

# OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.

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### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

#### Grade 1:

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class has been working on prayers, and learning about the Holy Family, the Holy Trinity, and God's creation.

We always welcome parents, grandparents and other special friends to join us at Mass every Tuesday, and Thursday morning @ 7:45 a.m.

**-Janel Zurliene and Chris Huegen**

#### Grade 2:

We are Blessed!! The second graders are preparing for their **First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 2 at St. Damian's at 1:00 p.m.**

We are on a journey with Ben, Sarah, and Hemingway to become the best version of ourselves! We know that we have free will and can make our own choices each day which comes with a lot of responsibility. We are learning how to avoid temptation and sin by using God's grace and following our conscience.

There will be a Faith Family Fun Night on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Damian's to continue our preparation for Reconciliation with our families. See you then!

**-Angie Winkeler**

#### Grades 3 and 4:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been looking at the story of Moses' life, as well as the Ten Commandments and how they apply to us today. Also, please see the last page of this newsletter for important information about the **new Faith Formation Christmas Celebration play!**

**-Robbin Netemeyer**

#### Grades 5 and 6:

The students recently took a quiz covering the Joyful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary. All of them did well with the Joyful mysteries, and most did well with the Glorious mysteries. The Sorrowful and Luminous mysteries are being addressed now.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER 7

- Faith Family Fun Night at 7:00 p.m. at St. Damian's

#### NOVEMBER 18

- Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation at 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bernard's

#### DECEMBER 2

- First Reconciliation at St. Damian's at 1:00 p.m.

#### DECEMBER 15

- Faith Formation Christmas Play at 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Bernard's



The class is broken down into five groups with each group being given a turn to lead the rosary.

We are also taking time to watch the movie "Letters to God."

**-Kathy Engelmann and Kate Toennies**

**Grades 7 and 8:**

On October 10th our students attended the Youth Rally at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine and it was a fun, faith-filled evening! They had numerous fun-filled activities and some amazing thought-provoking spiritual reflections!!

**REMINDER** to mark your calendars for attending mass on Sunday, November 18th at 10:00 as it is the **Rite Of Enrollment for Confirmation**. All students **MUST** attend and dress clothes are required.

All parishioners are welcome to attend in support of our Confirmand.

All Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up to be a part of the Faith Formation Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 15th during the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Bernard.

God Bless,

**-Dana Lake, Pops Kennedy & Kelly Jansen**



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOVEMBER 9**

- Cardinal Calendar order forms are due

**NOVEMBER 22**



**FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE**

**How Does Someone Become A Saint?**

**5 Steps to Sainthood**

**First**, the person's local bishop investigates their life by gathering information from witnesses of their life and any writings they may have written. If the bishop finds them to be worthy of being a saint, then he submits the information that he gathered to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

**Second**, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints can choose to reject the application or accept it and begin their own investigation of the person's life. If the application is accepted, the person may be called Servant of God.

**Third**, if the Congregation for the Causes of Saints approves of the candidate, they can choose to declare that the person lived a heroically, virtuous life. This isn't a declaration that the person is in heaven, but that they pursued holiness while here on earth. If this is indeed found to be the case, the person may be called Venerable.

**Fourth**, to be recognized as someone in heaven requires that a miracle has taken place through the intercession of that person. The miracle is usually a healing. The healing has to be instantaneous, permanent, and complete while also being scientifically unexplainable. Miracles have to be first verified as scientifically unexplainable by a group of independent doctors, then the person is approved by a panel of theologians, and then the final approval lies with the Pope. If this is the case, a person is declared a blessed.

Note: Besides the number of miracles attributed to them, the difference between a blessed and a saint is that the scope of devotion for a blessed is narrower – usually limited to a specific group of people or a particular region of the world, while a saint is held up for devotion for the universal Church.

**Fifth**, a second miracle is needed in order to declare someone a saint. The confirmation of a second miracle goes through the same scrutiny as the first.

The five-step process is a general outline for how someone becomes a saint. There are definitely exceptions to this process and situations that may change the process as well.

Have a saintly month.

**-Fr. Anthony Onyango**

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

This is the time for all of us to share the good things that God has blessed us with. May it be food or clothing; time or talent. We should be aware as children of God that it is required of us to help our neighbor year around, but on this harvest season, the plenty that we have should be shared with the less fortunate. Thank you to those of you that have started the acts of charity that shows who we are.

### **Some inspiring quotes on charity:**

*“We make a living by what we get,  
But we make a life by what we give.”*

Winston Churchill

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

*“He who wished to secure the good of others,  
Has already secured his own.”*

Confucius

*“Where there is charity and wisdom,  
There is neither fear nor ignorance.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

*“Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.”*

Moliere

*“Charity begins at home, but should not end there”*

Proverb

*“Charity sees the need, not the cause”*

German Proverb

*“May your charity increase as much as your wealth”*

Proverb

*“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”*

Victor Hugo

*“Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others.”*

Plato

*"We cannot do great things on this Earth,  
Only small things with great love."*

Mother Teresa

*"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"The best way to find yourself  
Is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

Mahatma Gandhi

*"You may never know what results come of your action,  
But if you do nothing there will be no result"*

Mahatma Gandhi

*"Pray for the dead. And fight like hell for the living!"*

Mother Jones

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

Margaret Mead

*"As one person I cannot change the world,  
But I can change the world of one person."*

Paul Shane Spear

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."*

Muhammad Ali

*When it comes to charity; many people stop at nothing.....*

Anon

Just an added note of [the importance of the children coming to Mass regularly on weekends with their families.](#) On weekdays they attend Mass during Faith Formation sessions, but the children need to pray with their moms and dads at Mass also on the weekends. Praying together strengthens a family in more ways than we'll ever realize!!!! Joshua says', "**as for me and my house, we will serve God.**"

**Thank you for bringing the children to Mass!**

**-Deacon Glenn**

*"May you always be doing those good, kind things that show you are a child of God."*

Phil 1:11 Living Bible (TLB)

## ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

Starting Wednesday October 3rd – St. Bernard and St. Damian will be hosting a weekly Holy Hour with Benediction **every Wednesday**. (One exception Oct 24...due to the REBOOT event)

Adoration will start at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

The location will rotate on the SAME schedule as the Saturday Masses:

- October – St. Bernard
- November – St. Damian
- December – St. Bernard

And so on...

Here is a link of things to do during a Holy Hour...

<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/holyhour.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-660-3976.

**-Deacon Kevin**

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

From the signs along the road to the ads on TV and radio and even on Facebook, we are all aware of the upcoming election.

Do we consider it an important expression of our Faith to get involved with this process? It can be difficult to sort through the multiple messages and make choices that affect our local community, state and nation.

To vote is a primary right of being a citizen. To vote according to our Christian values can be the most important effort on Nov. 6. It is your chance to vote and be counted.

**-Sister Ellen Orf**

## COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

As we prepare for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Hispanic community will be offering raffle tickets for this beautiful embroidered tablecloth from Mexico and a Christmas crib set.

For more information, please contact Sister Ellen at 636-293-8253 or [ellen\\_46@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_46@yahoo.com).



### 2019 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS CALENDARS



To pre-order your St. Louis Cardinals calendar, contact any St. Bernard Faith Formation Student, Diane Winkeler at 248-5361, or make a check payable to St. Bernard's Parish and mail it to Diane Winkeler, PO Box 256, Albers, IL 62215.

**Orders need to be received no later than November 9th!**

**These calendars make great Christmas gifts!!!**

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule - November 2018

Contact Info: Angie Winkeler  
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Period start date: 11/6/2018  
 Period end date: 11/30/2018

Day	Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc. Prayer	Class Host
Tuesday	11/6/2018	Sophia K. Cayden L.	Carson R. Ben M. Gavin H.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Dawson R.	5
Thursday	11/8/2018	Makenna L. Cristina R.	Jordyn S. Tessa S. Elliott R.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Mason S.	5
Tuesday	11/13/2018	Rylee J. Jessenia T.	Kaleb J. Madi W. Kalie W.	Ashlyn Coryn	Kyler V.	4
Thursday	11/15/2018	Carson R. Avery W.	Bradley S. Lucero H. Abby C.	Ashlyn Coryn	Garrett W.	4
Tuesday	11/20/2018	Grant W. Kaleb J.	Cayden L. Corina H. Rylee J.	Ashlyn Coryn	Adelyn W.	3
Thursday	11/22/2018			<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		
Tuesday	11/27/2018	Herbert H. Mallory S.	Hayley L. Wyatt J. Ana A.	Ana Jordyn	Alex A.	2
Thursday	11/29/2018	Abby C. Elliott R.	Marco A. Grant W. Trevor J.	Ana Jordyn	Omar A.	2

Faith Formation Christmas Celebration!

The third weekend of Advent is Joyful weekend as we anticipate the coming of Jesus' birth! **Saturday, December 15, during the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Bernard**, the Faith Formation classes will be presenting a playlet of the Christmas Story. We will need readers, cantors, and young actors to portray the characters in the story of Jesus' birth.

Since the playlet will take place during Mass, we need to know who will be available to participate. Please complete the form below if you will be able to be in attendance for this new event!

Parts will be assigned in accordance with how many participants we will have for the program – costumes are provided for nativity characters. Readers and cantors will dress in Mass attire. This is something new and exciting! Hope to see you there!

**PLEASE RETURN TO FAITH FORMATION NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email contact:

Please contact Robbin Netemeyer at 618-772-9346 or [gnetemeyer@msn.com](mailto:gnetemeyer@msn.com) for details!

