

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

Jesus came to show us how to live, not for a few years, but eternally.

-Fulton Oursler

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 1:

The 1st grade class was very busy this month. We created Valentine's messages for friends and family members at the Breese Nursing Home. We also made cards for Pops and we have been praying for him daily.

We hosted Mass on Sunday, February 17. We were happy to see you there. Our next date to host Mass is Sunday, April 14th. Please invite your grandparents and friends to celebrate Mass with us at 10 am.

We will begin talking about the season of Lent and will continue to practice our prayers and work on memorizing them. You are always welcome to join us at weekday masses at 7:45 am.

PS - Ask your child how many people were on Noah's Ark.

-Janel Zurliene and Chris Huegen

Grade 2:

There will be a parent/student meeting for First Eucharist preparation on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard Church. If you are not able to attend, please contact me.

Mini-Retreat - Saturday, March 30th

First Eucharist - Sunday, April 28th

In class, the students are eagerly anticipating their First Eucharist. We are reading stories about Jesus' life and His presence in our life. Our Blessed series reminds us that Jesus is present in a special way at Mass. The Mass is the ultimate prayer and learning to listen to God's voice is one of the most important lessons we can learn in life.

The Mass is one of the greatest blessings God gives us as Catholics. Each Sunday is our opportunity to thank God for all the ways He has blessed us, to thank Him, and just spend time with Him.

Celebrate the many blessings God has given you!!

-Angie Winkeler



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1

- Mexican Fish Fry at 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the Damiansville Gym

MARCH 3

- Preparing Cosgrove's Casseroles at 11 am in St. Bernard Parish Center

MARCH 6

- Ash Wednesday Mass
 - 7:45 am Mass at St. Damian
 - 7:00 pm Mass at St. Bernard
 - 7:00 pm Hispanic Service at St. Damian



- Lent Begins



Grades 3 and 4:

The 3rd and 4th grade Faith Formation students will begin their studies of the stories of Jesus' ministry during Lent.

The 4th grade continue their training to become Mass servers.

-Robbin Netemeyer

Grades 5 and 6:

As we finish our focus on books of the Bible, we are watching "Heaven is for Real." Then we will start with the season of Lent.

Sometime in March, we will begin preparing for the presentation of the Stations of the Cross (Wednesday before Easter--April 17). The 5th graders will have an active part in this, as the 6th graders did last year. This year, the 6th graders will provide support behind the scenes.

We may need help with additional costumes since there are 16 students in the 5th grade. We will let you know.

-Kathy Engelmann and Kate Toennies

Grades 7 and 8:

We have had a busy month of February starting with the Sponsor/Confirmation Event on February 10th. On February 16th, Jackie Toennies and her team led us through a day of "Being the Light" activities at the Confirmation retreat at Ruma. The team discussed various things from being the light for others and also who was the light for them. It was great to see the students reflect on being grateful to those who were their light, and also how they could be a light for others.

We wrapped up the month with sharing our Saint Sacks with the other classes as we continue to prepare for receiving the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Important dates for March are:

Sunday, MARCH 3 - Preparing Cosgrove's Casserole - please try to help prepare that day and/or donate funds to offset the costs of the ingredients.

Luke 3:10-11 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Friday, MARCH 8 - Check in date for service packets and draft of letter for Bishop Braxton

Sunday, MARCH 17 - Mass at Cathedral of St Peter - 5 pm

Wednesday, MARCH 20 - Letter to Bishop Braxton is due

-Dana Lake, Pops Kennedy & Kelly Jansen

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D**MARCH 13**

- First Eucharist Preparation parent/student meeting at 6 pm at St. Bernard Church.

MARCH 30

- First Eucharist Mini-Retreat – 9 am-Noon at St. Bernard Parish Center

APRIL 28

- First Eucharist Sunday – 10 am Mass at St. Bernard Church

MAY 1

- St. Bernard Confirmation – 7 pm at St. Bernard Church

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

Honesty is the best policy

By telling a dressed up lie,
you can confuse the mind
by telling the truth,
you touch the soul
You can make people fool once or twice
Risking people not to trust you for life
if you are honest,
people will believe you even when their minds can't grasp
when you lie, your trustability severely collapses
Having a lot of people trust you, is a great ecstasy,
Honesty is the best policy.

- Deekshant Gupta

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Ash Wednesday

In the ninth century the church started to use ashes as a public demonstration of repentance for sins. It was only in 1091, however, that their use was ritualized. Pope Urban II decreed the use of ashes to mark the beginning of a 40-day season of Lent, a time when Christians imitate Christ's 40-day period of fasting. We do this by repentance, prayer and almsgiving.

This period is said to have prepared Christ for his three-year ministry that would culminate in his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Today most Christian denominations, including Catholics, Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and others allow for the imposition of ashes during an Ash Wednesday service. The ashes are obtained by burning the palms blessed in the previous year at the Palm Sunday service. Christians bearing the sign of the cross on their forehead on Ash Wednesday will be sharing a formal practice that dates back over a thousand years in a tradition that goes back much earlier.

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:

- March – St. Damian
- April – St. Bernard
- May – 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

THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

The Hispanic community is helping to prepare for the **Mexican fish Fry on March 1st at St. Damian Gym**. The families from El Arado in Breese are preparing the rice, beans and chips. Several women of the community are preparing tamales of different styles. So if you have never eaten a tamale, try one at the Fish Fry.

We will also be continuing our Bible study on the Mondays of Lent. Lent is a good time to take further steps in our journey with Jesus. Several students from our community are preparing for Confirmation at St. Bernard (Ana, Arleth, Herbert and Marco) and at St. Dominic (Alex and Pricila).

La comunidad Hispana esta ayudando a preparar para **"El Frito de Pescado Mexicano" que se llevara a cabo el 1ro de Marzo en el gimnasio de S. Damian**. Las familias de El Arado de Breese están preparando el arroz, los frijoles y los chips. Hay señoras de la comunidad que están preparando tamales de distintas clases. Si nunca probaste un tamal, es una buena oportunidad.

También vamos a seguir con el estudio bíblico cada lunes a las 6:30. Cuaresma nos da el tiempo de tomar unos pasos mas en nuestro seguimiento de Jesus.

Varios estudiantes de la comunidad están preparando para Confirmacion en S. Bernard (Ana, Arleth, Herbert y Marco) y en S. Dominic (Alex y Pricila).

-Sister Ellen Orf

COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES

TO: ALL Families in Albers & Damiansville

RE: COSGROVE'S CASSEROLES – 03 March 2019

Families of Albers, Damiansville, St. Bernard's and St. Damian's are being asked to help feed the poor and hungry at Cosgrove's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in East St. Louis (www.svdpsouthil.org/cosgrove-kitchen.html).



WHEN/WHERE:

Preparing casseroles — Sunday, March 3 @ 11 am

- Due to new regulations all casseroles must be made in a commercial kitchen.
- We will assemble casseroles in St. Bernard's Parish Center in Albers after the 10 am Mass.
- All ages are invited to help!
- Please bring can openers.
- Donuts, coffee and ski after we are finished!

If your family is unable to create casseroles on March 3rd, please help donating \$10 or more for ingredients and supplies.

- Donations may be placed in the collection baskets.
- Please label envelopes "Cosgrove's Casseroles".
- Checks may be made payable to either St. Bernard Catholic Church OR St. Damian Catholic Church.

Please contact Dana Lake (973-7862) Angie Winkeler (789-1699) Janel Zurliene (402-2869) Linda Majchrzak (334-8783) with questions. Thank you for helping!

Matthew 25: 35-40 -

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me." "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' "

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule - March 2019

Contact Info: Angie Winkeler
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Period start date: 3/5/2019
 Period end date: 3/31/2019

Day	Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc. Prayer	Class Host
Tuesday	3/5/2019	Herbert H. Avery W.	Jordyn S. Elliott R. Clayton J.	Ashlyn G. Hayley L.	Gabby R.	7
Thursday	3/7/2019	Cole W. Violet H.	Wyatt J. Kaleb J. Carson R.	Ashlyn G. Hayley L.	Dawson R.	7
Tuesday	3/12/2019	Abby C. Mallory S.	Marco A. Tessa S. Alaina H.	Ana Jordyn	Mason S.	6
Thursday	3/14/2019	Kalie W. Elliott R.	Riley R. Carson Richter Corina H.	Ana Jordyn	Lilly B.	6
Tuesday	3/19/2019	Coryn T. Hayley L.	Brady R. Madi W. Avery W.	Tessa S. Jessenia	Garett W.	5
Thursday	3/21/2019	Jordyn S. Trevor J.	Ashlyn G. Corinne W. Ben M.	Tessa S. Jessenia	Adelyn W.	5
Tuesday	3/26/2019	Bradley S. Kaleb J.	Abby C. Lydia E. Herbert H.	Aidan V.	Alex A.	4
Thursday	3/28/2019	Jillian K. Alaina H.	Ana A. Rylee J. Jessenia T.	Aidan V.	Omar A.	4