

WELCOME TO THE
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BERNARD



ST. JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m.
 Friday 8:15 a.m.
 Adoration: Second Friday of month (24 hrs) 9 a.m.–9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays 5:00-5:45 p.m. Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance of wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Administered annually and by appointment.

ST. BERNARD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.
 Monday—Friday Communion Service 8:00 a.m.
 Adoration First Friday of each month 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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March 29, 2020 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent



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Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately

wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL COMMUNION?

In his encyclical, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" ("A Eucharistic Church"), in April 2003, Pope John Paul II encouraged the practice of spiritual communion, "which has been a wonderful part of Catholic life for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life."

Spiritual communion isn't as much a part of the Catholic vocabulary and consciousness as it was in the past, though it is just as real an opportunity for eucharistic grace as it ever was. Ironically, the encouragement of actual reception of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and the routine availability of eucharistic Communion today, a wonderful development begun in the time of Pope Pius X and emphasized by the Second Vatican Council, may have helped cause this other eucharistic gift to be overshadowed in our time.

What is spiritual communion? St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion. The opportunities for receiving spiritual communion are limitless, but particular circumstances make it appealing in our time. Today there are many Catholics who may not be able to receive Communion, but they are not prohibited from receiving Communion spiritually and receiving strength from the grace of the sacrament during a waiting period which is often painful. Spiritual communion needs no special instruction; it only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart. These days as we experience a renewal of eucharistic adoration, those who come to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament are receiving spiritual communion, even though they may not have called it by that name.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

No particular prayer or formulary is required, though there are acts of spiritual communion in Catholic prayer books to help focus a proper intention. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

*"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already in my heart
and unite myself to you completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from you."*

Parish Mission:

Reborn In Baptism;

Transformed Into Disciples



*The chapel entrance of the church will be unlocked
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
for anyone who would like to come and pray.*



If you haven't already, don't forget to download the St. Joseph Parish App to keep up on the latest information, donate online, contact staff members, and register to receive notifications. iPhone users text *ParishApp1* to 555888, and Android users text *ParishApp2* to 555888, or go to the parish website and follow the link.. Once you download the app, go to the *More* item on the menu and choose *Message Settings*. From there you can choose the groups that you would like to receive notifications from. Remember that the *General* group will give you important notifications from the parish. Please call the parish office with any questions.



As you are doing your spring cleaning, remember to hold on to your gently used items to donate to St. Joseph. We are having another Huge Rummage Sale to benefit the Church and School. The sale will be held in the school gym in early October. More information coming!

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."*

-John 11:25



Mass Intentions

Fr. Brian will continue to offer a private daily Mass for our scheduled intentions.

Monday, March 30, 2020	Marlene Corn
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Nieva Pontade Schapker
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	Joseph Zehner
Thursday, April 2, 2020	Lila Simon
Friday, April 3, 2020	Cletus & Eleanor Tenbarge
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Kathy Eckert
Sunday, April 5, 2020	St. Joseph & St. Bernard

With senior citizens and those with compromised health being the most vulnerable to Covid-19 (Coronavirus), the Evangelization and Outreach Commission would like to offer assistance to anyone who needs help in getting their groceries or needed supplies. We understand that one of the main ways to prevent getting this illness is to stay home and isolated, so we want to help anyone we can in their efforts to stay well! Please call the parish office to set up arrangements.

Dear Parish Families,

Amidst the recent pandemic, no Masses, no Faith Formation, and closings of many places. We still have our families, our faith, our prayers, our lives. These are a constant for us at this very trying time. I have collected a few web sites to utilize, that would be a good way to continue your family's Faith Formation at home. These are for all ages and would be a wonderful time as a family to share your faith.

Blessings to All,

Deb Bateman
Faith Formation Coordinator



Loyola Press - <https://www.loyolapress.com>; Take a virtual church tour - <http://faithfirst.com/parents/tour-church>
Resources by topic from NCCL - <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org>; The Video Catechism for Teens - <http://vcatech.org>
Lenten activities for children - <https://www.catholicicing.com/lenten-activities-for-children>
Teaching Catholic Kids - <https://teachingcatholickids.com/?ref=hplink>
Articles, activities, prayer ideas, recipes, and more - <http://catholicmom.com>
Resources by topic from St. Mary's Press, mostly for teens - <https://www.smp.org/resourcecenter>

Dear Family,

“The Cross is Steady, while the World is Turning.”

This is an old Catholic motto that is hundreds of years old. It means the cross is my anchor, as the world is spinning. This is also my motto.

Right now is not normal. It feels like the world is spinning like an out of control ferris wheel. Every day and hour we are hit with something new. We are blasted with something else we have to absorb and digest. There are hundreds of questions, uncertainties, fears, and unknowns that pop up by the minute.

The experience of this is real, but at the same time, never forget that the cross of Jesus Christ is our sure anchor. This is my vision for our parishes as we face this abnormal time. We will not imitate this time with anxiety, quick fixes, quick decisions, rushing around, or being consumed by the emotional reactions around us. We cannot fix this by our own power.

We will lead with prayer, creative solutions, patience, and supporting members of our parish family in need. Did I mention patience? The imitation of Jesus in all things is our only true guide for every part of our life. This includes our entire mind, body, heart, and soul.

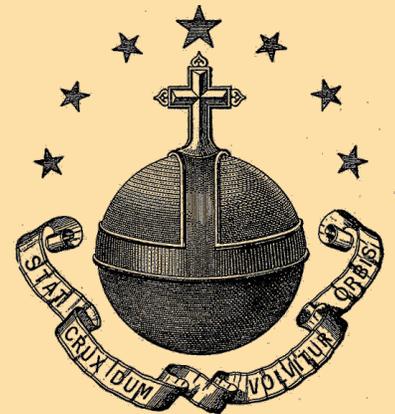
THIS, is our only refuge, and our only anchor.

We will take our time, and let God be God, and our prayer be our prayer.

We must stay connected. This connection will only increase, as we build communication.

We must care for each other. The Love of God and our neighbor must never be lost.

Most importantly, we must pray now that Jesus will take care of us. Jesus has got this.



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Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Brian

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 22, 2020 Collection	\$ 1,646.00
Online Giving for the week of March 22, 2020	\$ 1,289.00
Total Collection for March 22, 2020	\$ 2,935.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$ 8,899.21
Variance for March 22, 2020	(\$ 5,964.21)
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YTD Collection (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)	\$306,186.69
Needed to meet budget	\$338,169.98
YTD Variance	<b>(\$ 31,983.29)</b>
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Pathways Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,958.98

Thank you!



We encourage our parishioners to patronize our sponsors. It is through their generosity that our weekly bulletin comes to you at no cost to the church. Our sponsor this week is:

THOMAS MURRAY DDS

Thank you to all the businesses who sponsor our bulletin.

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Religious Education classes are cancelled for now.

Adoration Cancelled-Church Still Open

Adoration is cancelled for now but the church doors remain open Friday through Monday for you to sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. With the renovation currently going on, the front door will now be opened instead of the side door. There will be some folding chairs set up in the back to sit while you pray. Please remember to keep social distancing if someone else is in the church.

Outreach

With senior citizens and those with compromised health being the most vulnerable to COVID-19, the Outreach Commission would like to offer assistance to anyone who needs help in getting their groceries or supplies. We understand that one of the main ways to prevent getting this illness is to stay home and isolate, so we want to help anyone we can in their efforts to stay well! Please call Steve Obert at 812-779-6775 to set up arrangements.

PRAYERS

Eli Weisheit, Michelle Ziebel, Gwen Graber, Crystal Williamson, Kenny & Marcia Reising, Wilma Miley, Katie Bender, Elvira Meny, Retta Woodruff, Julia Market, Carl Michel, Betty Thompson, Trent Horrall, Jim Lubbers, Herb Bethe, Mary Like, Betty Lefler, Dianne Gress, Stan Phillips, Ralph Elpers, Susan Williamson, Tom Vaal, Deven Pohl, Connie Hill, Will Adcock, Jeff Corn, Genevieve Weber Lubbers, Diane Denton

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



March 22, 2020 Collection	\$ 137.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$ 1,585.52
Variance for March 22, 2020	(\$ 1,448.52)
YTD Collection	\$ 61,461.20
Needed to meet budget	\$ 60,204.76
YTD Variance	\$ 1,211.44
Church Renovation Fund	\$ 86,075.00

Thank you!

In order to keep our Church functioning, we need your Sunday donations to continue. Please prayerfully consider what you can give and mail to St. Bernard Church.

Now is a good time to consider electronic giving. This can be set up with your bank weekly or monthly. Our prayers are with everyone during this time of uncertainty.

Bulletins

The bulletins will be in the mailbox on the east side of church for anyone who wants to pick up at the curbside. Remember you can see the bulletin on the website too at www.stbernardsnakerun.org

There is also a link on our website to the Catholic Diocese. It has many different resources to Live Mass and prayers.

Other Resources include the South Gibson Catholic page which can be found at [Fb.me/sgcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/sgcatholic) or on their facebook page. This will have live Mass everyday along with other great information.

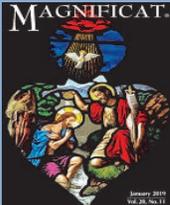
Renovation Updates

We will post pictures weekly on the church website on the renovations taking place in church. Check it out!

Sympathy and Prayers

Betty Lefler passed away on Wednesday, March 18. She was buried at St. Bernard on March 20. The family hopes to have a funeral Mass when this quarantine is over. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Magnificat



During this difficult time and not being able to attend Mass, the Magnificat company is honored to make their online version of MAGNIFICAT temporarily available to everyone for free. Go to the link: www.magnificat.com/free and sign up for this opportunity.

Statues of the Saints

In the back of the church or on the website is a list to adopt a statue. Adopting a statue will require a donation of \$1,500 which goes toward the refurbishing of the statue. If you have adopted a statue, you may drop your check in the collection basket or mail to St. Bernard. If you have interest in adopting a statue, you may call the office at 812-385-2617 or email Fr. Brian at bemmick@evdio.org.

