

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

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

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 1:

Welcome to Faith Formation!

We started the year learning how to follow along in Church. We will go to Mass every Tuesday and Thursday with the rest of the school, so we will get plenty of practice throughout the year.

On the other days, we have started reading from our Call to Faith book. So far, we have learned about who God and Jesus are, and what they have done to help us. Soon, we will start learning basic prayers.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year with the first grade class!

-Josh Wieter

Grade 2:

After a few weeks of settling in, our 2nd grade class is well underway toward learning about the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Currently, we are learning the Ten Commandments, how they apply to us, and why they are an important part of how we live everyday - the class has done a great job of working to learn all ten - ask them to share what they have learned!

We are also starting to learn about sin - what sin is, how we can be the best version of ourselves, and all about God's love and forgiveness for us.

-Robbin Netemeyer

Grade 3:

In the 3rd grade class, we have been spending some time getting to know each other, discussing classroom rules (earning a ticket for good behavior), and reviewing our prayers. We have also started working in our books, starting with the story of Creation. We will continue with the Church Community.

On occasion, we may have a quiz (only one so far), not for a grade but to see how much they have learned and where we may need to focus. From time to time, I plan to send home papers they have colored or completed. (They did a great job coloring placemats for the upcoming Wurstmarkt!)

I am looking forward to working with your children the remainder of this school year. If you have questions, I usually respond quicker to text messages than email messages. Parents are welcome to visit the class or attend Mass anytime.

-Kathy Engelmann



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29

- St. Bernard Wurstmarkt featuring a Faith Formation Basket Raffle
- Blue Grass Music Mass:
 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Damian
 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Bernard
 - Grandparent and Godparent blessing



OCTOBER 4

- Mental Health Awareness Walk in memory of Sydney Irizarry (see IN THE COMMUNITY for more information)

OCTOBER 14

- No School – Columbus Day

Grade 4:

The 4th grade students started the year studying the parts of the Mass. They learned the difference between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The class has recently finished learning about the Church as a community.

As October approaches, they will be reviewing the books of the Bible.

The 4th grade students have been taking turns saying the Vocation Prayer before Mass. They also are responsible for bringing the Faith Formation prayer box to the church on each Mass day.

-Matthew Fuehne & Judy Albers

Grade 5:

The 5th graders have been learning about environmental preservation, and the importance of respecting and protecting God's planet.

Recently they finished viewing Disney's Brother Bear. In this story, the protagonist enlists on a whimsical journey of learning not to seek revenge, but instead to see the world through another's eyes.

From the book, the kids are learning more about the sacraments and God's plan for each of us.

-Shannon Netemeyer & Phyllis Albers

Grades 6 & 7:

It has been a busy month and start to the school year. Both grades have been learning about their Call to Faith through numerous workbook lessons.

For your information, to accommodate both teacher's travel and work schedules, there will be times throughout the year in which the 6th and 7th grade classes will need to be combined on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. We plan to take advantage of the time together by starting to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

The students seem to learn well and enjoy trivia questions about the Bible and their Catholic faith. We hope these activities will further enhance their religious knowledge.

If you would like to know more about the development of your child in the Catholic faith, please contact a teacher to be a guest visitor in the classroom as we welcome all parental support.

Many thanks,

-Kelly Jansen and Dana Lake

Grade 8:

The 8th grade class will be heavily involved in the weekly ministries and helping the younger classes with their prayers and projects.

We are just finishing the 1st chapter of the new 8th grade Call To Faith text which is on the Decalogue. We will continue during the next month on the ways of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

The class is also putting together their own baskets for the Wurstmarkt Faith Formation Basket Raffle this weekend.

Please pray together as a family for meal prayers and add petitions for family members in need.

The spirit of helpfulness in this class is impressive.

May God Bless you!

-Deacon Glenn & Jamie Jung

FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

Integrity.

Honesty and integrity are not just good habits, but they are precious values that build trust between people.

More than that, honesty and integrity show our faith in God and that He is the top priority in our lives, and that He is above and over all others.

Good habits and values cannot be possible without prayer. Because when we come before the Lord, we cannot pray for blessings and yet play around with bad habits.

God has entrusted to us the power of prayer and we must use it faithfully and fervently so that goodness will prevail over evil.

Yes, prayer is a powerful gift from God. Let us use it to cultivate good habits and values.

Let us also use prayer faithfully and devotedly so that there can be peace in this world and that there will be salvation in the next.

-Fr. Anthony Onyango

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Few practices of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood today as devotion to patron saints. From the earliest days of the Church, groups of the faithful (families, parishes, regions, countries) have chosen a particularly holy person who has passed on to intercede for them with God. Seeking the intercession of a patron saint does not mean that one cannot approach God directly in prayer; rather, it's like asking a friend to pray for you to God, while you also pray—except, in this case, the friend is already in Heaven, and can pray to God for us without ceasing. It is the communion of saints, in actual practice. (What Are Patron Saints? by Scott P. Richert - Updated September 10, 2018)

Does your home or classroom have a patron saint? Here are some websites about saints:

www.catholic.org/saints

www.newadvent.org

www.mycatholic.life/saints

www.info.franciscanmedia.org/saints

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 – **CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

Beginning October 1st, there is a change to the Weekly Holy Hour with Benediction held at St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes.

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

FEAST OF ST. DAMIAN

A strong tradition in Catholic communities is the celebration of our patron saints. September 26 is the feast of St. Damian who with his twin Cosmas and other brothers were convicted of being Christians and so witnessed to Christ, by their deaths.

Sunday Sept 22 we gather for Mass and fellowship. It is a time we can strengthen our bonds as one Catholic community.

At the end of October, we will be holding a used clothing sale and volunteers are welcome. Please contact Sr. Ellen at ellen_46@yahoo.com.

Una tradición en las comunidades Católicas es la celebración de nuestra santos patronos. El 26 de septiembre es el día de San Damian quien con su gemelo Cosmas y otros hermanos fueron convencidos de ser cristianos y dieron testimonio a Cristo hasta su muerte.

Domingo 22 de septiembre nos reunimos para la misa y fraternidad. Es una oportunidad de unirnos más como miembros de una misma comunidad católica.

A fines de octubre va a haber una venta de ropa y aceptamos cualquier ayuda voluntaria. Favor de llamar a Hermana Elena. Ellen_46@yahoo.com

-Sister Ellen Orf

IN THE COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

-Bows to display for **Mental Health Awareness** Week (Oct. 4 – 7) are being sold the weekend of September 28-29 for \$5.00 each. Bows are also available during office hours @ Albers Village hall beginning September 30.

-Join us for the **Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk on Friday, October 4th** in Memory of Sydney Irizarry @ Lehrter/JC Park in Albers.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/2367701496655748/>

You may order bows, make a donation, or register for the walk at www.iepconsultantandtutor.com/registration.

Bows will be available for pick up at Albers Village Hall beginning September 30, 2019. If you cannot visit the Village Hall during office hours, please contact Shelley Kenow to make other arrangements. Also, if you have any questions about the Walk, want to make a donation to the raffle baskets, or have problems with the website, contact Shelley at 314-541-2181.

All proceeds will go to "Swing for Sydney Foundation"

FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Bernard's Ministry Schedule

Date	Readers	Servers	Cantors	Voc Prayer	Mass Hosting
10/1/2019	Yerian P-C. Lucero H.	Landon S. Elliott R. Omar A.	Madi W. Corinne W.	Emree A.	2nd
10/3/2019	Kaleb J. Clayton J.	Ashlyn G. Tessa S. Jack R.	Madi W. Corinne W.	Alejandra A.	2nd
10/8/2019	Elliott R. Jake K.	Jacob K. Riley R. Alex A.	Cristina R-C. Lucero H.	Alex C.	1st
10/10/2019	Trevor J. Cayden L.	Brady R. Quinten E. Oliver V.	Cristina R-C. Lucero H.	Kellen H.	1st
10/15/2019	Mallory S. Cristina R-C.	Elliott R. Jake K. Cayden L.	Ana A. Jordyn S.	Allen P-C.	8th
10/17/2019	Avery W. Carson R.	Mallory S. Jessenia T. Chloe E.	Ana A. Jordyn S.	Adrienne R.	8th
10/22/2019	Andrew C. Kellen R.	Kaleb J. Madi W. Kayle R.	Corina H. Yerian P-C.	Dawson R.	7th
10/24/2019	Ana A. Riley R.	Avery W. Andrew C. Brock S.	Corina H. Yerian P-C.	Adelyn W.	7th
10/29/2019	Lydia E. Jessenia T.	Carson R. Modesto H. Omar A.	Ashlyn G. Alaina H.	Brynley A.	6th
10/31/2019	Corina H. Corinne W.	Kellen R. Alex A. Kara M.	Ashlyn G. Alaina H.	Isaac A.	6th

ST. BERNARD WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Communion Ministers	Readers	Ushers	Servers	Collection Counters
Sunday, Sept. 29 th 10:00 am <i>3rd Grade Host</i>	Sharon Wuebbels Kristen Templin Kati Schwierjohn	Sean Kennedy	Brian Zurliene Brooke Zurliene Dave Langenhorst Dave Wuebbels	Brady Reynolds Jack Reynolds Wyatt Jung	Janel Zurliene Sean Kennedy Kris Anne Becker
Saturday, Oct. 5 th 4:00 pm	Liz Nussbaumer Nettie Broeckling Kathy Engelmann	Ken Nussbaumer	Ed Broeckling Volunteer	Clayton Jansen Rylee Jansen Elliott Rakers	
Sunday, Oct. 6 th 10:00 am <i>2nd Grade Host</i>	Dan Love Lee Love Lynn Athmer	Brent Rickhoff	Tom Broeckling Mitchell Broeckling Ken Lake Dana Lake	Kaleb Jansen Trevor Jansen Brock Schulte	Lynn Athmer Keith Richter Dana Lake
Saturday, Oct. 12 th 4:00 pm	Melissa Netemeyer Steve Schomaker Deb Schomaker	Nettie Broeckling	Nick Friederich Kathy Friederick	Corina Hegger Coryn Toennies Kaitlyn Toennies	
Sunday, Oct. 13 th 10:00 am <i>1st Grade Host</i>	Roman Kloeckner Lynette Huegen Vicki Pittman	Meg Schiefer	Tim Schroeder Elizabeth Schroeder Ron Norrenberns Geri Norrenberns	Connor Schomaker Jillian Kloeckner Jake Kloeckner	Tim Schroeder Kris Anne Becker James Williams