

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

**Learn your faith, live your faith, love your faith.
-Bishop Braxton**

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 1:

The new semester has gotten off to a great start! We have started working on our prayers. So far, we have learned the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. We will continue to practice these prayers, as well as learning a few more.

We will also be learning about Lent and Easter with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday.

Everyone has been doing well, and I hope to see this continue as we approach the end of the year!

-Josh Wieter

Grade 2:

No submission

-Robbin Netemeyer

Grade 3:

Since returning in January, the students have learned the names of a number of the fixtures in church and the names of our church leaders.

We have reviewed many of the prayers known by most of the students, but we have been focusing especially on learning the Apostles Creed, which most of the students now know.

We have also spent some time learning the books of the Bible, specifically the Old Testament, and reading Bible stories.

In the next several weeks, we will be referring again to a few of the "Call to Faith" chapters, primarily those regarding Jesus' work and sacrifice. We will also complete some Lenten activities as we prepare for Easter.

Some of the 3rd graders were nervous at first, but all of them are doing a super job of leading the Vocation Prayer before the weekday Masses.

-Kathy Engelmann (660-5974)

Grade 4:

The 4th grade has been very busy as we started the new year. We have covered topics such as the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes.

The class is also beginning to learn how to serve in Mass, so each Friday we head over to church. In the upcoming months, the 4th grade will learn all about Lent and the sacraments.



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 26

- Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins



MARCH 15

- Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1 pm at St. Bernard

MARCH 24

- Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children – 7:45 am at St. Bernard

MARCH 28

- First Communion Retreat - 9am to 12pm at the Albers School



We are looking forward to another great semester!

-Matthew Fuehne & Judy Albers

Grade 5:

The 5th grade will be praying the rosary for Lent. We will also extensively explore the Lenten booklet and the true reason for the season of Lent. Lenten booklets will be passed out in church and each student will receive their own.

Please pray for the weekly intentions in your daily prayers.

We will be finishing the movie "The Prince of Egypt" and be reflecting on God's word in this wonderful retelling of the story of Moses and the Exodus.

The 5th graders have been practicing, with the help of Joni, on being a choir. The choir cantors two times a month.

As always, any suggestions from the parents are always welcome.

-Shannon Netemeyer & Phyllis Albers

Grades 6 & 7:

Recently we finished a DVD series, *Alteration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed*. It addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: how do we get the Catholic youth to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating? Please discuss with your child what they learned from the video series.

We have been working on learning the 8 Beatitudes; a series of blessings declared by Jesus during his "Sermon on the Mount" found in the Gospel of Matthew. Each of the Beatitudes includes not only a statement about who is blessed, but also a short description of what is in store for each category of those who are blessed: *The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth*. Ask your child how many of the 8 Beatitudes they can remember.

There is power in prayer and we have been praying the Rosary almost every week. Think of the rosary as being like the ocean: there's something in it for everyone, whether you consider yourself a veteran mystic longing to go deeper in prayer with our Lord, a novice struggling to learn how to pray, or someone seeking the Lord's help right now with something going on in your life. The deep-sea explorer and the child making sand castles on the beach can fully enjoy the same ocean while playing at different levels. This is true with the rosary. There is a lot going on in and outside of our community and praying the rosary is our way of seeking the Lord's help for those in need.

-Kelly Jansen and Dana Lake

Grade 8:

The Eighth grade will be praying the rosary for Lent. We will also extensively explore the Lenten booklet and the true reason for the season of Lent. Lenten booklets will be passed out in church and each student will receive their own.

Please pray for the weekly intentions in your daily prayers and join all the deacons and others in praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ibreviary-ts-plus/id422601705>

This free app is very helpful.

-Deacon Glenn & Jamie Jung

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

On Lent...

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

— St John Chrysostom

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Lent

Written By: Melissa Petruzzello

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

A period of preparation and fasting likely has been observed before the Easter festival since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. It was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for sinners.

In the early centuries fasting rules were strict, as they still are in Eastern churches. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. The Eastern church also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. In the West these fasting rules have gradually been relaxed. The strict law of fasting among Roman Catholics was dispensed with during World War II, and only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are now kept as Lenten fast days. However, the emphasis on penitential practice and almsgiving remains, and most Catholics also observe a meatless fast on Fridays during Lent.

In addition, Catholics and other Christians often choose to give up specific pleasures, such as sweets, alcohol, or social media, during Lent as a way to foster simplicity and self-control; many use their cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters.

In the Anglican churches The Book of Common Prayer prescribes that Lent be observed with fasting. In Lutheran and many other Protestant churches, Lent is observed with various services and practices, though Lent is not formally observed in many evangelical or nondenominational churches.

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

ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

The Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction held at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes are as follows:

Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Bernard (even months - Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm @ St. Damian (odd months - Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

Adoration starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

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 will begin Lent with a Service with Ashes on February 26 at 7:30pm at St Damian.

Each Sunday of Lent, starting at 12:30, all are invited to continue the video course: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.

At home each family will have a "rice bowl" to receive our sacrifices and to remind us that when we give something up, we do it with love. And our hearts will be renewed!

La comunidad Hispana empieza la Cuaresma con un Servicio con Cenizas el 26 de febrero a las 7:30 en S Damián.

Cada domingo de Cuaresma, a partir del 1 de marzo habrá estudio empezando a las 12:30: Abriendo el Misterio de la Biblia.

En casa cada familia tendrá su "fuente de arroz" para nuestros sacrificios y recordarnos que cuando sacrificamos algo, lo hacemos con amor. Así nuestros corazones son convertidos.

-Sister Ellen Orf

BIBLE STUDY – NO GREATER LOVE



Lenten Video Study

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

No Greater Love is a five-part video study program that begins Sunday, March 8 and runs every Sunday, ending on Palm Sunday, April 5. We will meet from 6-8 pm at the St. Damian rectory.

To sign up, please call or text Kristen Templin at 314-651-8310. See you there!

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOTE: Weekday masses at St. Bernard are on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:45 am

St. Bernard's Weekday Ministry Schedule

Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc Prayer	Mass Hosting
3/3/2020	Ana A. Riley R.	Elliott R. Clayton J. Omar A.	Madi W. Corinne W.	Kate M.	6th
3/5/2020	Lydia E. Landon S.	Mallory S. Wyatt J. Kara M.	Madi W. Corinne W.	Sam R.	6th
3/10/2020	Corina H. Tessa S.	Avery W. Jake K. Quinten E.	Cristina R-C Lucero H.	Cole H.	5th
3/12/2020	Jacob K. Jessenia T.	Andrew C. Cayden L. Modesto H.	Cristina R-C Lucero H.	Dylan W.	5th
3/17/2020	Jillian K. Corinne W.	Ashlyn G. Emiliano N. Oliver V.	Corina H. Yerian P-C.	Waylon S.	4th
3/19/2020	Brady R. Madi W.	Alaina H. Gavin N. Kayle R.	Corina H. Yerian P-C.	Liam J.	4th
3/24/2020	Yerian P-C. Lucero H.	Kaleb J. Christina R-C. Brock S.	Ashlyn G. Alaina H.	Kailey E.	3rd
3/26/2020	Jordyn S. Clayton J.	Trevor J. Carson R. Jack R.	Ashlyn G. Alaina H.	Kate M.	3rd
3/31/2020	Coryn T. Bradley S.	Lucero H. Kellen R. Alex A.	Tessa S. Jessenia T.	Sam R.	2nd

ST. BERNARD WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Communion Ministers	Readers	Ushers	Servers	Collection Counters
Saturday, Feb. 22 nd 4:00 pm	Steve Schomaker Deb Schomaker Kathy Engelmam	Nettie Broeckling	Nick Friederich Kathy Friederich	Coryn Toennies Kaitlyn Toennies Alex Athmer	
Sunday, Feb. 23 rd 10:00 am <i>6th Grade Host</i>	Lynette Huegen Sharon Wuebbels Robbin Netemeyer	Jackie Farrar	Tom Broeckling Mitchell Broeckling Ken Lake Dana Lake	Tessa Schroeder Matthew Schroeder Elizabeth Schroeder	Tim Schroeder Dana Lake Keith Richter
Saturday, Feb. 29 th 4:00 pm	Ken Nussbaumer Nettie Broeckling Melissa Netemeyer	Liz Nussbaumer	Ed Broeckling Brian Zurliene	Corina Hegger Tyler Robertson Kalie Wellen	
Sunday, March 1 st 10:00 am <i>5th Grade Host</i>	Lynn Athmer Kati Schwierjohn Cole Schomaker	Brent Rickhoff	Ron Norrenberns Geri Norrenberns John Majchrzak Linda Majchrzak	Chloe Engelmam Lydia Engelmam Quinten Engelmam	Lynn Athmer John Majchrzak Phyllis Albers
Sunday, March 8th 10:00 am <i>4th Grade Host</i>	Ray Gill Lynette Huegen Vicki Pittman	Meg Schiefer	Brian Zurliene Brooke Zurliene Dave Langenhorst Dave Wuebbels	Avery Wuebbels Riley Rolves Oliver Varel	Janel Zurline Vicki Pittman Sean Kennedy
Sunday, March 15th 10:00 am <i>3rd Grade Host</i>	Kristen Templin Sharon Wuebbels Robbin Netemeyer	Ray Gill	Kurt Rickhoff Allison Rickhoff Ken Lake Dana Lake	Wyatt Jung Jake Kloeckner Jillian Kloeckner	Tim Schroeder Keith Richter Kris Anne Becker
Sunday, March 22nd 10:00 am <i>2nd Grade Host</i>	Roman Kloeckner Lynn Athmer Meg Schiefer	Lynette Huegen	Brian Winkeler Nolan Winkeler Ed Wuebbels Sharon Wuebbels	Madi Wuebbels Kayle Reinhardt Connor Schomaker	Lynn Athmer Dana Lake James Williams