

# APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

## St. Bernard's Parish Faith Formation

Try letting God know what is in your heart without the use of words.  
**-Windows of Worship**

### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

#### **Grade 2:**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday, April 18th! What a beautiful day! Thank you to all those who helped in making it a special day for our students and special thanks to all the parents for your commitment to your child's religious education!

This week, (April 19-23) we have learned about God's creation, taking care of our planet, and what we can do to make a difference as we continue our faith journey.

In coming weeks, we will be learning about Bible Heroes! Friday, April 23, we talked about Samuel and learning to listen for God's call.

Also, in the upcoming weeks we will learn about Moses, Joshua, David, Esther, Mary, Saints Peter and Paul, and more stories of Jesus!

**-Robbin Netemeyer and Shannon Netemeyer**

#### **Grade 3:**

Since Easter, grade 3 students have been learning about the Gospel writers, our church leaders, and Jesus' work. Also, most of the students now know The Memorare.

We recently started our second rotation of leading the vocation prayer before Service/Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am so proud of them; they are all doing a great job!

We will finish the year learning more about the roles of our church leaders (at the various levels), the four main parts of the Mass, and the Church and its Marks.

Please call or text with any questions (or email [kate78@charter.net](mailto:kate78@charter.net)).

**-Kathy Engelmann**  
**618-660-5974**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MAY 12

- St. Damian – Last day of Faith Formation. There will be an all-school Mass with parents invited

#### MAY 20

- St. Bernard – Final day of school Mass

#### MAY 21

- St. Bernard – Last day of Faith Formation

#### **Grade 4:**

Earlier this month, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade was learning about Lent and the Passion Narrative. They are currently in training to become altar servers.

**Sincerely and God Bless,  
-John Hilmes**

#### **Grade 5:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is learning about the deeper applications of our faith through the movie God's Not Dead.

They are also learning a lot about the confirmation process as some of the students have siblings who have been recently Confirmed.

We are growing excited as our year winds down and are experimenting with new and fun activities that express what they have learned this past year.

**-Mason Schrage and Judy Albers**

#### **Grade 6:**

In the last few weeks, we have made cards congratulating the 2<sup>nd</sup> grades on their First Communion and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their Confirmation.

We have "moved up" to doing the readings at Mass instead of reading the petitions. We also serve at Mass, along with a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

We talked about what prayer is, why prayer is necessary, and what kinds of prayer there are. We each composed our own prayer. Along with the prayer, we are making our own rosaries.

We will finish off the year by watching the movie, "God is not Dead 2". Earlier in the year we watched "God is Not Dead" and really enjoyed it.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

**-Chris Kalmer and Jackie Toennies**

#### **Grades 7 & 8:**

This past Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation! We have prepared all year to receive this sacrament, learning about Saints, and how the fruits and the gifts of the Holy Spirit work in our everyday lives! Bishop McGovern spent some time with the Confirmandi before Mass and encouraged the children to rely on the Holy Spirit as they are faced with challenges in their teenage and adult years of life.

We would like to thank the sponsors and families for their support during the year. As Bishop McGovern stated in his homily, "BE THE PROOF!"

**-Kelly Jansen, Dana Lake and Jamie Jung**

## 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***

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Odd Months - Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Damian.*

*Even Months - Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard.*

## PSR REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

**PSR Registration Forms for 2021-2022 are attached. The registration fee has remained the same as previous years, however, we have added a \$25 book fee per student to cover the cost of new books.**

**Please have these registration forms and fees returned by May 12, 2021.**

**-Deacon Glenn Netemeyer**

**618-772-9343**

**PARENT/STUDENT COMMITMENT**  
**(Students already in Faith Formation)**

**FOR**

**St. Bernard Catholic Faith Formation Program**

The purpose of the Church's educational ministry is to make a person's faith in God more alive and active. Religious education, therefore, becomes more than sharing information and memorizing answers. It is the gradual initiation into a lifestyle that also includes worship, service and a morality modeled on the life of Jesus. It involves the student in the Church's mission, which is also the mission of Jesus calling us to bring about God's Kingdom.

Parents, by word and example, are the primary role models and educators of their children. Our parish seeks to assist parents in this task by providing a formal program of religious education. Program goals of building faith communities and passing on the treasures of our Catholic heritage are areas where parents, catechists and students can work together.

Commitment and cooperation are necessary in this educational endeavor, therefore, you and your family are asked to review the expectations, attendance and behavioral requirements outlined in the Policy Handbook. Please read these carefully and thoughtfully with your child/children and sign below.

I have read and agree to abide by the requirements and expectations of the St. Bernard Catholic Faith Formation Program

**Signatures of Students**

**Grade Student is Entering**

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please update the following if there have been any changes.**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fee is \$50 per student; family of 3 or more is \$100. Also there will be a \$25 book fee per student for Gr. 1-8.

Fee is attached. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Book fee attached. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPROMISO ALUMNO/PADRES

La finalidad del ministerio educativo de la Iglesia es fortalecer la fe en Dios y asegurar que sea viva y activa, entonces el programa vuelve a ser mas que solo compartir informacion y memorizando respuestas. Intentamos a iniciar el alumno o la alumna en un estilo de vida que incluye culto, servicio y un moral modelado en la vida de Cristo Jesus. Intentamos a involucrar al alumno en la mision de la Iglesia, que es tambien la mision de Cristo Jesus llamandonos a luchar para el Reino de Dios aqui en la tierra.

Los Padres, por su palabra y ejemplo, son los principales modelos y educadores de sus hijos. La parroquia busca la manera de asistir a los padres en su tarea por entregar un programa formal de educacion religiosa. Las metas del programa incluyen: formando comunidades de fe y entregando las riquezas de la fe catolica, son campos a donde los padres, catequistas y alumnos se pueden colaborar juntos.

El compromiso y la colaboracion son elementos necesarios en estas tareas educativas, entonces tu y tu familia estan invitados revisar a los requerimientos de comportamiento, expectativas y asistencia encontrado en el folleto de politicas del programa. Por favor de leerlos con cuidado con tus hijos antes que firmen aqui abajo.

Yo he leído y estoy de acuerdo con los requisitos y expectativas del Programa de la Formacion de la Fe de la Parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo.

Firmas de los Alumnos

Año Escolar por 2021-2022

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Firma de los Padres/Tutores \_\_\_\_\_

**Por favor de poner al día lo siguiente informacion cuando hay cambios.**

**Direccion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Numero de tel.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Correo electronico (si lo hay)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pedimos una cooperacion de: \$50.00 dolares por alumno. Si no se puede comunica con el ministro hispano. Libro: \$25.00.**

**En el mes de agosto, antes que inician las clases, un compromiso entre Iglesia y los Padres va a llegar a su casa, para ayudarlas como familias reflexionar sobre la responsabilidad que ustedes taron en el bautismo de su hijo para entrenarle y educarle en la practica de la fe.**

Queridos Padres de Familia/Tutores:

La Primavera ya esta llegando, mientras que estamos preparando por el año escolar 2021-2022 en el Programa de la Formación de la Fe para los jóvenes de las parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo.

La inscripción para el programa de la Formación de la Fe es \$50.00 por alumno, con cada familia pagando lo máximo de \$100.00. El aumento refleja los costos actuales, los precios de los libros y otros materiales, y también nos ayuda entregar un estipendio a los maestros catequistas.

El programa de las parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo nos ofrece clases de religión y la Santa Misa cada mañana cuando hay clases en la escuela estatal. Empezamos a las 7:45 a.m. y terminamos a las 8:25 a.m., para que los alumnos estén listos a iniciar sus clases a las 8:30 a.m. **Asistencia en la Santa Misa y en todas las clases es un requisito porque si los alumnos fallan, nos impide en la tarea de crear una comunidad de fe y en la enseñanza de sus hijos.**

Para ustedes quienes han tenido sus hijos en el programa de la formación en la fe durante el año escolar pasado y quisiera que tus hijos siguen en el programa en el año escolar que viene, hagan lo siguiente:

- a. Padres/Alumnos firmen el formato de compromiso, verificando que desean ser inscrito de nuevo por el año escolar 2021-2022.
- b. Anotan el año en que su hijo(s) estarán inscritos en agosto de 2021.
- c. Para familias con alumnos empezando el Kinder, llenan el formato.(St. Damian)
- d. Manden el pago conjunto con el formato de compromiso, si se puede. Si no, comunica con el ministro hispano.
- e. Regresen el formato de compromiso firmado lo más pronto posible.

**Para cualquier aclaración o preguntas, llame a Hna. Ellen al: 636-293-8253.**

**FORMATO DE INSCRIPCION PARA EL PROGRAMA DE FORMACION EN LA FE PARA LAS  
PARROQUIAS DE SAN DAMIAN/SAN BERNARDO.**

**(Este formato es para alumnos nuevos por el ano escolar 2021-2022)**

**Nombre del Alumno:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nivel en 2021-2022** \_\_\_\_\_

**Direccion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ciudad:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Codigo Postal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Numero de telefono:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Correo Electronico:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Necesidades medicos:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nombre de Papa:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Direccion y numero de telefono (si es diferente del alumno/a):**

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**Nombre de Mama:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Direccion y numero de telefono (si es diferente del alumno/a):**

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**Fecha de Nacimiento del Alumno/a:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fecha del Bautismo:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ciudad y el Estado/Pais:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tu hijo ha hecho su primera comunion?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Si, nombre de la Iglesia** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ciudad/Estado/Pais:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tu hijo ha recibido el sacramento de la Confirmacion?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Si, nombre de la Iglesia** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ciudad/Estado/Pais:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cuantos anos ha asistido en la catequesis?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nombra las parroquias a donde tu hijo ha recibido catequesis antes?**

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**Documentos:** Para nuevos alumnos, si no fue bautizado en las Parroquias de San Damian/San Bernardo, debe traer una copia de su acta a la oficina de la parroquia.

**Pedimos \$ 50.00 por alumno, mas \$25.00 por libro, si no se puede pagar, llame a Hna. Ellen al número: 636-293-8253.**