

SAINT BERNARD Parish

January 8, 2012
Epiphany of the Lord

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Mt 2:1-2



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



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Sunday, January 8, during the 10:00 Mass. Children 4 through the 4th grade are invited. Next CLOW is Sunday, January 22.

BAG COLLECTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Today is the bag collection for the Clothes Closet/St. Vincent de Paul. **If you forgot to return your bag of donations, it isn't too late.** Please return your donations to the Narthex by Tuesday morning.

Take Stock In Our Youth!

St. Bernard's High School Youth are getting ready for a Mission Trip to Detroit in June. We're asking our parish community for their support through prayer. If you are also able to make a financial contribution, we would greatly appreciate that as well. Our youth will be selling Youth Stock after the Masses on January 14/15. You may also purchase stock from the Faith Formation Office.



ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree Program this Christmas season. Our parish provided 172 gifts for 89 children in 41 families. (18 of these families were in the Milwaukee county area and 23 families were in 12 local communities.)

Approximately 80 parish members were involved with Angel Tree this year. In addition to those who purchased and wrapped gifts we had volunteers who called families, volunteers who registered the angels before and after Masses and volunteers who delivered the gifts. A special thanks, as always, to the office staff for their help in recording phone messages and all of the little things that are necessary in making this ministry successful. May God Bless Us All, Everyone.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped deliver Christmas plants to the shut-ins. **Almost 60 plants were delivered. We couldn't have done it without your help.**

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

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass
Join The Most Reverend David L. Ricken for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass, Wednesday, January 18, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Appleton. Refreshments after Mass.

Readings for Sunday, January 8
1 Sm 3:3-19/1 Cor 6:13-20/Jn 1:35-42

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, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

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

Monday, January 9

✠ 8:00 am *Baptism of the Lord*

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 am Mass *Ordinary Time begins*
St. Bernard Staff & Volunteers

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 am Mass ✠ **Women's Wednesday**
Morning Group

Thursday, January 12

8:00 am Mass ✠ George Bane Family

Friday, January 13

8:00 am Mass Special Intention

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm Mass Rosemary Lavering

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am Mass Mary Stolz and Elsie Dassow
10:00 am Mass **Youth Hosted Liturgy Grades K & 1**
Living and Deceased Members
of St. Bernard Parish

✠ Indicates the Rosary is said before or after Mass

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

January 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.

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.

*"Welcome and inspire ALL to share
Christ's love through FAITH and SERVICE"*

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.

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

ADULT & YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
Faith Formation, K-8, 4:30/6:30 High School, 6:30
St. B's Café, 5:45-6:30.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION MEETING

First Eucharist preparation parent/child meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm in the Church.

YOUTH HOSTED LITURGY, JANUARY 15

Our kindergarten and first grade students invite everyone to attend the youth hosted liturgy on Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 am. The children will be participating in the Liturgy by playing musical bells and being ministers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Bernard will meet on Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm, Room 5 in the Janssen Center. All are welcome to learn more about how we serve those in need.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library-n-Lunch, Thursday, January 12, 12:30 in the Library. The title of the movie is *Joseph, the Man Closest to Christ*.

Library hours: Sunday 9:30-11:30; Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10-3; Wednesday 1-7:30. Contact the Library at library@stbernardappleton.org or 739-0331 ext. 337.

Inspirational thought: Take a cup of love, add a dash of care. Mix with kindness. Add a bit of patience. Top it off with faith. Sprinkle liberally with understanding. Share with everyone you meet throughout the year.

Crafty Ladies

The Crafty Ladies will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 9:00 am in the Janssen Center. New members are invited! The group welcomes anyone who enjoys making crafts or who would like to try their hand at creating crafts. The group meets throughout the year except for a short winter break.

The Ladies of St. Bernard will be holding a business meeting during the morning to make grant disbursements.

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.

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.

SCRIP

Scrip is available for Cops/Pick'n Save, Festival, Woodmans, Kwik Trip and Express. We can also pre-order gift cards for many other stores. Place your order one weekend and pick up the following weekend. Scrip is sold after the weekend Masses and on Wednesday nights during St. B's Café.

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

We are especially in need of Saturday volunteers after the 4:30 Mass.

National Vocation Awareness Week
SOME ARE CALLED TO BE
PASTORS, SOME TEACHERS,
SOME . . .



CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 9

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

Life in the Spirit, 6:30 pm.....Activity Center

St. Vincent de Paul, 6:30 pm.....Janssen Center

First Eucharist Mtg. , 6:30 pm.....Church

Tuesday, January 10

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

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

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

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

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

Parish Office closes at Noon

Saturday, January 14

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed to Water Plants

We need volunteers to water plants in the Church. Depending on the number of volunteers we get, you may only be asked to water plants a few times a month.



Parish Office..... 920-739-0331
 Faith Formation Office..... 920-739-8912
 General email.... stbernard@stbernardappleton.org
 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

ELSEWHERE

Transforming the World through Reverence
 Consider coming to Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center, Appleton, a sacred place where people find God in a quiet and prayerful atmosphere. Weekend, mid-week and one day retreats are offered on the theme of *Transforming the World through Reverence: Meeting Life with a Franciscan Outlook* as well as other retreats. Private times for reflection can also be scheduled. Contact Monte Alverno, 733-8526 or email montealverno@juno.com for dates.

Marriage Encounter A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a time to renew your relationship away from the everyday **distractions of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together.** February 10-12 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in DePere. For more information and to obtain an informational brochure, contact Sue & Dennis Amtmann, 920 544-5166 or visit the website at www.gbme.org.

Stewardship Reflection

The theme of this Sunday's Scripture readings is two-fold: God manifests Himself and man responds to that manifestation with gifts of gratitude and conversion of heart.

The Magi, who were likely astrologists and magicians, made the long journey from somewhere far away to see the Savior, and when they saw him, they gave Him themselves.

The gold, frankincense, and myrrh were likely "tricks of the trade" they surrendered to the Lord upon meeting Him.

Then, the Gospel tells us, they departed by another way. Such language tells us not simply that the Magi traveled home on a different route, but on a deeper level, that their lives were changed that day. Their encounter with Christ made a huge impact on their lives, calling them to give of themselves and then to live the remainder of their lives accordingly.

Their story is a great example to all of us. It speaks of some universal truths.

As Christian stewards, we live for God. Everything we do and say ought to proclaim the Gospel and bring others **closer to Christ so that one day, as the psalmist sings "Every nation on Earth will adore" Him.**

God has given each one of us many good gifts. As stewards, let us use the gifts He has given us – our time, our talent, and our treasure – at home, at church, at work, and wherever else we find ourselves, to glorify Him and, in so doing, call others to encounter Christ and live for Him.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL SHARING

	Week	Fiscal YTD	Total
*Envelope	30,549	YTD Actual Envelope	410,097
Weekly Target	16,058	YTD Budget Envelope	433,558
		*Envelope Over/(Under)	(23,460)
Loose	188	YTD Loose	16,328
Budget Loose	731	YTD Budget Loose	19,731
		Loose Over/(Under)	(3,403)

LIGHTHOUSE CDs
 ARE AVAILABLE IN
 THE NARTHEX.



A \$3 DONATION IS APPRECIATED.

Fr. John Girotti, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, is coming to Friendship Hall at Holy Cross Parish, 309 Desnoyer St., Kaukauna, Thursday, January 19, 6:30 – **9:00 pm. Fr. John's 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. 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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar Starts Monday at St. Bernard

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

To register call the Parish Office, 739-0331. For more information 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



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17

MEN OF ST. BERNARD PARISH JANUARY 17 - KICK-OFF EVENT, 6-8 PM

ALL MEN ARE INVITED

GUEST SPEAKER: FR. WILLIE VAN DE LOO

Check-in is from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm

- Refreshments
- Pizza/salad dinner
- Door prize

Call the Parish Office to sign up, 739-0331.

Questions can be directed to Tom VanLieshout, 858-5047.



WELCOME WEEKEND January 21 & 22 at St. Bernard Parish

All are Invited

Refreshments served after all Masses and a full breakfast with egg rolls is served after the 10:00 Mass. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to share Mass on this special weekend.

The 10:00 Mass will be a bilingual Mass with readings in English and Hmong. Songs will also be sung in English and Hmong.

Every Sunday at 10:00 our Hmong parishioners meet in the Lounge to celebrate Mass in their own language. On January 22 we will gather together in Church to celebrate Mass. This vibrant bilingual Mass is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with our Hmong parishioners.

