

November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

SAINT BERNARD Parish



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Wait for the Lord

• "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." *Mk 13:35-36*

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



REALIZE

We are invited to
realize that
God is present
in our lives.

RSVP

Sacraments and Prayer Needs

Confessions.....Saturday, 9:00 am

BaptismsContact 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-Thursday8:30-5:00

Friday.....8:30-Noon

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 MusicRhonda Uschan

Director of Faith FormationMaurine Overesch

Elementary CoordinatorKathleen McDonald

Youth Minister.....Mary Snyder

Volunteer Coordinator.....Julie Kresal

Visit www.stbernardappleton.org for a complete staff listing.

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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program is a very important part of the season to many children, some of whom may not experience the joy of receiving a Christmas gift. The Angel Tree program provides Christmas gifts for children from newborns to teenagers, whose parent or parents are in prison. The gifts are purchased, wrapped, and returned to the parish **by us, the parishioners, and delivered to the children's homes** by volunteers.

The Angel tree be available at Masses this weekend in the Parish Lounge or until all 250 angels have been selected. Please return wrapped gifts to the parish no later than Monday, December 5.

If you are interested in helping deliver the gifts, (about 60% are delivered locally), please contact Don at 733-2170.

Surviving the Holidays

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Join us for an encouraging seminar at St. Bernard Parish that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. For more information call the Parish Office or visit www.stbernardappleton.org. The seminar will be offered on Tuesday, December 6, 8:30 am and again on Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm in the Small Group Room.

SCRIP

Christmas Shoppers don't forget that you can pre-pay and order scrip cards for many stores and shops. Stop by the scrip table and check out the listing of over 100 different choices on the pre-order form. You can then use the SCRIP cards to do your Christmas shopping.

Are you making a ham with all the trimmings for Christmas? Consider purchasing scrip gift cards to shop with at **Woodmans, Festival, Copps or Pick n' Save**. Or are you traveling to friends and family for Christmas? How about Kwik Trip, or Express Gas cards?

We are selling scrip after the 8 am and 10 am weekend Masses this weekend. Stop by the table in the Parish Hall. Remember you receive full value for your cards. For example a \$25 card is good for \$25 dollars of food/or gas etc.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Marla Kopecky
Paul & Susie Fritsch and their
daughter Halee



Compass Financial Ministries

Have you asked yourself any of the following questions recently? What role does God play in my finances? What I earn is mine, why does my church ask me to share? What does the bible have to say about how I spend my money?

Do you need help in understanding God's role in your Finances? Consider taking a course called Compass Financial Ministries - call Colleen for details - 739-0331.

PYXS NEEDED

We are in need of Pyxes. If you have a Pyx at home you are not using, please return it to the Parish Office.

Readings for Next Weekend
Is 40:1-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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 Mass.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:30 pm Mass John D. Bogan

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am Mass Dick Roemer

10:00 am Mass Bill McFadden
Living and Deceased Members
of St. Bernard Parish

Monday, November 28

✠8:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am Mass Lucille Weyenberg

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am ✠ Liturgy of the Word

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am ✠ Liturgy of the Word

Friday, December 2

8:00 am Mass For the special intention
of Lori Demmin

Saturday, December 3

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

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am Mass Ben & Marie Sobieski

10:00 am Mass JoAnn Bechard

✠ Indicates the Rosary is said before or after Mass

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION/BENEDICTION

Friday, December 2, 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 December: **Howard Pekarske, Joan Slater and Margaret O'Connell.**

ADULT & YOUTH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am Mass: December 4, 11

FAITH FORMATION, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Faith Formation classes, K-8 - 4:30/6:30. H.S - 6:30
St. B's Café serving dinner, 5:45-6:30 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD MTG
First Reconciliation parent/child meeting, Monday,
November 28, 6:30 pm, in the Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:00 am, in Church; arrive at
9:30 am.

COFFEE AND ROLLS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for one person to help with Coffee and
Rolls the 2nd Sunday of the month, 8 am shift,
from December through May. This works out
to approximately two hours per month. If you
are interested or have questions, please
call Tina, 730-0153.



LIBRARY NEWS

We are making a last minute request for a few more hats
and mittens for a local elementary school in Appleton. The
donations will be delivered on December 7th.
Library-n-Lunch will be Thursday, December 8 at 12:30 in
**the Library. Our movie will be "Far From Home", a story of
friendship and courage. Bring your lunch & a friend.**

Holiday Calendar

Wednesday, December 8 -
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Masses, 8:00 am 5:30 pm
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Wednesday, December, 14, 6:30 pm Parish Reconciliation
Friday, December 23 - Parish Office closes at noon
Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses, 4 & 10 pm
9:00 am Reconciliation
Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Masses, 8 & 10 am
Monday, December 26 - Parish Office is closed

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

If you are interested in joining a small group for Advent, this
group, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, will begin on
Monday, November 28, 6:30 pm in classroom 111. If you
have questions, call Bill, 486-1465.

Pro-Life Corner

*The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest
priority in our societies...If the right to life is not defended
decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all
other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory.*
Pope John Paul II

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 26

**Reconciliation, 9:00 am.....Church
Alan, 10:00 am.....Room 111**

Sunday, November 27

**Children's Choir rehearsal, 9:15 am.....Activity Ctr.
Q & A on Mass Changes, after 8 & 10 Masses.....Hall**

Monday, November 28

**Card Players, 1:00 pm.....Janssen Ctr.
First Reconciliation Parent/Child mtg., 6:30 pm.....
Church**

Tuesday, November 29

Wednesday, November 30

Faith Formation K-8, 4:30/6:30 pm. H.S. 6:30 pm
**St. B's Café, 5:45-6:30 pm.....Parish Hall
Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.....Music Room**

Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 2

Adoration 8:30 am/Benediction 9:30 am
**OA Group, 10:00 am....Room 112
Parish Office closes at noon**

Saturday, December 3

**Reconciliation, 9:00 am.....Church
First Reconciliation, 10:00 am.....Church
Alan, 10:00 am.....Room 111**

Sunday, December 4

Q & A on Mass Changes, after 8 & 10 Masses.....Hall

DAN'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Libby and Olivia, seniors at Xavier High School, are working
together to make blankets for patients that come through
**Dan's House of Hope. The blankets are made from sheets
that people have donated.**

If you would like to help Libby and Olivia with this project,
please donate new or gently used flat, twin sized bed
sheets. Bring them to the St. Bernard Parish
**Office and label the sheets "Dan's House of Hope."To learn
more about Dan's House of Hope please visit
www.dan'shouseofhope.org.**

LITERACY TUTORS NEEDED

**Are you interested in changing someone's life? Volunteer as
a literacy tutor at Literacy Education services, Inc. Tutor
training class is on Saturday, December 3, 9:30-4 at 325 E.
Franklin St., Appleton. Call Marilyn at 734-2040 to register.**

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 3, 10-noon at St. Thomas More Fellow-
ship Hall, St. Thomas More Parish, 1810B N. McDonald St.,
Appleton. You will learn QRP which is three simple steps to
help save a life from suicide. In these two hours, you can
become a Gatekeeper (someone who recognizes a crisis
and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating
suicide and who to contact).

This event is free but please register by emailing
karen@stmccath.org by November 29

ELSEWHERE

The Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7 pm on Saturday, December 3, at St. Pius X Parish, 500 W. Marquette, Appleton, WI 54911. Fr. Brian Belongia will be the celebrant. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Joseph A. Bound at jbound@gbdioc.org.

TEEN DISCIPLES: A Bible Study for High School Students Join SPIRITUS team members Monday, December 5th at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha from 7:30-8:45 pm. No registration required, come and join other area teens. *Called to Build Church* will be the topic of discussion with learning to live as disciples of Christ, praising God together with your friends through music and prayer. Questions, please call 722-8918.

Facebook Basics Tech Night New to Facebook? On Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-7:30 pm at Xavier High School, Room 122 you will learn the basics of Facebook including setting up an account, connecting with friends, navigating the workspace, and setting your privacy preferences. To register, visit <http://goo.gl/s4rLk> (URL is case sensitive) and complete the short form; this event is open to the public. Contact Becky Ackermann at backermann@acesxavier.k12.wi.us with any questions.

Tree of Love Remembrance Celebration, Tuesday, December 6, 6 pm. This special gathering will recognize the pain and loss of those in our community who have lost a loved one. You are invited to attend this gathering and begin the holiday season with hearts full of love and memories. **"We will light the tree, celebrate memories and enjoy music and refreshments. The tree will remain lit throughout the holidays, reminding us that those who have touched our hearts remain with us."**

To purchase a ribbon on the tree in memory of your loved one(s), please send a minimum donation of \$10 per name, along with the name of the person being remembered to: Tree of Love, Affinity Visiting Nurses -Hospice, 816 W. Winneconne Ave., Appleton, WI 54956.



Names received by December 2, will be included in the ceremony. For more information, call 866-236-8500.

Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice Services

Janssen Forum Get in the real spirit of Christmas! Fr. Alfred McBride will share his priestly wisdom on "Why I Love being Catholic." Fr. McBride has more than 50 years of priesthood with his latest book "A Priest Forever, Nine Signs of Renewal and Hope" giving the reader cause for rejoicing. Join Fr. McBride Thursday, December 8, on the beautiful feast day of Immaculate Conception at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. 7:00 am continental breakfast, 7:30 am Fr. McBride presenting and concluding with 8:30 am Mass. Please call 722-8918 with your reservation.

Stewardship Reflection

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation. We anticipate **the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas day and we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of the incarnation but, as today's readings remind us, Advent is also a time for us to focus on the second coming of Christ and to remind us that we should constantly be watchful and alert, "you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming"**

In the first reading, from the book of Isaiah, we hear about a people pleading for the Lord to intervene in their lives in a big way. Then, in the epistle, St. Paul praises the Lord who has intervened in history and sent His Son as the fulfillment **of the Jews messianic hope. St. Paul tells the Corinthians, "in Him you were enriched in every way ... as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

The parable in Mark's gospel reiterates these sentiments. Jesus tells of a man who travels abroad, placing his servants in charge, each with his own work. He tells the gatekeeper, **"Watch, therefore. You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming."**

We have all been blessed beyond belief. Leaving us to care for His creation, God has given us a multitude of gifts. In fact, even our very lives are gifts from God, and as we live life today, we await His return in glory. As stewards of these gifts, we are called to be alert. To always be ready, and to constantly prepare for His return, using the gifts He has given us to build His kingdom, serving our families, our parishes, and the greater community in such a way that others see Christ in us and are, therefore, drawn closer to Him.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL SHARING

	Week	Fiscal YTD	Total
*Envelope	13,487	YTD Actual Envelope	289,825
Weekly Target	16,058	YTD Budget Envelope	337,212
		*Envelope Over/(Under)	(47,386)
Loose	531	YTD Loose	11,673
Budget Loose	731	YTD Budget Loose	15,346
		Loose Over/(Under)	(3,673)

INSPIRE! A Bible Study for Young Adult Catholics Mark your calendar for Monday, December 5th at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha from 6-7:15 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to join other young adults between 18 and 30ish to share and know more about your faith. Come and get to know Jesus in the Bible and discover how He is calling you. Evening topic: Why Church? No registration is required. Questions, please call 722-8918.

Parish Reconciliation Service



St. Bernard Parish will have a communal reconciliation service, on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. The evening will include a short prayer service, a reflection by Fr. Dennis and then individual confessions. We will have several priests available to hear confessions.

Advent Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for He is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lighthouse CDs

Have you taken the opportunity to listen to a Lighthouse CD? A number of topics are available including *A Walk Through the New Mass Translation*. The CDs are available in the Narthex. A \$3 donation is appreciated.

Perhaps this is something special that you might want to do for this Advent. A new Lighthouse CD topic will be available next week.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REVISED MASS TEXT

Do you have a burning question about the changes in the Mass?

ATTEND A Q & A SESSION ON
Understanding the Revised Mass Texts

ST. BERNARD PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, after 8 & 10 Masses

Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION

Prayer
Nurture
Celebrate

Family Advent Activity

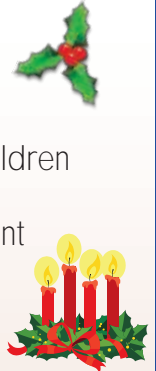
Where: St. Bernard Parish Hall

When: Sunday, December 4th after
10:00 Mass (45 minutes)

Who: All young families with young children
(suggested ages 3-10)

Why: To celebrate the season of Advent

- ✦ Create an Advent Wreath
- ✦ Make an Advent Calendar
- ✦ Receive a Packet of family Advent Activities
- ✦ Hot apple cider and popcorn will be served



So we that we can have enough supplies, please let us know that you are coming by calling 739-08912 or email moveresch@stbernardappleton.org.

*“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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS MEMORIAL

If you would like to remember a loved one this Christmas with a donation to our “Christmas Decorations Memorial Fund”, please fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked “Christmas Decorations Memorial” and place the envelope in the regular collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

Your donations will be used to purchase decorations for the Church this Christmas Season.

FROM: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

AMOUNT: _____

