

# MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

## St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

*Frequently put your hand on your heart remembering Jesus is there.*

### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

#### **Grade 1:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade Faith Formation class has been talking about what sins are. We learned how we are all followers of Jesus and how we need to make good choices. We also learned that we may make mistakes and we need to ask for forgiveness.

We watched a video on the 10 Commandments. The next time you are at St. Bernard's church, ask your child to show you where the 10 commandments are.

Going forward we will be learning about Jesus the Savior, the Resurrection and Holy Week.

We are so proud of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students' reading ability and their willingness to want to read in class! They are doing great!

**-Janel Zurliene and Chris Huegen**

#### **Grade 2:**

Greetings from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! We've been talking about the Mass and discussing the many things that happen at each Mass. Each prayer and action have enormous meaning and everything in the Mass happens for a reason.

We've discussed that the Mass has four parts, and when each part of the Mass begins and ends. We've recited the Nicene Creed and understand that it is a summary of our beliefs that make up the Catholic Faith.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the pinnacle of the Mass. Receiving the Eucharist is food for our soul and one of the greatest blessings God shares with us!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 30

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

APRIL 14



APRIL 17

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation of the Stations of the Cross – 7:45 am at St. Bernard Church

APRIL 18



I am looking forward to the Mini-Retreat on **Saturday, March 30 from 9 am to Noon at St. Bernard. Don't forget to bring your completed banner and baptismal candle.**

First Eucharist is Sunday, April 28th at 10:00 am.

You are Blessed!!

**-Angie Winkeler**

#### **Grades 3 and 4:**

During Lent we will be learning about the life of Jesus from his Baptism through his Passion.

Grade 4 students continue with server training.

**-Robbin Netemeyer**

#### **Grades 5 and 6:**

We started practicing for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade's presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The plan is to spend Mondays and Wednesdays rehearsing; Fridays will be devoted mostly to other Lent-related activities and, if necessary, more rehearsing.

If available, please join us in Church on **Wednesday, April 17, at 7:45 am** for the presentation. (The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been lending support with suggestions, sorting through costumes, etc.)

**-Kathy Engelmann and Kate Toennies**

#### **Grades 7 and 8:**

March, in like a lion! This certainly applies to the full month we've had in preparation for Confirmation!

We are finalizing our letters to the Bishop, continuing to do many great service projects, and making final preparations for knowing about our Catholic faith.

The Mass at St. Peters Cathedral in Belleville and the tour following Mass was a great experience for the students. May 1st is quickly approaching. We are continuing to learn and prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many blessings,

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D

APRIL 19



APRIL 21



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

## I Will Turn

(a daily prayer for Lent)

Lord, I will turn,  
Turn my face towards you.  
I will lay before you the desert areas I hide  
And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.  
I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits  
And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love.  
I will draw back from the harsh pull of media  
And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit.  
Lord, today I turn my face towards you.

I will turn  
To soak in your words of life,  
To rest in the warmth of your love,  
And to bathe in the power of your Spirit.

(a Lenten prayer poem by Julie Palmer © 2018 [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com))

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**-Fr. Anthony Onyango**

THE DEACON'S CORNER

## What is Laetare Sunday?

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 31<sup>st</sup>) is called Laetare Sunday. The Church takes a bit of breather from the Lenten practice and opens Mass with the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" – taken from Isaiah chapter 66.*

*That doesn't sound right! Are we supposed to "Rejoice!" in the middle of Lent? Indeed we are! On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast.*

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:

- April – St. Bernard
- May – St. Damian
- June – 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**

#### THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

As we end March and begin April, we come to the heart of Lent. The daily readings and participation in Lenten activities remind us to let our efforts at conversion deepen.

In the current climate there is a lot said about who belongs and who doesn't. The people of Clinton County have welcomed the brothers and sisters coming from Mexico and Central America, though often we prefer to keep a distance. In these remaining weeks of Lent perhaps we can find ways to recognize a little more the face of Jesus in each one we meet.

The Spanish word for Easter is "Pascua" related to the "Paschal" mystery – the suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior. The Hispanic community will share in the bilingual celebration of Holy Thursday at St. Bernard at 7pm, walk the Way of the Cross on Good Friday at St. Damian at 7:30pm, and celebrate Easter on Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. To each of you: ¡Felices Pascuas de las Flores!

Al terminar marzo y entrar en abril, llegamos al corazón de la Cuaresma. La lectura diaria y participación en las actividades devocionales nos llaman a profundizar nuestra conversión.

En el clima global de hoy, hay mucha platica sobre quien pertenece y quien es ajeno. La gente del Condado de Clinton han acogido los hermanos llegando de México y Centroamérica, aunque a veces guardamos nuestra distancia. En las semanas que quedan de Cuaresma quizás pudiéramos esforzarnos en buscar en el otro la cara de Cristo.

La palabra en español que indica "Easter" es Pascua, como el misterio pascual – el sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Salvador. La comunidad Hispana compartirá en la celebración bilingüe de Jueves Santo en St. Bernard 7pm, caminará el Vía Crucis el Viernes Santo en S. Damián a las 7:30pm, y celebrará la Pascua en la Misa domingo a las 11. A cada uno: ¡Felices Pascuas de Flores!

*Living and working to be Christ's presence for our world.....*

**-Sister Ellen Orf**

#### FOR REFLECTION

*God has given us a roadmap: the Bible. God has given us a compass: our conscience. God has also given us a personal guidance counselor: the Holy Spirit. Clearly, God wants to lead us in the paths of righteousness. This is important to understand, because God never intended for you to figure out the steps of your journey without him.*

*How you get on mission and how you succeed at your mission are God's responsibilities. Your responsibility is to seek his guidance and obey his directions.*

**-Daily Hope with Rick Warren**

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule - April and May 2019

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Period start date: 4/2/2019  
 Period end date: 5/16/2019

Day	Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc. Prayer	Class Host
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/2/2019		<b>Reconciliation at St. Bernard</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	4/4/2019	Ben M. Ashlyn G.	Jacob K. Lucero H. Cristina R.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Chloe E.	3
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/9/2019	Ana A. Andrew C.	Cole W. Mallory S. Hayley L.	Corinne W. Madi W.	Quinten E.	2
<b>Thursday</b>	4/11/2019	Marco A. Riley R.	Grant W. Cayden L. Alaina H.	Corinne W. Madi W.	Modesto	2
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/16/2019	Corina H. Jessenia T.	Bradley S. Corinne W. Andrew C.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Austin M.	1
<b>Thursday</b>	4/18/2019		<b>No School</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/23/2019	Lydia E. Landon S.	Kalie W. Elliott R. Kellen R.	Corina H. Lucero H.	Justin M.	8
<b>Thursday</b>	4/25/2019	Brady R. Tessa S.	Gavin N. Avery W. Ana A.	Corina H. Lucero H.	Kayle R.	8
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/30/2019	Jacob K. Corinne W.	Jillian K. Trevor J. Wyatt J.	Cristina Violet	Jack R.	7
<b>Thursday</b>	5/2/2019	Rylee J. Jake K.	Lydia E. Carson Richter Kaleb J.	Cristina Violet	Brock S.	7
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/7/2019	Makenna L. Clayton J.	Landon S. Corina H. Ashlyn G.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Oliver V.	6
<b>Thursday</b>	5/9/2019	Abby C. Madi W.	Herbert H. Sophia K. Coryn T.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Kara M.	6
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/14/2019	Herbert H. Carson R.	Rylee J. Makenna L. Grant W.	Aidan V.	Brynley	8
<b>Thursday</b>	5/16/2019	Sophia K. Rylee J.	Cole W. Carson R. Abby C.	Aidan V.	Isaac	8