

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

You can do a lot of good in the world if you are not too much concerned about who gets the credit.

-Windows of Worship

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 1:

The 1st grade class has been studying the Easter season and Lenten activities. Easter cards were made for residents of local nursing homes. We also created Easter flip books describing Holy Week and what happened on each day.

We would love to see parents, grandparents and other special family members joining us at Mass on Tuesday or Thursday.

-Janel Zurliene and Chris Huegen

Grade 2:

Congratulations to Cole, Kailey, Liam, Dylan, Kate, and Sam on celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, April 28th. We are excited for you to celebrate many, many more Eucharists with Christ in your lifetime.

Your journey is just beginning, you are Blessed!

-Angie Winkeler

Grades 3 and 4:

The students have been learning about Jesus' life and ministry leading up to Holy Week.

They worked on Stations of the Cross booklets and Easter story "wreaths".

Our 4th grade students continue to work with Mr. Gill on server training. They are excited as they are almost ready to serve at Mass. 😊

After Easter, we will continue to follow the disciples and the forming of the early church.

Have a Blessed Easter!

-Robbin Netemeyer

Grades 5 and 6:

The 5th graders did an awesome job presenting "Calvary: The Way to Resurrection" last Wednesday. Thank you, we are proud of you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 28

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

MAY 1

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

MAY 15

- Living Balloon Rosary – 7:35 am in the school parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join us – you can even sit in your car if you prefer



Thanks also to the 6th graders who helped prepare and lent a helping hand that morning, and thank you to Kelly Jansen and Deacon Glenn for their support and assistance.

The last four weeks of this school year will be spent reviewing many of the topics we touched on throughout the year—the sacraments, the books of the Bible, the seasons of the Church year, praying the rosary, etc. May God bless these fifth and sixth graders and their families with a safe and happy summer!

(Note: A special thanks to Kate Toennies, the sole Mater Dei catechist this year, whose help was certainly appreciated. You did a great job, Kate!)

-Kathy Engelmann and Kate Toennies

Grades 7 and 8:

Here we are wrapping up the final weeks of the school year and the last days of preparation before Confirmation. It has been a busy year with the various service projects, retreats and activities, but we have seen a tremendous amount of growth in the students. Keep in mind the preparation is not just getting our students "finished" with Confirmation, it is a building block to continue to grow in their faith.

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

-Dana Lake, Pops Kennedy & Kelly Jansen

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

Lead Me To The Cross

by [Janet Martin](#)

Across the darkened plains of woe
A Voice rings, "God, forgive
What they do, how can they know?"
Because He died, I live

The hand that touched and healed the weak
Is pierced with cruel nail
Yet love pours from each word He speaks
"Oh, Father, not my will"

The arms that drew the children near
Are spread in agony
And from his eyes flow holy tears
As Jesus dies for me

Here is the perfect Son of God
Beneath man's heartless blows
As earth receives redemption's flood
In colors of the rose

And as the scarlet blood-drops fall
The seed of hope is born
Amazing grace for one and all
From limbs so bruised and torn

Lead me to the blood-stained cross
Pour out my sin and pride
All that I give is counted loss
As I see him who died

Lead me to the arms of love
Where freely He forgives
And seals my place in Heaven above
Because He died, I live!
BECAUSE HE DIED, I LIVE!

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

From the Catholic Catechism:

1212 The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life.

The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."

I bring this up as the Faith Communities are being renewed with the joy of the sacraments bestowed on Easter Saturday; First Communion and Confirmation at St. Bernard; and First Communion at St. Damian; along with all the baptisms that are taking place over the next several weeks of Easter.

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:

- May – St. Damian
- June – St. Bernard
- July – 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

EASTER PEOPLE

We are Easter people, redeemed by the Blood of Christ. This is a time of many celebrations.

Easter eggs and Easter baskets remind us of the miracle of new life and the extravagant love of God. As Deacon Glenn says: "Not just for all of us but for each one of us by name!"

We welcome two new members of our parish family at the Easter Vigil and shortly we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation as our Bishop comes to anoint those who have been preparing throughout this year.

We will celebrate First Holy Communion at St. Bernard and with the Hispanic Community on April 28, and at St. Damian on May 5th.

LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD!

Somos pueblo pascual y gente de Aleluya!, redimidos por la sangre de Cristo. Este es un tiempo de muchas celebraciones; huevos de Pascua y canastas de sorpresas nos recuerdan del milagro de nueva vida y el amor extragavante de Dios. Como dice el Diacono: "No solo por todos pero para !cada uno por nombre!"

Damos la bienvenida a dos nuevos miembros de nuestra familia parroquial el Sabado de Gloria y pronto celebraremos el sacramento de Confirmacion cuando el Obispo viene a ungirlos que han estado preparando por todo este año y mas. Celebraremos Primera communion en S. Bernard y con la Comunidad Hispana el 28 de abril y en S. Damian el 5 de Mayo. !CON JUBILO ALEGREMONOS!

-Sister Ellen Orf

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule - May 2019

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

Day	Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc. Prayer	Class Host
Thursday	5/2/2019	Rylee J. Jake K.	Lydia E. Carson Richter Kaleb J.	Cristina Violet	Brock S.	7
Saturday	5/4/2019	Makenna L. Clayton J.	Landon S. Corina H. Ashlyn G.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Oliver V.	6
Thursday	5/9/2019	Abby C . Madi W.	Herbert H. Sophia K. Coryn T.	Alaina H. Mallory S.	Kara M.	6
Saturday	5/11/2019	Herbert H. Carson R.	Rylee J. Makenna L. Grant W.	Aidan V.	Brynley	8
Thursday	5/16/2019	Sophia K. Rylee J.	Cole W. Carson R. Abby C.	Aidan V.	Isaac	8