



SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

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Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We celebrate with gratitude all who support our school at this time and all who have done so generously in the past. Over the past fifteen years we have seen our school continue to grow. I am pleased that we are a Blue Ribbon school, but I am most content as pastor that our religious education and virtue formation for each child is our top priority. The purpose of every Catholic school is to develop in each child and all our parents a realization that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We live our belief in Christ by the weekly celebration of Mass and love of neighbor.

In a book by Michael Leach, he offers a variety of witnesses to the importance of Catholic schools with both humorous and serious testimonials.

“The whole conversation today about values in education emulates what’s been happening in Catholic schools. The rest of the country’s coming around to what Catholic educators have always known.” — Cokie Roberts, Graduate, Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 1960

Bart Simpson famously asked his mom, Marge, “Can we go Catholic so we can get wafers and booze?” Marge does put him in a Catholic school when he gets kicked out of the public school, and Bart not only likes it but begins to embrace Catholicism. His dad, Homer, rushes to take him out, but by evening he is converted. Hilarity, and inspiration, ensues. Catholic schools have that effect on you.

Holy Rosary is a real Catholic school in Darlington, Wisconsin. Cody, grade two, likes it too. “It’s a great school,” he says. “We learn about God. We have penny wars to help people. We collect food for the food pantry. We help and share God with other people.” Catholic schools do that to you.

Tim Russert, the late, great journalist, wrote about how his dad, Big Russ, “worked two jobs all his life so his four kids could go to Catholic school, and those schools changed my life. They not only taught me to read and write, but also to tell right from wrong.” We knew that every time we watched Russert on Meet the Press.

Catholic schools make up the largest private school system in the world.

I invite each one of you to visit our school this Sunday. Joining with me and appreciating the excellent means of evangelization that is a vital part of our parish community.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Philip

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, January 26, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

9:00 Thomas Keller

Tuesday, January 27, Weekday

8:00 The Bucci Family

Wednesday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 William R. Ethridge

Thursday, January 29, Weekday

8:00 Mark Sullivan

Friday, January 30, Weekday

9:00 Mary Orris

Saturday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:00 Special Intention-Robert, Daniel and Slavica Banovic

4:00 David Joe Lowry

Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Peg Cristina

*From the
Pastor's Pen*



Please pray for: Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making

We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents.

Our next sandwich making day is January 28th.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Traci Maurer, Realtor-Consultant

Please support our bulletin sponsors. Because of their generosity, our bulletin is supplied to our parish free of charge.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR **OPEN HOUSE**

With Faith and Education, We Thrive Together

January 25th

10:00AM -12:00PM

VISIT OUR SCHOOL FOR A CAMPUS TOUR AND TALK TO
STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF!



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2300 Clague Rd, Westlake, OH 44145

Dates and Time:

Friday, January 30 6:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, January 31 7:15 AM to 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 1 8:15 AM to 7:30 PM

Monday, February 2 6:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World Parish Retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT REGISTRATION

First & Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Please indicate home _____ or cell _____): _____

Email Address: _____

Special needs, food allergies, etc.: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTION This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america.

Yours are the hands. Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2026Appeal. *In-pew appeal will take place the weekend of February 14th & 15th.



The Great St. Bernadette Fish Fry 2026 Edition

Yes, we just wrapped up the Christmas Season, and our first Fish Fry of 2026 is just one month away – Friday, February 20, 2026 – which will be the first of our 5 Fish Fry's. St. Bernadette Parish is touted as the best Fish Fry on the West Side – both based on the food and the service we provide. But we can't do it without you. Volunteer sign-ups are now open on the parish website under 'Quick Links' or by snapping the QR code below with your phone.



Palms Needed As we prepare to celebrate the season of Lent, please bring in any palms that you would like to dispose of. We will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms can be dropped in the baskets in the back of the Church or at the Parish Office during business hours.



CREATED FOR LOVE

A Catholic Study for High School Teen Girls

7 pm-8:30 pm

Last Wednesday of the Month
Beginning January 28th

Email Maria or scan the QR code to register and order the book!



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Our coat closet is still open!

Sweatpants or regular pants, hoodies, socks, gloves and warm "watch" hats and of course warm winter coats. Please, **NO** other clothing other than these items! The coats and the above clothing will protect against the Cleveland weather and the vicious winds off Lake Erie. Thank you for your support!



Thank you for the generous collection of and delivery of the clothing and other necessary items for the homeless people we serve through our Labre Ministry at St. Ignatius High School. We've experienced very cold weather, the clothing has been or is being distributed very quickly. Our homeless friends are so grateful. Thank you all so much.

—Ann Healey, Coordinator