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Holy Mass Schedule

| Tuesday | 8:00 AM |
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| Wednesday | 5:15 PM |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM |
| Friday | 8:30 AM (School Mass) |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM |

See the weekly schedule in the bulletin for changes to the schedule.

## Confession Schedule

| Saturday | 4:00-4:50 PM |
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| Sunday | 8:00-8:50 AM |
| Weekdays | 30 minutes before |
|  | Mass (ends 10 <br> minutes before Mass) |
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## Saint Bernard's Cathofic Church

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The Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Greetings,

I love the Solemnity of Christ the King! At the very end of the liturgical year, we acclaim Christ Jesus as the King of the Universe! He is truly the King, and the whole creation is His rightful kingdom. One of the ways of understanding the role of the Church is that it exists to bring all people into the Kingdom of Jesus, that they may give their allegiance to this Saving King! We all know the patriotic pledge of allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." I remember the first time I heard a variation to this; it was kind of shocking, but so true. I was at a prayer event, and a person got up and said: "I pledge allegiance to Jesus!" Again, it sounded odd at first, but as I reflected upon the statement, I began to love it so very much. In this solemnity, we pledge allegiance to Jesus, the King and Head of the Church.

I hope that your Thanksgiving celebrations were/are filled with blessings. I always enjoy getting together with my growing family.. I think we are around 24 or 25 now (hard to keep track!) with all the nieces and nephews.

Reports from those who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference indicate that it was a powerful and hope-filling experience for the youth and chaperones. Tens of thousands of youth, gathered in a football stadium, kneeling in adoration before our Eucharistic Lord and King - what an image!

I continue to be greatly edified by the excellence of our Catholic school. I was with the students at the Eagles earlier in the week to decorate and bless some Christmas trees, the profits of which support Hospice care. The students raised their hands in blessing and also sang so well "Silent Night." They are being nurtured and educated so well in the Christian vision of life. May our school grow ever brighter in our community.

Grace and Peace, Father Vasek

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the KING:


|  |  | Holy Mass Schedule \& Intentions for this Week |  |
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| Mon., Nov. 27 | NO MASS |  | +Gail Boice |
| Tue., Nov. 28 | 8:00 AM |  | +Gayle Grossman |
|  | 10:30 AM | Care Center Mass |  |
| Wed., Nov. 29 | 5:15 PM |  | +Tony Kozojed |
| Thu., Nov. 30 | 8:00 AM |  | +Vern Wavra |
| Fri., Dec. 1 | 8:30 AM |  | +Delap Family |
| Sat., Dec. 2 | 8:30 AM | First Saturday Mass | Anna and St. Joseph's Intentions |
|  | 5:00 PM |  | Pro Populo |
| Sun., Dec. 3 | 9:00 AM |  | +Parents of J + D |


| Feasts and Readings |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mon., Nov. 27 Mon. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time |  |
| 1st Reading: Dan. 1:1-6, 8-20 |  |
| Psalm: | Dan. 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 |
| Gospel: | Lk. 21:1-4 |
| Tue., Nov. 28 Tue. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time |  |
| 1st Reading: | Dan. 2:31-45 |
| Psalm: | Dan. 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 |
| Gospel: | Lk. 21:5-11 |
| Wed., Nov. 29 Wed. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time |  |
| 1st Reading: | Dan. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 |
| Psalm: | Dan. 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 |
| Gospel: | Lk. 21:12-19 |
| Thu., Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle |  |
| 1st Reading: | Rom. 10:9-18 |
| Psalm: | Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11 |
| Gospel: | Mt. 4:18-22 |
| Fri., Dec. 1 | th Week in Ordinary Time |
| 1st Reading: | Dan. 7:2-14 |
| Psalm: | Dan. 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 |
| Gospel: | Lk. 21:29-33 |
| Sat., Dec. 2 Sat. of 34th Week in Ord |  |
| 1st Reading: | Dan. 7:15-27 |
| Psalm: | Dan. 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 |
| Gospel: | Lk. 21:34-36 |
| Sun., Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent* |  |
| 1st Reading: | Is. 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 |
| Psalm: | Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 |
| 2nd Reading: | 1 Cor. 1:3-9 |
| Gospel: | Mk. 13:33-37 |


| ${ }_{1}$ Ministry | Sat 5PM | Sun 9AM |
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| ${ }^{\text {I Accompanist }}$ | C. Dallman | L. Brickson |
| , Cantor | Youth Choir | L. Brickson |
| \| Hospitality | A. Eidelbes | L. Genereux |
| - | G. Novak | R. Reierson |
| I | G. Schmitz | R. Wald |
| I | B. Skalsky | K. Yaggie |
| \| Sacristan | P. Sagsveen | C. Holecek |
| I Ministry Captain | M. Mehrkens | B. Buresh |
| , EMHC | A. Thune | K. Fogarty |
| ) | M. Yuska | B. Fogarty |
| I Lector | Youth Mass | E. Wavra |
| \| Commentator | Youth Mass | J. Lubitz |
| I Altar Server | K. Casavan | K. Strand |
| \| Tech | NOT FILLED | K. Scholin |

## Religious Ed Schedule

| Nov. 29 | 6:30PM | Grades 6 \& 7 |
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| Dec. 2 | 10:00AM | Celebration of First Confession |
| Dec. 3 | 9:00AM | Confirmation Class Welcoming @ Mass |
| Dec. 6 | 6:30PM | Exalt w/dinner @5:45 |
| Dec. 10 | 10:15AM | Sunday School |
| Dec. 13 | 6:30PM | Grades 6 \& 8 |
| Dec. 17 | 10:15AM | Sunday School |
| Dec. 20 | 6:30PM | Grades 6 \& 7 |
| Dec. 24-31 | No RE or Sunday School |  |
| Jan. 3 | 6:30PM | Exalt w/dinner @5:45 |

Contact Margaret Rasmussen if you have questions. Margaret.Rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com


St. Bernard's parish to sign-up!

' RaiseRight (Scrip) gift cards are available for purichase. This is a great idea for holiday giving and to isupport St. Bernard's School!
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'Watch for the red toolbox in the gathering space ; after Mass or contact the St. Bernard's School office! !
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Did you know that St. Bernard's now has a Podcast?! Listen to homilies, studies, and more. Check it out on podbean at https://charlievogel.podbean.com/ search 'St. Bernard's TRF' wherever you 'listen to podcasts.

View the E-Bulletin!
Would you rather view the bulletin in a digital format? Check out the e-bulletin at stbernardscc.org or in the myParish app!

Search for myParish on the App Store or Google Play to download our app today!
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## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

I NCYC 2023 - Thank you St. Bernard's for your prayers and supi port for our 14 adults and youth that attended the National 'Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this past week! The I theme was "Fully Alive" and was based off of John 10:10 "I I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantI ly." And abundantly it is! Over 12,000 youth from across the ' nation joined together to grow in their faith and believe that I Jesus is ALIVE and that through Him we can live Fully ' Alive! Thank you Kari, Charlie, Abi, Tiffany, Ruby, Kaitlyn, Rebecca, Kaleb, Aiden, Sam, Dylan, Mollie \& Mackenzie for being I a witness to us all and sharing your love for Jesus! The next ${ }^{1}$ NCYC is in Long Beach, CA on November 14-16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, "EI ! Camino|The Way". Save the date!!
I HOPE RETREAT: December $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }} \& \mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }}$ The Cause of Our Joy retreat is focused on how Mary brings us closer to her son during I the Advent season. Open for all high school students. Registraition information and more details can be found at https:// , www.crookston.org/reasonforhope
$6^{\text {th }}$ ANNUAL COOKIE WALK: Let the youth take care of all your I holiday baking needs with our Cookie Walk! Saturday, Decem${ }^{1}$ ber $9^{\text {th }}$ from 6:00-8:00pm and Sunday, December $10^{\text {th }}$ from 10:00am-Noon (or until supplies last). Create your own assortI ment of goodies for only $\$ 10 / \mathrm{lb}$ or choose from prepackaged i items. Located downstairs in the St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All proceeds help fund traveling and activity expenses for the St. Bernard's Youth Group.

I For those of you who would like to participate in the baking I and making of Christmas goodies, please go to https://bit.ly/ I StBCookieWalk to sign up. Our goal is to have at least 100 dozI en baked goods to ensure the Cookies Walk is a success. For I any questions, please contact Laura Williams li-
, onlaura5m11@gmail.com or Sarah Vogel csvogel@gmail.com

' GLOW AND BOWL: December $2^{\text {nd }}$ from 8:00-9:00pm Join us I for a night of glow and bowl at SouthTown Lanes! Be sure to i wear white or neon colors! We'll be having a competition as , well. The top 3 bowlers will win a gift card to McDonald's or I' "Dons". Please RSVP by November $26^{\text {th }}$ scanning the QR code I on the bulletin insert!

Jackie Hunt, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Roger Amundson, Ron Winter, John Sherack, Tom Super, Mary Hemstreet, Jim Breth, Robert Walrath, Elliana Rose Viktora, Donna Brouse, Tim Kramer, Christine Oliver, Margaret Koldon, Luke Noreen, Sid Brouse, Gale Schmitz, Tori Hovelsrud, Ray Hedlund, Emil Vanyo, Jan Kramer, Tim Bulger, John Barry, Alberta Johnson, Daniel Bernard

If you wish to have someone placed on, or removed from, the prayer list, please call (218) 681-3571 or email norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com


Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
' Giving to St Bernards' SVDP helps us serve those who need ' our help in difficult times.

## Finamancuriai -

 Attend a free, timely Adult Education Workshop about End-of-Life Decisions from a ICatholic Perspective sponsored by Catholic United Financial I and Member Advisor Philip Zubrod. There are two opportuniities to attend on Tuesday, December 5th at 9:00AM and again , at 6:00PM at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River ${ }_{\text {I }}$ Falls. Father Craig Vasek will address questions like: "Must I medical treatment always be continued?" "What does the I church teach about Death with Dignity?" and "How do I make a ' Catholic health care directive?" David Schonhardt, Advanced I Case Specialist from Catholic United will also be on hand to I speak about the financial aspects of End-of-Life Decisions inI cluding final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of I attorney and more. There will be a question-and-answer sesI sion following the presentation. A light meal and refreshments I will be provided. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or ! email workshops@catholicunited.org.

Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and pastries after Mass on Sundays from September to May. If interested, contact Julie Peterson at (218) 686-8599.
 ;Schaefer, Michelle Johnson, Lucy ,Scholin, Joan Lubitz, Steve Stone, Kyle Mehrkens, 'Jacob Rath, Mike Wavra


ISt. Bernard's Faith Formation Board is looking for New Mem, bers! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Johnson by I' phone or text at (218) 686-9756. Thank you!


Mark your calendars for the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, to take place May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Bishop Cozzens, and Bishop Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to this collaboration between our dioceses to ' celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Immediately I following the congress, the Marian Route of the National EuI charistic Pilgrimage will begin at the headwaters of the MissisI sippi in Itasca State Park. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire your devotion to the Eucharist through power talks, witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, and confession. Register at crookstoneucharist.org

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to anyone who would like to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

## Adoration

'Eucharistic Adoration is regularly scheduled on Tuesday and 'Thursday from 8:30AM-10:00PM and Fridays during Lent from 19:30AM to 10:00PM. As our new Adoration Chapel comes closer to completion, the parish has a goal of having scheduled ' adorers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you would like to commit to an hour of your own, please contact Arlene Thune at (218) 681-1740.
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# St. Bernard's School News ~NOVEMBER 26, 2022~ 

St. Bernard's Catholic School educates and guides families to grow and serve in the love of Jesus Christ

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving, dear St. Bernard's Community!
May this day be filled with gratitude, joy, and cherished moments with loved ones. Wishing you blessings and warmth from all of us at St. Bernard's School. Enjoy this special time of gratitude and togetherness!

## MONTH OF MONEY WINNING CALENDAR - DECEMBER DELIGHTS!

We are so excited to announce the St. Bernard's Month of Prizes Winning Calendar is ON SALE FOR UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER! Each day there are a variety of wonderful cash prizes. Tickets are only $\$ 10$ and you have 30 chances to win on each ticket! Tickets can be purchased after Mass or from any St. Bernard's School family. There are $\$ 3400$ in total prizes - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 ${ }^{\text {TH }}$

This year our annual program will be held at a NEW TIME - 6:00 pm with a reception to follow. This will also allow people to attend the Christmas Train at 7:30 downtown. All are welcome!

## THIRD GRADE FOOD SHELF PROJECT

Mrs. Rath and our third-grade class are in the beginning of their annual November drive for the Food Shelf. Each day, a third grader will gather the different non-perishables which have been donated from the different classes. Then, they check for expiration dates, sort, weigh, and graph the food. Their goal is 1000 different donations. At the end of the month, they will deliver to the Food Shelf and assist in inventorying the food. If you would like to help their project, just drop off your nonperishable item with any of the classes or at the office. Way to "Go Make a Difference!" kiddos!

## ST. BERNARD'S DATES TO REMEMBER

| 11/29/23 | 3:30 PM | PraySing Children's Choir Practice |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/30/23 | 3:00 PM | Art Club with Pam Anderson |
| 12/1/23 | 9:30 AM | December Delights Raffle Drawing |
| 12/2/23 | 5:00 PM | PraySing Elementary Mass |
| 12/5/23 | 3:15 PM | 4H Cloverbuds - K-2nd |
| 12/6/23 | 11:20 AM | 1st Grade Lunch |
| 12/6/23 | 5:00 PM | Exult - ALL ARE WELCOME! |
| 12/6/23 | St. Nicholas |  |
| 12/7/23 | 3:00 PM | Art Club with Pam Anderson |
| 12/8/23 | Solemnity | f the Immaculate Conception - No school - Parish |
| and School Offices Closed |  |  |
| 12/12/23 | 8:30 AM | All School Guided Adoration |
| 12/12/23 | Feast of Our | r Lady of Guadalupe Mass / Celebration |
| 12/12/23 | 7:00 PM | Peace of Mind Parent Webinar |
| 12/13/23 | 11:15-12:1 | Alumni Lunch |
| 12/14/23 | 1:00 PM | Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal |
| 12/14/23 | 6:00 PM | Christmas Program |
| 12/19/23 | 3:00 PM | Art Club with Pam Anderson |
| 12/19/23 | 6:00 PM | 23-24 SAC Meeting / Zoom |
| 12/22/23 Start Christmas Break - 12:00 PM |  |  |



Prudence
Enables one to reason and to act rightly in
any given situation -
"right reason in action"

## Gifts of Grain

 How it Works

Farmer asks elevator to transfer $X$ number of bushels (or livestock)to St. Bernard's

St. Bernard's authorizes the sale of the grain and collects the proceeds.


St. Bernard's provides

$\square$a receipt of the number of bushels transfered

Farmer reaps tax advantage:

- Lower gross income
- Lower taxable income
- Lower income tax
- Lower self employment tax


