

SAINT BERNARD PARISH

January 10, 2010
The Baptism of the Lord

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*After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form
like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a*

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday, 7:00, 8:30 & 10:15 am

PARISH HAPPENINGS

THIS IS SERVICE SUNDAY

St. Bernard is holding a Service Sunday this Sunday so that you can *strive through service to live, grow and be challenged by the message of Christ*. You have the opportunity to stay after the 10:15 Mass and participate in a half hour service project in various areas of need.

CLOTHING DRIVE

If you have not returned your bag of clothing for the Community Clothes Closet and St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive you may still bring it early this week. Return your clothing donations to the Church entrance.



Thank You

“Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do onto me.” Matthew 25:45

A big "Warming Shelter" thank-you to all those who made it possible to house the shelter at the Janssen Center for two weeks. You are the heroes for those who have no place to go and no place to eat after all the public buildings close. Volunteer response was phenomenal even in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Thanks again!

Catholics Come Home

Would you like to feel more comfortable talking about our Catholic Faith? Consider attending a free workshop: Evangelization 101.

January 14 - St. Rafael, Oshkosh, 6:30-8:30 pm

January 26 - St. Paul, Combined Locks, 6:30-8:30 pm

You'll prayerfully consider the answer to the questions:

Why am I Catholic? Why do I attend Mass? What do I know about Jesus?

You will also get some practice talking to others in a safe and structured environment. Registration is requested to allow for enough handouts. Register by emailing EvangWorship@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8281.

If you need a ride, our parishioner, Larry Plaia, has offered to take riders to either workshop. He can take up to six passengers. Please call Larry at 558-4249.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to the families of the following people who were recently buried from St. Bernard: Karen Frenzel, Mary Martin, Gordon Schultz and Don Parker.

We also extend our sympathy to Jennifer (Chuck) Vander Linden and Gregg (Laurie) Schierl whose father recently passed away.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

All are invited to attend the Respect for Life Mass on Tuesday, Jan 19, 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, Appleton. Bishop Ricken will be the celebrant.

Next Sunday Readings
Is 62: 1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2: 1-11

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 10 & 17

BAPTISM CLASS MONDAY, JAN. 11, 6:30 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. The next class is Feb. 8.

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

There are a number of Mass Intentions available in January. Please stop at the Welcome Counter or the Parish Office if you would like a special Mass intention in honor of someone.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 7:00 am; Tuesday, Jan. 26, 8:00 am, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 8:00 am, Thursday, Jan. 28, 8:00 am, Friday, 8:00 am and Sunday, 8:30 am. The suggested Intention stipend is \$10.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
4:30 pm Mass Don Singler

Sunday, January 10

7:00 am Mass Members of St. Bernard Parish
8:30 am Mass LeRoy Melzer
10:15 am Mass Norbert Derridinger & Margaret Bell

Monday, January 11

✠ 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Mass ✠ Colleen Marsella

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am Mass ✠ Maurice Huhn

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am Mass ✠ Don Singler

Friday, January 15

8:00 am Mass ✠ Intention of Fr. Dennis Ryan

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
4:30 pm Mass Rosemary Lavering

Sunday, January 17

7:00 am Mass Don Singler
8:30 am Mass Members of St. Bernard Parish
10:15 am Mass Special Intention

PRESIDERS FOR MASSES ON JANUARY 16/17

4:30 pm Fr. Dennis 7:00 am Fr. Justin
8:30 am Fr. Dennis 10:15 am Fr. Dennis

PRAYER ROOM

“Come pray with others to share the joys and sorrows.”
A group of people will be available to pray with you after the 4:30, 8:30 and 10:15 Masses.

ADULT & YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Jan. 13, 4:30/6:30; Middle School 6:15 pm.

St. B's Café Menu: Chili and grilled cheese sandwiches.

First Eucharist Family Meeting, Jan. 16.

NEW GROUPS NOW STARTING

Crown Biblical Financial Study: Are you interested in learning how to get out of debt using Biblical principles? This study will be starting Sunday, Jan. 10, 6:30 pm in the Small Group Room. All are welcome to attend.

Young at Heart Bible Study: You are invited to get **together on a weekly basis as we explore Jeff Cavin's Great Adventure – Matthew Study.** Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, in the Small Group Room starting Jan. 13th.

The Faith Club: **This is a women's small group. If you are** interested in joining an open, intelligent discussion on different faiths and religions, come and join us as we study the book *The Faith Club*. Tuesdays, 10:30 am, Classroom 111 starting Jan. 12th.

(A second group has been opened for the Faith Club so there is plenty of room for more to join this group.)

For more info. on other available groups ask for the Small Group listing at the Welcome Counter, visit www.oursmallgroups.com or call Pam, 739-0331, ext. 319.

CRAFTY LADIES

After a well deserved break, the Crafty Ladies will begin meeting again on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 9:00 am in the Janssen Center. Anyone who enjoys crafts or would like to try their hand at creating crafts is welcome to join the group. They meet every Tuesday throughout the year except for a short winter break.



Divorce Support Group Beginning in January **"Wings Fox Cities" is a support group for those who have** been divorced or are presently experiencing a divorce. The 8 week series will begin on Sundays in Jan. at St. Bernard Parish. It will be an opportunity for sharing experiences and **information, using the resource "Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends" by Dr. Bruce Fischer.** The group is affiliated with the diocesan group, **"Green Bay Wings,"** and the facilitators have also experienced divorce. If you or someone you know would benefit from such a group, please call the Parish Office, 739-0331 at ext. 319, and ask for Pam.

Notes from your St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your food, clothing, and monetary donations during 2009. Your food donations helped St. Joseph Food Program feed the hungry. Your clothing donations helped the St. Vincent de Paul Store and Community Clothes Closet clothe the needy. And your monetary donations allowed us to assist numerous families in need when they visited us at the Parish Office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10

Hmong Mass, 10:00 am.....Activity Center

Monday, January 11

Baptism Class, 6:30 pm.....Lower Level Lounge

Card Players, 1:00 pm.....Janssen Center

Tuesday, January 12

Crafty Ladies, 9:00 am.....Janssen Center

Respect Life, 6:00 pm.....Room 112

Building & Grounds, 6:30 pm.....Janssen Center

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

Wednesday, January 13

Mission Group, 9:00 am.....Janssen Center

St. B's Café, 5:30 pm

Faith Formation, 4:30/6:30 pm; Middle School 6:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 14

Library-n-Lunch, 12:30 pm.....Library

Friday, January 15

The Parish Office closes at Noon

Saturday, January 16

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

First Eucharist Family Meeting

LIBRARY NEWS

Library-n-Lunch is Thursday, Jan. 14, 12:30 in the Library.

Theme: "Senior Safety During Cold Weather". There will be no Library-n-Lunch in Feb.

DVD's available: "The Story of Jesus for Children", #510; "The Pursuit of Happiness" #509; "Far From Home" (adventures of yellow dog), #508; and "Stand & Deliver", #507. Need questions answered, call 739-0331 and ask for Mary Kay in the Library.

Six Week Bible Study on Grief Starts Jan. 14

A six week Bible series focused on scripture passages related to the loss of a spouse will take place on Thursdays, 9-10:30 am, beginning Jan.14. Whether your loss has been recent or you have been living as a single person for a number of years, you are welcome. Bring a friend too! The people who attended the last few years found this a healing time to get to know others who have lost a spouse. Please call the office to register or just come; Any questions, contact Pam Mullins, 739-0331. We can help each other on the journey when we share our experiences.

Stewardship of Financial Sharing

	Week	Fiscal YTD	Total
Envelope	37,248	YTD Actual Envelope	462,537
Weekly Target	16,827	YTD Budget Envelope	454,327
		Envelope Over/(Under)	8,210
Loose	556	YTD Loose	18,621
Budget Loose	673	YTD Budget Loose	18,173
		Loose Over/Under	448

THE ST. BERNARD ENDOWMENT

What is an endowment? An endowment is a sum of funds that has been donated to an institution such as a Catholic Parish for a specific purpose. The principle of the endowment (the amount of funds that individuals have given over the years) remains intact while the interest is used.

At St. Bernard Parish the interest from our endowment is awarded in the form of grants to fund various programs and projects. Most of these programs and projects are internal, but outside groups with similar interests to St. Bernard Parish have received grants. St. Bernard Parish posts notices in the church bulletin when they are receiving grant requests. Our next grant request will be this spring.

Due to the recent economy the earnings on the endowment have not been as plentiful as in previous years.

Year for Priests

June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

ELSEWHERE

Parent Connection, a program of Family Services, offers the following: 1-2-3 Magic (for parents of children 3-12 years of age). A two week video-based behavior management workshop. Learn to STOP the behavior you don't want and START the behavior you do want, and how to deal with testing and manipulation. The workshop is offered on two Mondays in January: Jan. 18 & 25, 6-8:00 pm at the Family Resource Center, 1165 Appleton Road, Menasha. Child care is available with pre-registration. To register contact FRC at 886-0123 or library.crr@tds.net.

Passion Play Auditions Open auditions for an ecumenical cast for "The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play," will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, Xavier High School Fine Arts Center, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Adult and high school-aged performers of all levels of experience are invited to audition. The production will be performed at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre Mar. 25 - 28. Available roles include apostles, narrators, vocal soloists, dancers and chorus. For more information or to register for an audition, visit the show's website: www.newpassionplay.org. A complete list of needed onstage and backstage volunteers is available or call Xavier High School, 733-6632, for more information.

Administrative Assistant Position
St. Katharine Drexel (Kaukauan) Faith Formation Office has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. This position is 20 hours per week, 10 months per year - and requires the following skills: Proficient with computers, including Microsoft Office Suite; A self-starter who is energetic, a team player and with a pleasant personality; Excellent communicator with good organizational and office skills, Faith-filled Catholic, active in his/her faith. A person interested in this position should send a resume to St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Faith Formation Office, stkatharineparish@new.rr.com attention Jean Olson. Resumes must be in by Jan. 25.

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General email ... stbernard@stbernardappleton.org
Pastor Father Dennis Ryan
Weekend Assistant Father Justin Werner
Deacons Maury Reed and Bob Vincent
Pastoral Associate/Small Groups Pam Mullins
Volunteer Coordinator Julie Kresal
Faith Formation Director Jane Angha
Faith Formation Coordinator Lisa Hecht
Liturgy/Music Coordinator Lori Hebel
Visitation Pam Mullins
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 months in advance.

Weddings Arrangements made six months in advance
Communion Calls Call the Parish Office
Urgent Prayer Requests 739-0331

Adult Confirmation/Becoming Catholic
Please contact Father Dennis at the Parish Office.

Child Care Sunday Masses 8:30, 10:15 am
Small Groups website www.oursmallgroups.com

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:00
Friday 8:30-Noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Circles of Support Community. Volunteers are sought to participate in the growing Circles of Support initiative, a Goodwill Industries program which assists and supports ex-prisoner reentry into the community. Circles are presently operating in the Brown, Outagamie, Winnebago, and Fond du Lac counties.

Circles volunteers receive specialized training and come from all backgrounds: faith community, business community, neighbors, concerned citizens, civic organizations, etc. Circles volunteers meet as a group with ex-offenders to support their success in the community and help increase accountability. Variable time commitment of approximately once per week is asked of the volunteers. For more information or to inquire, please contact Danel Burchby, Community Circles of Support Coordinator, 968-6832 or email dburchby_gw@gwicc.org.

Peek into Preschool is an introduction to ACES Xaviers preschool environment. Sessions run 90 minutes and are filled with seasonal activities geared towards children 5 years and younger. Parents will remain in the room to assist their child. Younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Preschool is the first formalized educational setting for many children, and ACES Xaviers goal is to create a love of learning for your child in a Christian based, child-orientated environment.

Vocation Awareness Week Jan. 10-16

This week, the church celebrates Vocation Awareness Week, a time to reflect on Christ's invitation to follow him in a life of discipleship and service.

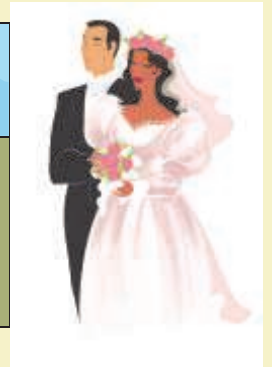
God calls. We respond. Our vocation is God's call to follow Him, and how we live in response. All of us have been called by God to be disciples through our baptism. As we grow in faith and prayer, we sense God's call in a particular way to love people. We may be called as a husband or wife, as a dedicated single person, or through consecrated life or priesthood.

In baptism, we are united to Christ's people - through the Spirit, we are called to serve Christ's people. As this New Year begins, consider the ways in which God wants to work through you to change the world.

"Legacy for our Mission"

Prayer for the Church

Almighty God,
My parish family is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
Bless my journey, Lord God
that I might build the Church
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen



Chalking the Door (an Epiphany tradition to share with your family)

As a way of celebrating the New Year gather your family at the main entrance of your home and ask God's blessing on your dwelling and on all who live or visit there.

Using a piece of chalk mark the following inscription at the top of the main doorway: 20+C+M+B+10. The "20" stands for the beginning two numbers of the new year, the four "+" symbolize crosses which are a sign of blessing, the letters "C," "M," and "B" stand for the three kings, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The letters may also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this home." The "10" stands for the last two numbers of the current year.



Once you have marked the doorway, pray the following blessing together: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for one another and our concern for all others may reflect your love. Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home, my companion when I am away, and my welcome when I return. And at last receive me into the dwelling place you have prepared for me in your Father's house, where you live forever and ever. Amen.