# AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

## St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

## WELCOME TO THE 2019 FAITH FORMATION FAMILY!

### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

This year the teachers will be submitting their classroom updates on a staggered schedule instead of a monthly schedule.

Classroom updates from the teachers will be included in the following monthly newsletters:

September 2019 November 2019 February 2020 April 2020



## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2

<u>No School</u>

Father Anthony, Deacon Glenn, Deacon Kevin, and Sister Ellen will continue to share information on a monthly schedule. You will also find important dates, charity and fundraiser opportunities, etc. in the monthly newsletter.



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#### Thank you all for taking up this duty.

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#### FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

My dear friends, it has been a fun summer with lots to do, but the school year is starting, so good luck to you. May God in his love and mercy bless you with a fruitful learning experience!

#### -Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

## Welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 Faith formation Class

I hope you have all had a fruitful summer and time to relax.

First of all, I would like to welcome our new students and parents. This is where you will stay for the coming years. Moreover, this is where you will meet the best friends of your life. Please accept our best wishes.

To all the returning students, welcome back. And, of course, to our teachers, welcome back too. Thank you for your hard work. I believe that with everybody's contribution, we will have a very successful year ahead.

What is meant by learning wisely? What is learning to you? More importantly, what is learning to your children? Find out how your children learn.

How do you do that? My suggestion is, ask questions. Young children ask many questions. They are interested in many things around them. They want to know, so they ask, and this is how they learn. Unfortunately, the older we get, the less questions we ask, and the less we learn. To become a wise learner, the first thing to do is to rebuild the habit of asking questions. Start asking questions again, like what you did when you were small.

Always ask **WHY**. 'Why is it like this?' 'Why doesn't it happen like this?' 'Why are they the same?' 'Why are they different?' 'Why?'

Ask HOW. 'How is it related to me?' 'How does it work?' 'How is it made?' Etc.

#### Ask WHAT, ask WHERE, ask WHICH....

Ask about anything you do not understand. When you get into the habit of asking questions, you will ignite your inquisitive mind. Remember to start asking questions. If you are interested in the children, then you motivate them to learn, because what they learn is important enough that you take the time to ask.

God teaches us to love our neighbors. When we follow the teaching and make an impact on the lives of others, our lives become meaningful. Are you living a Christian life now? Set it as another life-long goal of yours and get closer to it each day.

To sum up, the message I want to get across is asking you to: Learn Wisely and Live in Christ. I hope you will remember this for the rest of the year, and for the rest of your life.

Let me welcome everybody again, staff and students, new and old. Let's work closely together for another fruitful year and offer this to God, who is watching from above. Thank you!

#### -Deacon Glenn

I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind. –St.Bernard

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#### ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

A Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction is held <u>every Wednesday</u> 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:

- September St. Damian
- October St. Bernard
- November 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

#### LIFE REFLECTIONS

Over the summer, I had the challenge of surgery and six chemo treatments. Now that they are finished I find time to reflect on the life lessons I learned. One is that I often take for granted the blessings until they might be taken away. Probably like me, you expect to live long and prosper. But, each day is a gift from God and each of our blessings come with an invitation to use it for our community and to give glory to God.

I invite you today and throughout this year to recognize what God gives you and to use it well.

Durante el verano tenia el desafío de cirugía y seis tratamientos de quimioterapia. Ahora que se han terminado encuentro tiempo de reflexionar sobre las lecciones de vida que me trajeron. Uno es que a menudo tengo por dado las bendiciones hasta correr el riesgo de perderlas. Probablemente como yo, esperan vivir una vida larga y próspera. Pero cada día es un don De Dios y cada bendición viene con una invitación de usarla por el bien de la comunidad y dar gloria a Dios.

Les invito hoy area vez de todo el año de reconocer lo que Dios te da y usarlo bien.

#### -Sister Ellen Orf

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc Prayer	Mass Hosting
8/29/2019	Bradley S.	Wyatt J.		Justin M.	
	Ashlyn H.	Jack R.			7th
		Tessa S.			
9/3/2019	Coryn T.	Carson R.		Brynley A.	
	Alaina H.	Alex A.			6th
		Riley R.			
9/5/2019	Jordan S.	Kellen R.		Isaac A.	
	Kaleb J.	Conner Scott			6th
		Landon S.			
9/10/2019	Kalie W.	Elliot R.		Trigg G.	
	Trevor J.	Cayden L.			5th
		Jake K.			
9/12/2019	Corina H.	Clayton J.		Kyler V.	
	Mallory S.	Oliver V.			5th
		Jessenia T.			
9/17/2019	Jillian K.	Corinne W.		Garett W.	
	Avery W.	Kayle R.			4th
		Madi W.			
9/19/2019	Ana A.	Avery W.		Mason S.	
	Wyatt J.	Brock S.			4th
		Andrew C.			
9/24/2019	Alaina H.	Carson R.		Lilly B.	
	Landon S.	Omar A.			3rd
		Modesto H.			
9/26/2019	Ashlyn H.	Kellen R.		Gabby R.	
	Tessa S.	Kara M.			3rd
		Alex A.			



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