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SUNDAY AT 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
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PLEASE REFER TO "THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH" FOR THE TIMES OF THE WEEKDAY MASSES

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED DATE OF THE CELEBRATION

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. BERNARD'S EXTENDS PRAYERFUL SUPPORT to Bruce Mattson at the death of his father, Bob Mattson; to the Don Omdahl family at the death of his wife and their mother, Connie Omdahl. May the Lord grant them eternal life!

WOW! THANK YOU to all who donated food and cash donations toward our Thanksgiving Drive for the Thief River Food Shelf. We collected 786 pounds of food, and \$2,105.00 in cash (some people sent their donation directly to the Food Shelf)! Also, thanks to Mrs. Kari Rath and her Third Grade students from St. Bernard's School for all the food they collected. Way to go! Special gratitude to those who helped deliver the food to the Food Shelf this past week. *Thank you for seeing Jesus in those in need!*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE ADVENT GIVING TREE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. Please take a tag or two, and as you do your Christmas shopping remember those less fortunate this Christmas. *Come Lord Jesus!*

HELPING AGING SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly members becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription mediation and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime for us!

a shoot shall sprout from the root of Jesse and a bud shall blossom.

the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, of counsel and strength.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

5 Monday— Isaiah 35:1-10 –Psalm 85:9-14- Luke 5:17-26

No Mass today
6:00 P.M. School Advisory Mtg.
6:00 P.M. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

6 Tuesday— Isaiah 40:1-11-Psalm 96:1-3,10-13-Matthew 18:12-14

8:00 A.M. Communion Service
8:30—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7 Wednesday—Isaiah 40:25-31 –Psalm 103:1-4,8,10– Matthew 11:28-30

5:00 P.M.- 5:30 P.M. Reconciliation
5:45 P.M. Mass + Ann Baumgartner (Mass for Holy Day)
6:15 P.M.– 7:00 P.M. Reconciliation
6:15 P.M. Supper
7:00 P.M. FAITH Night Activity—Marian Apparitions
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group

8 Thursday— IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY—Holy Day of Obligation

Genesis 3:9-15,20 –Psalm 98:1-4– Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12– Luke 1:26-38

7:00 A.M. Mass + Delphine Ottesen
8:30 A.M. Mass + Don Delorme
8:30—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9 Friday— Isaiah 48:17-19 – Psalm 1:1-4,6– Matthew 11:16-19

7:00 A.M. KC Rosary
8:00 A.M. Communion Service
8:30 A.M. Rosary

10 Saturday — Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 –Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 –Matthew 17:9a,10-13

2:00 P.M. Wedding of Corissa Kruse & David Carignan
4:00 P.M. Reconciliation
4:30 P.M. Rosary
5:00 P.M. Mass + Marian Langevin Bessette
6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.— Youth Group Cookie Walk

11 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT—Isaiah 35:1-6a,10-Psalm 146:6-10-James 5:7-10– Matthew 11:2-11

8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Fr. Jerry Rogers
9:20 A.M. Sunday School
9:30 A.M. Coffee & Rolls
9:30 A.M.—12 Noon—Youth Group Cookie Walk

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Mrs. Rosalie Burda, Brian Williamson, Lowell Arlt, Gary Arlt, Joe Roskop, Madeline Baumann, Merlin Stone, David Carlson, Kristy Dupree, Timmy Nelson, Tom Miller, Elaine Radniecki, Rachael Carlson, Tim Przybylski, Jane Palm, Audrey Berard, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Fern Melby, Ron Winter, Theresa Linnertz, Randy Winter, Alayna Espeseth, Michael Andersen, Andrea Dowers, Gary Paquin, Gary Lane, Linda Otteson Brown, Kim Osowski, Bev Oski Hayes, Mikey Hedegard, Dennis Bjerken, Lillian Winter, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Renee Miller, Cheryl McClenahan, Jeremy Johnson, Dan Dowers, Ed Rasmussen, Lisa Swanson, Grace Rundell, Judy Langhorst, Marie Chaput, Corey Refshaw, Larry Schaefer, John Parent, Emily Novacek, Donald Hanson, Marty Torgerson, Micki Taddy, Lori Kristo, Sherrill McDonald, Dennis Srnsky, Doreen Dargon, Jerome Brazier, Cindi Determan, Candace Schafer, Wanda Murphy, Pete Christianson, Patty Anderson, John Barry, Bernie & Evie Huot, David & Phyllis Cornelius, Sharon Kozojed, Gerald Kostrzewski, Jeanette Stoltman, Alice Stanczyk, Myrna Lane, Ann Sang, Katy Seed, Vivian & Bruce Linander, Jim Legg, Shelly Legg, Donna Radeke, Elliana Viktora, Mary David, Jackie Hunt, Christopher Benjamin, Kent Rahne, Ralph Cox, Tom Super, Willy Schafer, Carolyn Halvorson, Douglas Stalboerger, Fr. Rick Lambert, William Kezer, Betty Lou Cipperly, Mary Ann Lambert, Tony Radniecki

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen
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Dec. 7—Family FAITH Night—5:45 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6:15 pm Supper, - 7 pm Activity
Dec. 11—9:20 am Sunday School
Dec. 14—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 8 RE
Dec. 16—3:00 pm —Giving Tree box assembly—Help needed!
Dec. 18—9:20 am Sunday School—Advent Craft Day!
Dec 21—No Religious Ed
Dec. 25—No Sunday School—Merry Christmas !

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop/Training Wednesday, December 14, @ 7:00 pm

For new and current ministers.

December 7th: Family Faith Night: Marian Apparitions Compete with others in a fun game of Jeopardy!! How well do you know about Marian Apparitions? Mass at 5:45; Supper at 6:15 (Tacos and Churros!) Jeopardy at 7:00pm. *Italian Sodas will be available for purchase during supper for only \$2.00 each!*

4 Things To Learn From the movie I Heard The Bells Here's what you can expect to learn from the film "I Heard the Bells" in theaters in early December. - Catholic Link

1. You will learn the story of one of the great American poets. Let's be honest, we live in an illiterate culture. Maybe you've heard the name Longfellow, but what do you know about his life? You will be introduced to his life and family.

2. You will learn of the tragic death of Longfellow's wife and how that affected him for many years and how it halted his creative genius. Through his struggle, you will see how he overcame the trials of his life with the help of a local preacher.

3. You will see how a broken relationship between a father and son can be healed and reconciled.

4. And you will learn the story of why he wrote Christmas Bells. Let's just say, it's more than just church bells ringing on Christmas Day. It is a multi-layered and filled with meaning.

The story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is one that you don't expect. It's a story of remembrance and triumph, a story of redemption and restoration of faith. It's a story about a bell that will ring again. Will you hear the bells?

The film has a Christian message and does not contradict Catholic teaching. The movie is set in the era of the Civil War and has some battle scenes. Also the death of Longfellow's wife may be difficult for children to watch.

prepare the
way of the LORD!

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YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens
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John the Baptist presents a compelling figure. He appeared as a prophetic wild man, coming out of the desert, wearing camel skin, and preaching the coming Messiah, and crowds gathered to hear and see him. Many came for baptism: some curious, some motivated by sincere piety, and some likely simply following the religious trend of the season.

When the Sadducees and Pharisees came to be baptized by John in the Jordan River, he saw through their external piety and called them out in strong terms. John accuses the Pharisees and Sadducees of being motivated only by fear of God's anger and tells them they must prove that they are sorry for their sins by changing their sinful, hypocritical ways. Repentance doesn't mean much if it doesn't lead to change! It is not enough to just go along with a religious tradition without letting it change our hearts and guide our actions. It isn't enough to simply go through the motions of confession and repentance. A true change of heart must be reflected by a true change in our lives.

Baptism is the beginning of our faith life, it calls us to a lifelong relationship with God. Your baptism brought you into the family of the Church. How can you water the seeds of faith that were planted at your baptism? Do your actions reflect what you say you believe? Ask Christ to send the Holy Spirit to help you fill your actions this week with love.

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage." ~ St. John Paul II

Advent Prayer for the 2nd Week of Advent: PEACE
Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version -of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reason for Hope Retreats:

Net Ministries Overnight Confirmation Retreat: This retreat, also held at the Pastoral Center, is led by Net Ministries on December 10th & 11th and is intended for any 11th graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Reset: a 40-hour retreat, focused on recentering our hearts on Jesus Christ. What a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts just prior to Lent! Friday, February 10 – Sunday, February 12th.

Into the Desert: A retreat focused on spiritual renewal during the season of Lent. March 18-19, 2023

Registrations for all retreats are now open. You can find more information by contacting me or going to www.crookston.org/reasonforhope.

December 7th: BUTTERBRAIDS ARRIVE!! If you sold any ButterBraids this fall, please meet me after Family Faith Night and I will help you get your orders ready for you to deliver to your customers.

December 10th & 11th: St. Bernard's Cookie Walk We need all the baked goodies possible to make sure this is a successful fundraiser! We're aiming for 100 dozen assorted goodies and so far we have 52 dozen. We're halfway there!! A SignUp Genius has been made and sent to participate in the baking and let everyone know what you're bringing to the bake sale so we get a nice variety of Christmas cookies! <https://bit.ly/CookieWalk22> We'll also be selling CASH AND CARRY ButterBraids if you didn't get a chance to order any as well as Catholic jewelry and rosaries that make perfect stocking stuffers!



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Sunday — November 27, 2022

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First Friday/Saturday Adoration Vigil.

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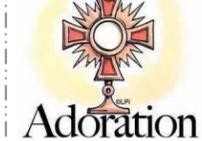


Please join the rosary rally praying the Patriotic Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for peace in our country, from 5 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of each month.



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to anyone who would like to come to pray or be in the presence of Jesus.

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"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER"

You may have heard the above phrase originated by Fr. Patrick Peyton and repeated on many occasions by Pope Francis.

The Diocese of Crookston offers a brief daily prayer guide for families of any size that can be used to gather the family in daily prayer centered on growth in the virtuous Christian life. You can find the prayer by going to crookston.org, placing your cursor over the word "Discipleship" and then clicking on "Marriage & Family". Scroll down and you will see the headline "Daily Family Prayers" and below that is a link to "October daily prayers".

Marriage & Family page on the website: <https://bit.ly/3B9Uun6>



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5:45 pm Mass

6:15 pm Supper (Tacos & Churros)

7:00 pm Activity



We invite everyone in our parish - youth, parents, families, parishioners - to join us for our monthly FAITH Nights at St. Bernard's! These evenings are a chance to grow our Catholic Faith. Each night will include Mass, supper & and activity.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training Workshop

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

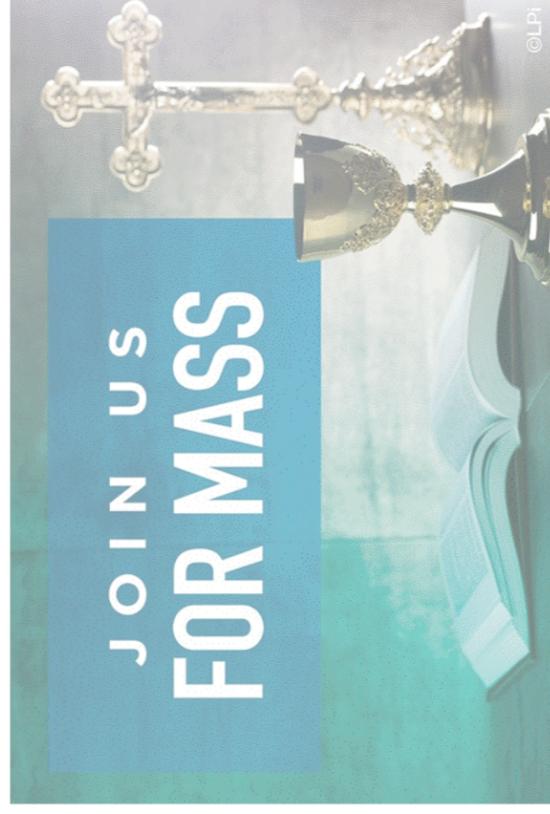
7:00 pm in the church

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(Current ministers this would be a good refresher)

*Commissioning for all Extraordinary Ministers
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Saturday Dec. 17 & Sunday Dec. 18



St. Bernard's will no longer be live streaming Sunday Mass.

Please join us in person, Saturday 5:00 pm

or Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

*If you are unable to join us please check the other
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*St. John Chrysostom reminds us, "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude,
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Seated, from left: Sr. Joan Flores, SSF, 81; Sr. Denis Rodrigue, O Carm, 93; Sr. Ann Martinez, MSC, 82.

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