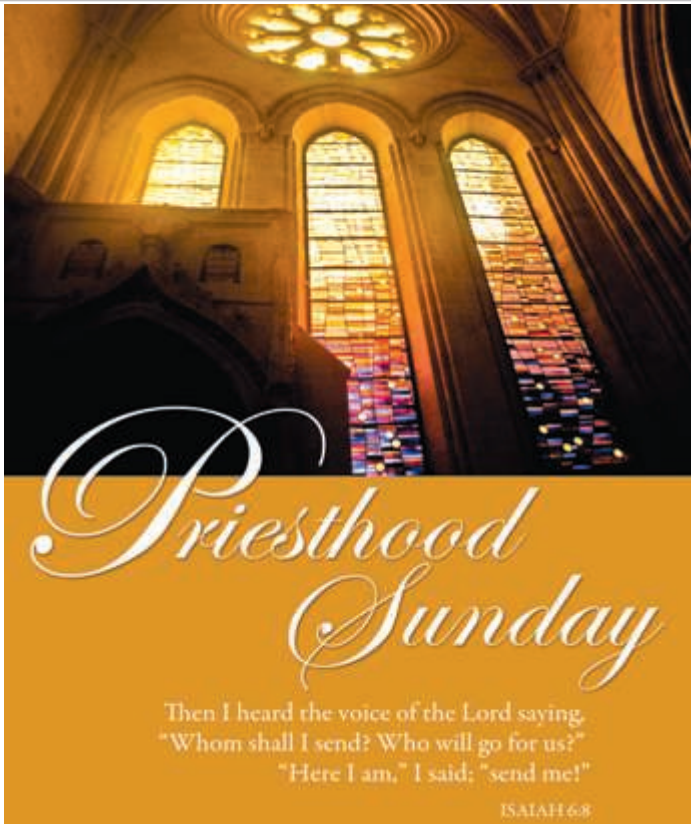


SAINT BERNARD Parish

October 30, 2011
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Lord we offer you thanks for Fr. Dennis, for his thirty-seven years as a priest and for his six years of dedication and service at St. Bernard Parish.

Bless him and renew deep within him the Spirit of holiness. By the example of his life, may he inspire others.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit,
May his presence continue to be in our hearts.
May he be a faithful steward of your mysteries.
May his presence in the community of St. Bernard lead them to you.

And may our love and support of him strengthen him in his service to our parish.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord

Amen

“Welcome and inspire ALL to share

Christ's love through

FAITH and SERVICE”



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6

Sacraments and Prayer Needs

Confessions Saturday, 9:00 am
Baptisms Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for classes and Baptism months in advance Pam Mullins
Weddings 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

Parish Office 920-739-0331
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Pastor Father Dennis Ryan
Deacons Maury Reed, Bob Vincent
..... Shuying (Joe) Vang and Mike Eash
Pastoral Associate/Small Groups Pam Mullins
Director of Liturgy and Music Rhonda Uschan
Director of Faith Formation Maurine Overesch
Elementary Coordinator Kathleen McDonald
Volunteer Coordinator Julie Kresal
Visitation Pam Mullins

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

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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COFFEE & ROLLS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We invite you to “sweeten” up your Sunday and join our Coffee & Rolls Ministry. We need one person for the 1st Sunday of each month to serve after the 8 am Mass, November–May. We also need two people for the 4th Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass, November–May. Getting involved in this ministry is a great way to meet other parishioners. Call Tina Foth, 730-0153, to volunteer.

Surviving the Holidays, November 15

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. For more information call Pam at 739-0331 or visit www.stbernardappleton.org. Sponsored by St. Bernard Parish. The event is held on Tuesday, November 15, 8:30 am.

EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY
Journey through the history of Catholicism. This DVD series takes you through the major people, places and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church. This series is being offered on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am in the Small Group Room. You can join at any time or call Nancy, 731-0356, to learn more.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION
Remember to pick up a bag in the Narthex next weekend, Nov. 5 & 6, for the St. Vincent de Paul food collection. Your donations will help stock the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Donations should be returned on November 12/13.

Gift Bags Needed

We are in need of gift bags for several of our ministries. **The size needed is approximately 10” wide x 12” high.** Please bring your gift bags to the Parish Office.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Mal. 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1Thes. 2: 7b-9, 13; Mt. 23:1-12

In today's Gospel, Christ says the religious leaders of the day, the Scribes and the Pharisees, do not practice what they preach. They seem to be using their positions of power for their own glory. Christ uses this example to teach a lesson - “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

In the second reading, St. Paul and his companions are in **Thessalonica doing the Lord's work – proclaiming the Gospel, and, for the ability to do so, Paul says, “We give thanks to God unceasingly.” They are there to serve the Lord, to show the people the truth of the Gospel and to rejoice with them as they convert to Christ. Talk about stewardship in action!**

There's nothing wrong with being appreciated for our talents. But as Christian disciples and stewards of God's many gifts, we must always remember that all good things come from Him, and we must live our lives in humble service and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Readings for Next Weekend
Prv 31:10-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

HMONG MASS IN THE LOUNGE
On Sunday, the Hmong Community gathers in the Lounge to celebrate the 10:00 Mass. They will not meet November 6 because of the Bazaar.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY
All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are at 8 am and 5:30 pm.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 29

4:30 pm Mass Derrick Benson

Sunday, October 30

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

10:00 am Mass Tom & Mary Van Lieshout 30th wedding anniversary

Monday, October 31

✠8:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, November 1 **All Saints Day**-Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Mass Janet Harwood

5:30 pm Mass Deceased Members of the Fose & Rath Families

Wednesday, November 2

8:00 am Mass ✠ Cecilia Piskor

Liturgical Ministry Evening, 6:15 pm....Church

Thursday, November 3

8:00 am Mass ✠ Deceased Relatives of Marcella Band

Friday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 5

4:30 pm Mass Roy Melzer

Sunday, November 6

8:00 am Mass Hub Berg

10:00 am Mass Jo Ann Bechard
Living and Deceased Members of St. Bernard Parish

✠ Indicates the Rosary is said before or after Mass

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 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, November 4, 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 Alvina Piette and Kathleen Bailey who passed away last November.

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

ADULT & YOUTH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word at

the 10:00 am Mass: October 30, November 6, 13

Faith Formation, Wednesday, November 2
 Faith Formation classes, K-8 - 4:30/6:30
 Grades 7 & 8 Hayride/Fellowship; meet at St. Bernard, 5:35
 Confirmation Class - 6:30
St. B's Café serving dinner, 5:45-6:30

SCRIP NEWS

When is scrip sold? Every Sunday after the 8 am Mass and before the 10 am Mass.

Where: Scrip is sold in the Lounge just off the Narthex.
 What is scrip: Scrip is gift cards purchased by the parish at a discount and then resold at cost. The difference results in a profit to the parish. When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing gift cards that are used just like cash; the gift cards can be used to purchase everyday items like food and gas.

What is available? Kwik Trip, Express Gas and Roundys
(Copp's/Pick'n Save), Just added: Woodman's and Festival Foods.

GATHER IN THE SPIRIT

All are welcome to pray with the Gather in the Spirit Prayer Group on Monday, October 31, 6:30 pm, in the Lounge. To learn more about this group contact Barb or John Bell at 731-3856.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will again be collecting hats and mittens for a local elementary school in Appleton. You may drop them off outside the Library from October 31 - November 30.

Library-n-Lunch on Thursday, November 10, 12:30 in the Library. We will watch the movie *Conversations With God* which is about the message of spirituality, compassion and **one man's trust in God during the tragedies in his life. Bring your lunch and a friend.**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Whether you are dealing with cancer or are walking the journey with a cancer survivor, support is available at St. Bernard. If you have just been diagnosed, in treatment, in remission or you have a loved one with cancer, you will find **this group a blessing as it provides...joy, laughter, compassion and answers.** The group is open to all, parish members and non-members. A new group is starting on Monday, November 14, 10:30 am, and will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Small Group Room. To learn more, call John Bedore at 739-1760.

Pro-Life Corner

Fox Valley Life Chain, Nov. 6, 1:30-3 pm. Gather and give silent witness to life by standing on Casaloma Drive between College and Wisconsin Avenues. Songs will be provided. Park at Hobby Lobby and pick up a pro-life sign. For more information, call Mark at 920-570-1679 or Michelle at 920-810-0424.

CALENDAR

Saturday, October 29

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

Alanon, 10:00 am.....Room 111

Sunday, October 30

Children's Choir rehearsal, 9:15 am.....Activity Cntr.

AA Grp., 7:00 pm.....Janssen Cntr.

Monday, October 31 Happy Halloween

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

Gather in the Spirit Prayer Grp., 6:30 pm.....Lounge

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

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

Faith Formation 7 & 8, 5:35 pm meet for hayride

Confirmation Class, 6:30 pm.....Activity Cntr.

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

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

Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.....Music Room

Thursday, November 3

Friday, November 4

Adoration 8:30 am/Benediction 9:30 am

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

Parish Office closes at Noon

Saturday, November 5

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

Ladies Bazaar, 9-6 am.....Parish

Alanon, 10:00 am.....Room 111

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL SHARING

	Week	Fiscal YTD	Total
*Envelope	9,858	YTD Actual Envelope	232,254
Weekly Target	16,058	YTD Budget Envelope	272,981
		*Envelope Over/(Under)	(40,726)
Loose	450	YTD Loose	9,577
Budget Loose	731	YTD Budget Loose	12,423
		Loose Over/(Under)	(2,846)

ROSARY REPAIRS

Our rosary repairman will be leaving for Florida in early **January and won't return until spring. If you have a rosary that you would like to have repaired, please bring it to the Parish Office soon.**

Tee N DISCIPLES, A Bible Study for High School Students, will meet Monday, Nov. 7, 7:30 pm, Mount Tabor Center, **Menasha. Topic is "Temptation to Tap into Treasure". Discussion, praise music, fun activities, prayer and snack. No need to sign-up, just show up. Questions? Please call 722-8918.**

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.

Xavier H.S. Students Helping Dan's House of Hope. Two Xavier High School students are involved with Dan's House of Hope, a nonprofit organization. They are in the process of making blankets for cancer patients. If you would like to donate new or gently used twin-sized flat bed sheets, drop them off at the St. Bernard Parish Office or at the Welcome Counter. Visit <http://www.danshouseofhope.org/>

ELSEWHERE

Xavier Invites 7th Graders Xavier H.S. will be holding its annual Seventh Grade Day on Wednesday, November 2. All seventh graders from throughout the Fox Valley are invited to spend the day at Xavier from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Students will learn more about the courses and programs **that are offered and become familiar with Xavier's state-of-the-art facilities.** Lunch will be provided. For more information call Ellen at 733-6632.

St. Paul Elder Services, 316 E. 14th St., Kaukauna, is hosting two free educational dinner seminars: Thursday, November 3, 5-6:30 pm, **"Creative Approaches to Successful Visits with a Person with Dementia"**- Presenter: Becky Reichelt, MS, CTRS. Attend the Candle Light Vigil to honor **those affected with Alzheimer's Disease at 6:30 pm.**

Tuesday, November 8, 5:30 pm, **"Consider the Conversation"** examines multiple perspectives on end-of-life care and includes information and experiences gathered from interviews with patients, family members, physicians, nurses, clergy, social workers and national experts from around the country. Register by calling 766-6020 ext. 102.

St. Patrick's Fish Fry, 324 Nicolet Blvd., Menasha, Friday, November 4, 4-7 pm. Menu includes walleye pike, lake perch, baked haddock, beer battered cod, grilled salmon and shrimp and combination platters; grilled Cheese and fishwiches for the kids. Dine-in or take-out. Call 725-5544 for free delivery to homebound and mills.

Life Line Screening will take place at St. Bernard Parish on Tuesday, November 15. Life Line Screening offers the following: Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

The Fox Valley Warming Shelter Needs Volunteers
The Fox Valley Warming Shelter serves homeless men and women in the Appleton area. We depend on volunteers throughout the year to serve meals and help staff during overnight hours. Our special need at this time is for the week starting Christmas Day. We need meal preparers/servers as well as the overnight volunteers. If you would be willing to help us that week or at any time, please call Connie at 419-0928 or email vcfws@gmail.com.

Christmas Stars Tickets are on sale for the 2011 edition of **"Christmas Stars"** at the Xavier Fine Arts Center in Appleton. Call 920-733-8840 or visit www.christmasstars.org for tickets. Patrons may order online and print their own tickets at home via the website.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6

Stewardship of Financial Sharing

There are three major components of Stewardship; they are Prayer, Ministry and Finance. It may surprise you to learn how much Scripture has to say about our finances. More than **2,500 verses address God's way of handling money and possessions.** How we handle money impacts our relationship with the Lord. Below are a few ideas, thoughts and hints to help you on your stewardship journey. May God bless you in every financial decision.

Possessions - God owns all of our possessions. He never transferred ownership of his creation to his people; instead he asked them to be stewards. When we acknowledge **God's ownership, every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision.**

Live Simply - Make efforts to live simply. Every possession requires time and attention and/or money to maintain. Possessions can distract us from our relationship with the Lord and our family.

Crisis - When you are in financial crisis take one day at a time and trust in God, we may be uncertain about the next step, but we are certain about God.

Here are some helpful hints about our finances:

Planning - Plans are necessary in order to reach a goal. In the Bible, whenever God was instructing His people to do something, He always gave them a detailed plan. If plans are so important, why do so many of us think we can manage our finances without one? When you create a spending plan, you can have the peace of mind in knowing that your bills can be paid, you have funds available for emergencies, and you know what you can spend for the things you need and want.

Wise usage - The Lord blesses us with resources (or money) so that we can use it wisely to fulfill His purpose in our lives and further His kingdom. Without a plan for how to manage our finances, we may never reach our goals and experience true financial freedom.

Children - Each generation is responsible for passing on the Gospel message and the truths found in the Scriptures to its children. *"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). Since parents are the primary teachers of their children, especially during their early years, they should be the ones to instill within their children God's principles of finance as detailed **in God's Word. Parents must make financial training a priority,** and they must discipline themselves to be consistent in their instructions and in their example.

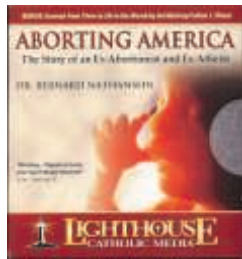
Compass Financial Ministries

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.

Featured Lighthouse CD: Aborting America

This incredible talk is a candid account of the conversion of the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a pioneer of the modern abortion industry. He explains how he came to recognize the undeniable humanity of the unborn child and became an outspoken pro-life leader. His journey to the Catholic Faith is both dramatic and inspiring.



This CD is available in the Narthex. A \$3 donation is appreciated. A number of other CDs on a variety of topics are also available.



JUST CHRISTMAS COMING SOON

The Social Justice Committee presents its fourth annual *Just Christmas* before and after the 4:30, 8 & 10 Masses on November 12 & 13 in our Parish Hall.

You will be able to purchase fair trade items from a local fair trade vendor. You will also be able to make charitable contributions to local, national and international, charitable organizations.

See flyer in today's bulletin for details.

HEROIC PURSUITS

St. Bernard Organ Concert

Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm

Enjoy a fascinating evening of awe-inspiring music for the pipe organ.

Featuring video and narration.
The organist is Michael Simonini.



DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR

Please help make the Ladies Bazaar, Holidays on Pine Street a success by donating your hand-crafted items and delectable edibles. Hand-crafted items should be brought in to the Parish Office by Thursday, November 3. Food items may be brought to the Parish November 3 or 4.

Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Nineteenth Annual "Tree of Light - Wreath of Remembrance" Service

St. Bernard Parish
November 1, 2011 All Saints' Day - 7:30 pm

Sponsored by St. Bernard's and St. Therese's Elizabeth Ministries.
Open to people of all faiths!

*We gather for this memorial service to remember little ones
who touched our lives in ways that can never be forgotten.*

A spruce tree on our property is dedicated in memory of unborn and born children who have died. The tree is lit with little white lights to shine brightly during the coming holiday season in recognition of these little ones. A star ornament with each child's name will be put on one of the remembrance wreaths. Each family attending will also receive a remembrance ornament.

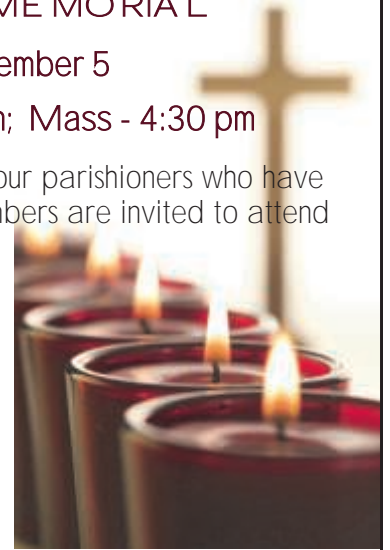
*Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven
where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines
down upon us to let us know they are happy.*

ANNUAL PARISH MEMORIAL

Saturday, November 5

Service and Prayer - 3 pm; Mass - 4:30 pm

In honor of All Souls Day, we remember our parishioners who have died in the previous year. All family members are invited to attend the 3 pm Service of Prayer and Remembrance in the Marian Chapel, followed by 4:30 pm Mass. Family members will receive a candle to take home in memory of their loved ones. If you have a loved one who passed a way elsewhere between October 15, 2010 and October 15, 2011, you are also invited to participate.



Ladies of St. Bernard "Holidays on Pine St."

Craft Bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 5, 9-6

&
Sunday, Nov. 6, 8-Noon

A wide selection of beautifully hand-crafted items for Christmas, delicious homemade pies, cakes and candies. Two quilts and a large Christmas tablecloth will be raffled.

