Life Mass with Bishop David Ricken, 7:00 pm, St. Pius Catholic Church, Appleton, Wednesday, January 18. For more information contact the Respect Life Office, 920-272-8271 or cpallini@gbdioc.org.

SATURDAY SCRIP SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Scrip sales have been going extremely well and we now offer scrip after the 4:30 Mass on Saturdays. We need volunteers to handle the sales. We only ask that you volunteer one Saturday a month (approximately one half hour after the 4:30 Mass). To volunteer or to learn more, contact Darlene at 739-5296.

*May the kindness you've given others
return many times to you.*

*May hope, love, and warmth
be in your heart's possessing,
and may the New Year
bring you and yours many blessings.*

Happy New Year

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 31

Alanon, 10:00 am.....Janssen Center

Sunday, January 1

Monday, January 2

Parish Office and Parish Buildings are Closed

Tuesday, January 3

Social Justice Group, 6:30 pm.....Room 111

Wednesday, January 4

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 pm.....Janssen Center

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 6:30 pm.....Janssen Center

St. B's Café, 5:45-6:30.....Parish Hall

Faith Formation, K-8, 4:30/6:30

Confirmation students/sponsors, 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

Adoration 8:30 am/Benediction 9:30 am

OA Group, 10:00 am....Room 112

Parish Office closes at Noon

Saturday, January 7

Reconciliation, 9:00 am.....Church

Alanon, 10:00 am.....Janssen Center

Sunday, January 8

Service Sunday after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses

Parish Office /Parish Buildings closed

Monday, January 2, the Parish Office and the Parish Buildings will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

St. Bernard & St. Philip Parishes of Green Bay present
Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle.

Features a 3-night Cruise to the Greek Islands and to Turkey, October 17-28, 2012. Escorted by Fr. Dave Pleier. Inside cabin, double \$3,749 pp; Outside cabin, double \$3,849 pp. Information meeting at St. Bernard, 2040 Hillside Lane, Green Bay, January 16, 6 pm, in the Parish Office or call Fr. Dave Pleier, 920-468-4811

Please mail bulletin articles to the Parish Office, attn. K. Hanks, or email khanks@stbernardappleton.org by 5:00 pm Monday. Space is limited; we reserve the right to edit the copy.

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 Faith Formation Office..... 920-739-8912
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 Pastor..... Father Dennis Ryan
 Deacons..... Maury Reed, Bob Vincent
Shuying (Joe) Vang and Mike Eash
 Director of Liturgy and Music Rhonda Uschan
 Director of Faith Formation Maurine Overesch
 Elementary Coordinator Kathleen McDonald
 Youth Minister Mary Snyder
 Volunteer Coordinator..... Julie Kresal
 Visit www.stbernardappleton.org for a complete staff listing.

Sacraments and Prayer Needs

Confessions..... Saturday, 9:00 am
 Baptisms Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for classes and Baptism.
 Wedding Arrangements made six months in advance
 Communion Calls Call the Parish Office
 Urgent Prayer Requests
 please contact Delaine Van Linn 734-0538
 Adult Confirmation/Becoming Catholic.....
 please contact Father Dennis at the Parish Office
 Nursery.....10:00 Sunday Mass
 Small Groups website www.oursmallgroups.com
 Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:00
 Friday.....8:30-Noon

“Welcome and inspire ALL to share Christ's love through FAITH and SERVICE”

ELSEWHERE

St. Vincent de Paul of Appleton is hosting **“A Morning Reflection with Nancy Bourassa” at 9 am, Thursday, January 12** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 222 E. Fremont St. The **topic is “Are You a Witness for Justice?”** The morning event is open to all St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and their friends. Lunch is included. Reservations are required. Contact Jean Peerenboom, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer coordinator, at 739-1679 or volunteer@svdpappleton.org.

Ecumenical Prayer Service, 7 pm, January 25, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 139 S. Madison St., Green Bay. Come pray together for the unity which Jesus prayed for so fervently. A social gathering with light refreshments will follow in the Bishop Aloysius Wycislo Center.

Fr. John Girotti, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, is coming to Friendship Hall at Holy Cross Parish in Kaukauna on Thursday evening, January 19, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. **Fr. John’s dynamic and challenging presentation will teach us about the beauty of the Catholic faith, as well as how to defend our faith to others.** This exciting presentation is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. Join us in learning to better understand our faith. Holy Cross Parish is located at 309 Desnoyer St. in Kaukauna. You can park in the Sarah Street lot and enter through the doors that say Friendship Hall. To register, please call Sheila Schaut at the Diocesan Dept. of Education (toll-free at 1-877-500-3580), ext. 8276, or e-mail her at sschaut@gbdioc.org.

Stewardship Reflection

It is interesting that today, a day on which we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we hear very little about Mary in the readings.

Mary plays a vital role in Salvation History, and today we celebrate a key part of that role. But when we reflect on what it means for Mary to be the Mother of God, when we ponder her importance in the life of the Church, she brings us back to **her Son, the focal point of today’s readings, the focal point of Salvation History, the focal point of the Church’s life.**

Indeed, all of the Church’s doctrines pertaining to Mary, while they speak of Marian truths, actually emphasize a truth about Christ and bring us into a deeper understanding of who Christ is, and, we can be sure, that’s how Mary would want it to be. After all, when the angel declared to Mary that she would conceive the Lord and she gave him her **“yes,” she surrendered her will to the Father. She gave Him her life and became the first disciple - the first steward - living her life in complete selfless service for the Lord.**

Her title, “Mother of God,” speaks of a profound truth about her Son. It tells us that, from the moment of His conception, Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man. It is a mystery and one we must believe as Catholics. And, today, as we honor Mary for her role in our salvation, we are called to ponder this mystery, to come to a deeper understanding of the reality of the incarnation.

We are also called as stewards to follow in Mary’s footsteps. She is the first disciple. And, as Christ’s disciple, she has given herself in service to Him. May we all follow suit. Like hers, may our lives be ones that proclaim Christ to others. Through what we say and do, through the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure, may we bring others closer to Christ, just as Mary does.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL SHARING

	Week	Fiscal YTD	Total
*Envelope	25,475	YTD Actual Envelope	379,548
Weekly Target	16,058	YTD Budget Envelope	417,500
		*Envelope Over/(Under)	(37,952)
Loose	2,167	YTD Loose	16,140
Budget Loose	731	YTD Budget Loose	19,000
		Loose Over/(Under)	(2,860)



WELCOME WEEKEND

at St. Bernard Parish
January 21 & 22

All are Invited

Refreshments served after all Masses. A full breakfast with egg rolls is served after the 10:00 Mass.

The 10:00 Mass on Sunday will be a bilingual Mass with a song sung by Hmong singers and readings in Hmong.

Be sure to invite friends and family to this special event.



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary Joseph and the infant lying in the manger.

MEN OF ST. BERNARD PARISH

JANUARY 17 - KICK-OFF EVENT, 6-8 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: FR. WILLIE VAN DE LOO
ALL MEN OF ST. BERNARD ARE INVITED

Check-in is from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm.
Refreshments and a pizza dinner will be served.

Please call the Parish Office and let us know that you are planning to attend. Questions can be directed to Tom VanLieshout, 858-5047.



JANUARY 8 IS SERVICE SUNDAY

Service Sunday is January 8 after the 8 and 10 Masses. Most projects take approximately half an hour. Projects will be: praying in Marian Chapel, taking Christmas decorations down in church and outside (allow half an hour to an hour), working on prayer shawls in the lounge and sorting clothing from the clothing drive for the Community Clothes Closet and St. Vincent de Paul.

No sign-up needed. Just come after Mass.



Life in the Spirit Seminar

This seminar is for all who desire a deeper personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is intended to be a faith-building experience and will be conducted in an atmosphere of prayer, praise and openness to the Charismatic gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12: 4-11).

(Green Bay Diocesan supported Charismatic Renewal)

When: January 9 - February 27, eight consecutive Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm. You are invited to come the first night to check it out and then decide.

What: A series of talks, discussions and praise of God leading up to individual prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Where: St. Bernard Parish Activity Center

For more information or to register contact Julie Kresal, 739-0331 or jkresal@stbernardappleton.org.



“I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God.” John 14:16