

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

The time is always right to do what is right.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 1:

The 1st Grade Faith Formation class made cards for the nurses and doctors at St. Louis Children's Hospital as part of the Confirmation Class Service Project for Rae Anne Toennies.

We also talked about how we "Say Yes" to God. We read the Bible story and watched a movie about Noah's Ark and how he said 'yes' to God when he was called on.

Going forward we will be learning about the Holy People of the Church and what they do.

Please continue to work with your children and practice their daily prayers. Some are doing great, and some could use some extra reinforcement at home.

The 1st grade class will be the Mass host on Sunday, February 17th at 10am at St. Bernard's parish. Please make plans to join us.

-Janel Zurliene and Chris Huegen

Grade 2:

Happy New Year from the 2nd grade!

We completed our Reconciliation workbooks this month and those were sent home this week. Each chapter ended with a Journal to Jesus entry and the students took some quiet time to reflect on the chapter. Take a moment to review their responses and read their thoughts on preparing and receiving First Reconciliation.

They completed a gratitude list as well and it certainly shows that they know how blessed they are!

The Blessed First Communion books were recently handed out and we are looking forward to having our Blessed friends Ben, Sarah, and Hemingway help us prepare for our First Communion.

Important dates to remember:

Saturday, March 30 - First Eucharist Mini-Retreat - 9 am-Noon

Sunday, April 28 - First Eucharist Sunday - 10 am

Best wishes for a blessed 2019!

-Angie Winkeler



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 26

- Krispy Kreme donut sales at St. Damian and St. Bernard weekend masses – proceeds donated to offset the hospital bill of Rae Toennies

FEBRUARY 3



FEBRUARY 10

- Sponsor/Confirmand Event at St. Bernard Parish Center from 1pm to 4pm

Grades 3 and 4:

Welcome back! I wanted to say "Thank you" for the Christmas gifts and the most special gift - a class that came back from break ready to work!

We are learning about our Catholic faith and the Precepts of the Church, how the 10 Commandments apply to our interactions with family and friends, and preparing for the upcoming season of Lent.

Our 4th graders will begin server training in February and they are very excited! We will also start memorizing the names of our New Testament books. We are hoping to have everything memorized by Lent so we can use our skills in researching and finding things in our Bibles.

We are off to a great start!

-Robbin Netemeyer

Grades 5 and 6:

Most of our time this month has been devoted to learning about the seasons of the Liturgical Year. As we finish that, we'll spend a little time on the parts of the Mass and holy days of obligation; and then our focus will be on the books of the Bible.

(Note: We will be welcoming Miss Kate back next week. Thanks to Kelly Jansen for her involvement in our classes this month and to Deacon Glenn for spending time with us.)

-Kathy Engelmann and Kate Toennies

Grades 7 and 8:

February is a busy month. As we continue to prepare for Confirmation, we will be starting a new book called 'Decision Point'. There are also two big events to attend.

- Sunday, February 10th from 1 pm – 4 pm is the Sponsor/Confirmand Event at St. Bernard Parish Center
- Saturday, February 16th is the Confirmation Retreat at Ruma from 9 am – 3 pm for all confirmation students

Don't forget to review the Service Packet Binders to ensure the students are on track to complete the hours needed for Confirmation.

Finally, another big project coming up this month is Cosgrove's Casseroles. This is a great ministry in which our parish has done a remarkable job in the past in completing a record number of casseroles to feed the hungry.

Watch for details on all of the upcoming events and activities. God Bless!

-Dana Lake, Pops Kennedy & Kelly Jansen

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D

FEBRUARY 16

- Confirmation Retreat at Ruma from 9 am to 3 pm for all confirmation students

MARCH 30

- First Eucharist Mini-Retreat – 9 am-Noon

APRIL 28

- First Eucharist Sunday – 10 am at St. Bernard

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

Spiritual Reflection

Never break the pot that once gave you water.
 Never bite the hands that once fed you.
 Never despise the home that once gave you shelter.
 Never punch holes in the umbrella that once gave you cover.
 Never insult the breasts that once gave you pleasure.
 And never malign the church that once gave you fire.
 If, for now, you have outgrown their usefulness, leave them intact, and go quietly and honorably.

For it may be the time and season of breakthrough for others also.
Be careful how you close a door.
Never ever bang it, you may need to walk through that same door tomorrow.

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

The church seasons change throughout the year. After the Advent and Christmas seasons we go back to Ordinary time. We stay in ordinary time, year C, until Ash Wednesday on March 6. This marks the beginning of Lent.

This is also the beginning of Jesus' ministry from the wedding feast at Cana to Jesus' teaching of the splinter in the eye on the Sunday before Lent.

Please listen to Jesus carefully and apply that teaching to your own lives.

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

A Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction is held **every Wednesday** at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes. Adoration starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

The location rotates on the SAME schedule as the Saturday Masses:

- January – St. Damian
- February – St. Bernard
- March – St. Damian

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

FEASTS

January is fleshing out Christmas with the Feast of Epiphany.

The Hispanic community celebrated on January 6 with a meal together, games for the children, a piñata and Mexican lotería (bingo). The King's cake that contains 3 tiny baby figures was shared and those with a "baby" will bring tamales and atole on Feb. 3, the Feast of the Presentation.

El mes de enero cumple la Navidad con la fiesta de Epifanía. La comunidad hispana celebró el 6 de enero compartiendo una comida, regalos para los niños, una piñata y lotería mexicana. La rosca de reyes que contiene 3 figuritas de bebés fue compartida y los que sacaron un niño van a traer tamales y atole el 3 de febrero, la fiesta de la Presentación.

-Sister Ellen Orf

COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

RALLY FOR RAE



Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be sold at all of the St. Damian and St. Bernard masses on the weekend of January 26 and 27.

Proceeds will be donated for the hospital bills of Rae Toennies.



FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule - February 2019

Contact Info: Angie Winkeler
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Period start date: 2/5/2019
 Period end date: 2/28/2019

Day	Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc. Prayer	Class Host
Tuesday	2/5/2019	Lydia E. Cayden L.	Marco A. Clayton J. Hayley L.	Alaina H. Cristina R.	Isaac A.	3
Thursday	2/7/2019	Jacob K. Corinne W.	Bradley S. Lucero H. Ashlyn G.	Alaina H. Cristina R.	Emree A.	3
Tuesday	2/12/2019	Brady R. Tessa S.	Jordyn S. Kellen R. Kaleb J.	Mallory S. Violet H.	Alejandra A.	2
Thursday	2/14/2019	Sophia K. Jessenia T.	Coryn T. Riley R. Jake K.	Mallory S. Violet H.	Lilly B.	2
Tuesday	2/19/2019	Makenna L. Carson Richter	Jacob K. Cristina R. Andrew C.	Aidan V.	Alex C.	1
Thursday	2/21/2019	Carson R. Wyatt J.	Ben M. Jessenia T. Trevor J.	Aidan V.	Trigg G.	1
Tuesday	2/26/2019	Rylee J. Madi W.	Kalie W. Corinne W. Jillian K.	Coryn T. Lydia E.	Kellan H.	8
Thursday	2/28/2019	Grant W. Lucero H.	Gavin N. Landon S. Sophia K.	Coryn T. Lydia E.	Adrienne R.	8