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SUNDAY AT 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
(8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMED)

PLEASE REFER TO "THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH" FOR THE TIMES
OF THE WEEKDAY MASSES

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE
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Third Sunday
of Advent

December 11, 2022

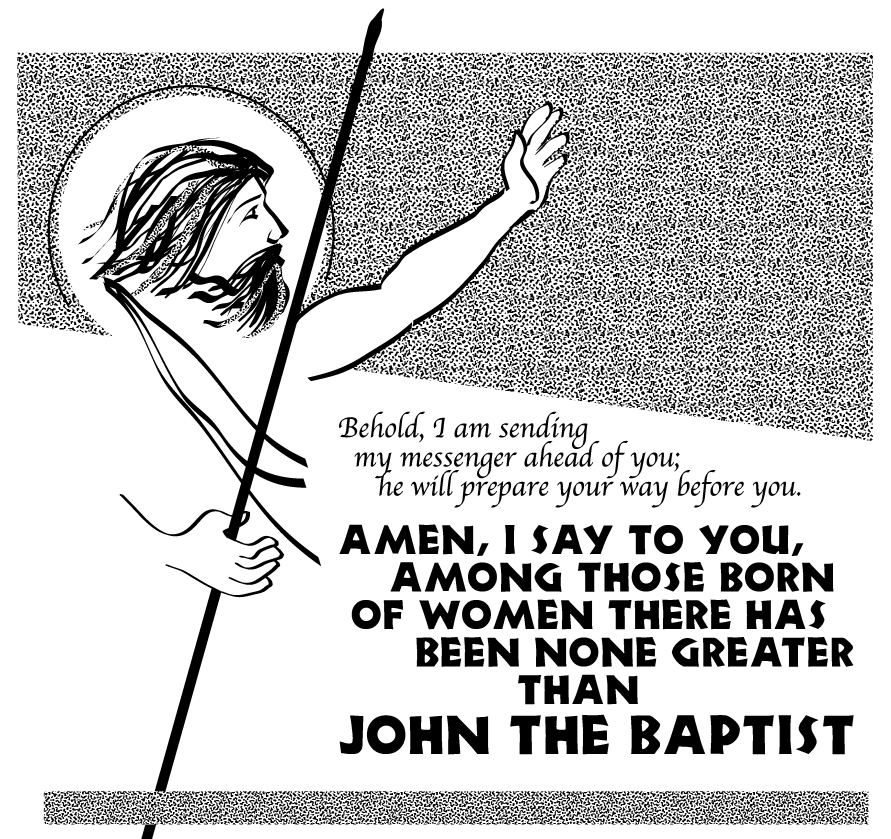
Lord, come and save us!

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

THE PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS PRAYERFUL SUPPORT to Angie Steinhauer and Paul Burda at the death of their mother, Rosalie Burda. May the Lord grant her eternal life!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR 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. *Thank you for seeing Jesus in those in need!*

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Come One, Come All !!! Our Environment Committee will be putting up the Christmas Environment on Thursday, Dec 23rd at 1:00pm. All help would be appreciated, if even for a bit.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

12 Monday— Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab-Judith 13:18-19-Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
No Mass today

13 Tuesday— Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13-Psalm 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23—Matthew 21:28-32
8:30 A.M. Communion Service
9:00 A.M.—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 P.M. KC Meeting

14 Wednesday— Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25-Psalm 85:9-14-Luke 7:18b-23
7:00 A.M. Buildings & Grds Mtg– Parish Hall Mtg Room
5:15 P.M. Mass + Delphine Ottesen
5:45 P.M. Reconciliation
5:45 P.M. Rosary
6:30 P.M. Grades 6 & 8 Religious Education
6:30 P.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Training Workshop—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
8:00 P.M. Men’s Prayer Group

15 Thursday— Isaiah 54:1-10—Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13– Luke 7:24-30
8:30 A.M. Communion Service
9:00 A.M. —10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1:00 P,M. Program Dress Rehearsal
6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. OCIA
6:30 P.M. School Christmas Program

16 Friday— Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8-Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8-John 5:33-36
7:00 A.M. KC Rosary
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Don Delorme

17 Saturday — Genesis 49:2, 8-10-Psalm 72:1-4,7-8,17– Matthew 1:1-17
Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
4:00 P.M.– 4:45 P.M. Reconciliation
4:30 P.M. Rosary
5:00 P.M. Mass + Fr. Jerry Rogers
Bake sale following Mass

18 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT– Isaiah 7:10-14-Psalm 24:1-6– Romans 1:1-7-Matthew 1:18-24
Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Masses
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Jerry Altendorf
9:20 A.M. Sunday School—Advent Craft Day
9:30 A.M. Coffee & Rolls
10:30 A.M. Mass—For the People



Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Brian Williamson, Lowell Arlt, Gary Arlt, Joe Roskop, Madeline Baumann, Mary Ann Lambert
Merlin Stone, David Carlson, Kristy Dupree, Timmy Nelson, Tom Miller, Elaine Radniecki, William Kezer,
Rachael Carlson, Tim Przybylski, Jane Palm, Audrey Berard, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Tony Radniecki
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Judy Langhorst, Marie Chaput, Corey Refshaw, Larry Schaefer, John Parent, Emily Novacek, Donald Hanson,
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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.

“Sub Tuum Praesidium”
The Earliest Known Prayer To Mary

Latin: Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus1, sed a
periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.
Amen.
English: We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise
not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from
all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens
Misty.Mehrkens @ stbernardstrf.com

Why did John the Baptist send his followers to question Je-
sus? After all, this was not John the Baptist’s first encounter
with Jesus (see Jesus’ baptism in Matthew 3:13-17) John didn’t
need convincing, but perhaps his followers did. Certainly, Jesus
wasn’t quite the conquering messiah people were expecting!

Just as the zealots of Jesus’ day interpreted the prophecies and
Scriptures in light of their desire for freedom from Rome, our
own vision and understanding can be limited by our own politi-
cal and social context. Jesus responds by calling attention to the
salvific mission of healing, as referenced in Isaiah: sickness is
cured, death is defeated, and God’s promises are preached to the
poor (Isaiah 35:5-6, 61:1) This is God’s universal mission for
all times and places. Blessed are those who are not offended
when Jesus doesn’t fit into our labels and boxes!

It’s not easy to find trustworthy leaders to follow. Jesus and
John the Baptist have different missions, but both prove them-
selves worthy of trust through the consistency of their ac-
tions. John is trustworthy because he holds firm to his mes-
sage. He won’t compromise for the powerful (for example, see
Matthew 14:3-4). As Christians, we are all called to share in
Christ’s mission of truth and mercy, in word and in deed. Look
over your own interactions this past week, in person and via
social media. Are you trustworthy? How can you make your
life more consistently reflect Christ’s life?

Advent Prayer for the 3rd Week of Advent: JOY
Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May
we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to
find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of grati-
tude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

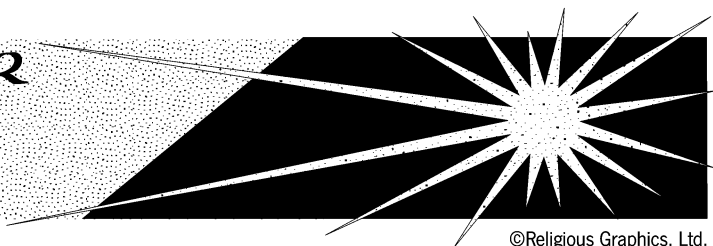
UPCOMING EVENTS
Reason for Hope Retreats:

- 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 10th & 11th: St. Bernard’s Cookie Walk It’s our 4th
Annual Christmas Cookie Walk! Come downstairs after any of
the Masses this weekend and pick up your favorite selection of
Christmas goodies! We are also selling cash and carry But-
terBraids in case you missed the opportunity to order any as
well as Catholic jewelry and rosaries that will make some
wonderful Christmas gifts! Be sure to stop downstairs and
check it out!

rejoice for
the Lord
is near.



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If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number).



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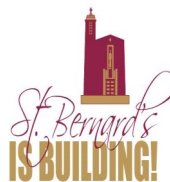
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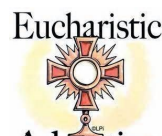
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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP Sunday — December 4, 2022

Weekly Offertory Total.....\$ 13,252.64
Weekly Offertory Budget.....\$ 10,833.00
Excess/Shortfall+ \$ 2,419.64



New to the parish and not registered?
Need to update your address or discontinued your landline? You can register or update your information on our website at stbernardscc.org or call 681-3571.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to anyone who would like to come to pray or be in the presence of Jesus. If you would like an hour of your own, contact Arlene Thune at 218.681.1740
Adoration : Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30—10 pm



First Friday/Saturday Adoration Vigil.
In remembrance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Bernard's holds an Adoration Vigil between the First Friday and Saturday of each month. If you would like to sign up for an hour or sign up as an alternate, please contact Mark Christiansen at (218)556-0037 or email at mark.christiansen22@gmail.com



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.



Volunteers will be needed to serve Coffee & Rolls after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Please consider helping in this ministry. Contact Julie Peterson for more information and to sign up. 218-686-8599



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people.

We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.



VOLUNTEERS & EMPLOYEES SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

CMG Connect—Diocese of Crookston
Instructions for online training

- ⇒ Go to <https://www.crookston.org/secertification>
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January 8—Sunday 10:30 am
February 5—Sunday 10:30 am
March 5—Sunday 8:30 am
April 2—Sunday 10:30 am
April 29—Saturday 5:00 pm



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The Crookston Diocese welcomes all couples to a free Natural Family Planning Introductory Session presented by Laura Golden, FCP and Sarah McKeown, CFCP. Couples will begin to learn the Creighton model and will be provided with the responsible parenthood instructions for achieving pregnancy, avoiding pregnancy, and monitoring fertility and cycles.

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Join Us for a Free Natural Family Planning Introductory Session
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training Workshop

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

7:00 pm in the church

For new and current ministers.

(Current ministers this would be a good refresher)

Commissioning for all Extraordinary Ministers

of Holy Communion will be at Masses

Saturday Dec. 17 & Sunday Dec. 18



St. Bernard's Church Ladies

Christmas Bake Sale

December 17 & 18

(after Masses)

Proceeds will go towards needs of our church.

You are welcome to donate baked goods for the sale if you
like, just leave items in the kitchenette by the gathering space.

Thank you!



ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL NEWS

~December 11, 2022~

ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATES AND GUIDES FAMILIES
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**DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN, OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL NOW BE AT 6:30 PM
ON DECEMBER 15TH INSTEAD OF 7:00 PM. A DRESS REHEARSAL IS AT 1:00 PM.**

FREE PAPER TOWEL DISPENSERS & TELEVISIONS

We are in the process of replacing our paper towel dispensers with new, touchless ones. As a result, we have a number of our used paper towel dispensers available for FREE. We also have a few televisions (tube – not flat screen) which are also FREE. Please contact our Head of Maintenance Manzy Peralta, or the school office if you are interested in one or a few. We will be disposing them at the beginning of the year.

MONTH OF MONEY WINNING CALENDAR

Thank you to all who purchased a Fall Raffle ticket! Here is the list of all our winners:

11/1/2022	\$50	Jill Andersen	11/11/2022	\$50	Gail Oyster	11/21/2022	\$50	Gail Oyster
11/2/2022	\$100	Dan Sletten	11/12/2022	\$250	Kelly Thygeson	11/22/2022	\$50	Pam Helteen
11/3/2022	\$50	Kristen Haase	11/13/2022	\$250	Tom Donarski	11/23/2022	\$100	Jon Iverson
11/4/2022	\$50	Kasey Olson	11/14/2022	\$50	Carl Hadland	11/24/2022	\$1,000	Sandy Hensrud
11/5/2022	\$250	Andrea Marschall	11/15/2022	\$50	John & Krystal Carlson	11/25/2022	\$50	Beth Ballard
11/6/2022	\$250	Alona DeHaan	11/16/2022	\$100	Al Grzadzielewski	11/26/2022	\$250	Marie Blomker
11/7/2022	\$50	Michael Fisher	11/17/2022	\$50	Ian O'Brien	11/27/2022	\$250	Kimberly Kalinoski
11/8/2022	\$50	Lucas Wolff	11/18/2022	\$50	Terrah Brown	11/28/2022	\$50	Doug Safar
11/9/2022	\$100	Beth Peterick	11/19/2022	\$250	Mert Hutchinson	11/29/2022	\$50	Kristen Lund
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THIRD GRADE FOOD SHELF PROJECT

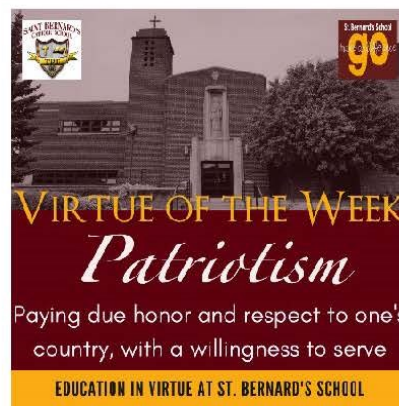
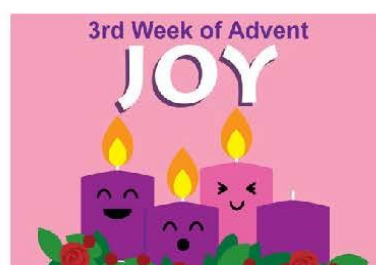
CONGRATULATIONS St. Bernard's School! Due to your efforts, we have 1281 items and 1131 pounds of food for the Food Shelf! The third-grade class gathered, sorted, counted, charted, and weighed the food and then, last week, they delivered to the Food Shelf! You have all "Made a Difference" in so many lives.

SCRIP IS HERE! SCRIP IS HERE!

Please let St. Bernard's School take care of your Christmas shopping needs! We are gradually acquiring local businesses such as Ronning's and China King! **SCRIP CARDS FOR CASH OR CHECK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE! CONTACT US AT 218-681-1539 OR MARY.COX@STBERNARDSTRF.COM TO GET THE CODE.**

ST. BERNARD'S DATES TO REMEMBER

12/13	8:30 All School Guided Adoration
12/14	11:15 Alumni Lunch, 3:00 Robotics Practice
12/15	1:00 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal,
12/15	6:30 Christmas Program *NEW TIME*
12/16	12:45 School movie "The Star" at Falls Cinema
12/21	Elementary Orchestra Concert
12/22	12:00 Early Out – NO LUNCH - Last day of school
12/23 – 1/2	Christmas Break



ABOUT THE LIVESTREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

By now many of our parishioners have noticed that the Mass has not been livestreamed for two Sundays. Since the beginning of the pandemic, two years ago, bishops of the United States dispensed their faithful from the obligation of the Sunday Mass. Bishops informed their faithful that as the pandemic becomes less hazardous and moves out that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass would be reinstated. Reinstatement of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was done in the Diocese of Crookston and most every diocese in the country some time ago, but some parishes kept the livestreaming as has been the case at St. Bernard's.

You may recall that during the days of the pandemic churches were closed. No one was able to come to Mass in church by order of the Governor's office. This was basically to minimize the spread of the virus. It was not meant to be a ministry to the homebound or an aid to travelers. The thought was that people would return to church when the restrictions ended. This really hasn't happened. The number of Mass attendees continue to remain low and the question remains, why haven't they started to return? This will be a question for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Pastor to discuss.

In light of all of this the livestreaming of the Sunday Mass will return this weekend just as it was before and will remain until it is resolved. We do, however, invite and encourage those who have stayed away from Mass to return and join in person your friends and neighbors for Sunday Mass.

Thank you!