

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 25, 2024



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.

Listen to him.

MARK 9:7



*be still and trust
in my love*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

No one will ever know when the first notes of music, in some form, rang out in the course of human history, but we know one thing for certain; God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises. By its very nature, song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, singing together in church expresses the sacramental presence of God to his people.

As Father Menkhaus recently mentioned, we have decided to take the very words of our Lenten theme and set them to music. In singing the words to this theme as a community of faith, we pray the use of this new hymn may help us to internalize the truth of these words in a deeper way: *be still and trust in my love*.

As our parish family enters deeper into the Lenten fast once again, I humbly ask you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to consider braving, and perhaps rediscovering, a deeper sense of the gift of your song God has placed within you. For many of us, singing requires us to be more vulnerable and step out of our comfort zone. For many of us, myself included, we may often find that we just appreciate our cantors singing to and for us. But as mentioned above, it is in the depths of our souls where music takes its source, and it belongs to all of us, individual and communal by nature.

God said to Moses "Teach the Israelites this song that it may be a witness for me." King David and his people made merry before the LORD in song with all their strength, and Jesus and his apostles sang a hymn before going up to the Mount of Olives. I pray this Lent that, together, we may experience a deeper sense of God, ourselves, and one another by offering more of our voices, which God made fit to praise him rightly. In doing so, may come to know, with greater faith than ever, that we may be still and know that the Lord is God.

I remain your servant in Christ,

Brook Benedict

An Evening of Confession

Our parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland will offer an Evening of Confession this Wednesday, February 28th from 5:00-8:00PM. All churches in the diocese will have confessors available. This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of:

Emmett "Skip" Cleary, Rita Sebes and Rose Rossi.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Felicia Soblyk

Tuesday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Fr. Pax Healy

Wednesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Lois and Vince Kopy

Thursday, February 29, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Linda Nicholls

Friday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Lawrence Guzowski

Saturday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Sr. Mary Isabelle

4:00 Patrick Hanrahan

Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 McGowan Family & Jack Sweeney

11:30 Steve and Helen Skowron

Please pray for: Joe Benedetto; Tom Howard; Pam Foster; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Martin Morisky; Mary Temesvari; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Jose Quienones; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Michael Knurek; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Susan Lewis; Charlotte Castleberry; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Bob Becker; Joan Riccardi; Peter Weiss; Dan Perillo; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Mark Barringer; Martha Hoover; Jillian Weiss; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown; Edward Presley.

Sunday Collection, February 11th: \$9,813.76

Sunday Collection, February 18th: \$6,899.96

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St. Bernadette Lenten Fish Frys

Fridays: March 1, 8, 15 & 22
In Dempsey Hall from
4:00-7:00PM



Meals: Fried perch, fried or baked cod and sides (mac n cheese, regular or sweet potato fries, coleslaw or apple sauce). Adult meals-2 sides; kids meal-1 side.

A la carte: Pierogies, cabbage and noodles, mac n cheese, fries, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, apple sauce and clam chowder.

Cod Dinners are \$14. Perch Dinners are \$17. Kids meals range from \$5-\$6.

This year we are serving both Dine-In as well as Carry-Out. Carry-Out Meals Only can be conveniently preordered on the parish website using a credit card via PayPal through 10:00AM on Fridays or at the Parish Office by cash or check or you can just come in Friday evening to order meals. To ensure freshness at your pick-up, pre-orders will be filled at the time of your arrival via a separate pre-order line. Wonderful St. Bernadette parishioners needed to work a shift or two at the Lenten Fish Fry. Sign up on the parish website under 'Lenten Fish Fry.'

Living Stations of the Cross FRIDAY, MARCH 1st at 7:00PM

Our parish will be hosting Elyria Catholic High School students for the Living Stations of the Cross. Please join the students for a moving and prayerful experience of walking with those closest to Jesus. All are welcome! Come enjoy the Fish Fry at 4:00PM prior to the Stations in the Church.



Please Note Date Change—Living Stations will be held on Friday, March 1st.



"Lenten fasting lasts 40 days for some...For others, homelessness lasts forever."



On the weekend of March 9th and 10th, the Social Concerns Committee will solicit donations of the following **UNUSED TRAVEL-SIZE ITEMS:**

- *Toothpaste*
- *Toothbrushes*
- *Shaving cream*
- *Disposable Razors*
- *Body wash*
- *Comb/Hairbrush*
- *Deodorant*
- *Chapstick*
- *Socks for men and women*

LENT SCHEDULE 2024

PARISH MISSION

March 3, 4 & 5 at 7:00PM in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00PM in the Church

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Schedule Change

Friday, March 1 at 7:00PM

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, February 28th 5:00-8:00PM

LENTEN FISH FRYS IN DEMPSEY HALL

Every Friday, except Good Friday, in Lent 4:00-7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK:

Monday, March 25th	9:30-10:30AM & 5:00-6:00PM
Tuesday, March 26th	Noon-1:00PM
Wednesday, March 27th	3:00-4:00PM
Thursday, March 28th	4:00-5:00PM

LITURGY OF HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms at Masses
4:00pm Vigil; 8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM

March 28th, Holy Thursday

9:00AM	Morning Prayer
7:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration concluding at Midnight

March 29th, Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Noon	Stations of the Cross & Children's Stations of the Cross
3:00PM	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 30th, Holy Saturday

11:30AM	Blessing of Food (PAC)
8:30PM	Easter Vigil

March 31st, Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM

*For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**March 3, 4 & 5 at 7:00PM in the Church****Retreat Director:** Rev. James Kubicki, S.J.

An author of two books on Prayer and Spirituality, Jesuit Father Jim Kubicki is a nationally known Retreat Director; former National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network; a contributor to the Catholic media network, via YouTube, Relevant Radio, etc. and also serves as Spiritual Director of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Recently, Father directed the diocesan priest retreat. We are eager for Father to share his vast experience of people hungry for the Lord Jesus! For...we are hungry, too.

THEMES***THE EUCHARIST: A MYSTERY TO BE BELIEVED, CELEBRATED AND LIVED*****SUNDAY:** A MYSTERY TO BE BELIEVED...

What do we believe about the Eucharist? Seven different beliefs...

MONDAY: A MYSTERY TO BE CELEBRATED...

How do our beliefs get expressed in the way we celebrate Mass?

TUESDAY: A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED...

What difference do our beliefs and celebration make?

What do they have to do with our ordinary, daily lives?

*Lent is a reflective time to reconsider the footpath I am traveling in life.**"Will this route take me home to a deeper relationship with the Lord?"**Lent is less about penance, and **more about becoming, doing, and changing** whatever is hindering me from being the person God intended.*

St. Bernadette School to Host 6th Shave Event to Raise Money for Childhood Cancer Research on March 15, 2024

St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 6

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to raising money for children's cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events at ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL on Friday, March 15, 2024, where more than 100 girls, boys, men, and women will brave the shave in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money to Conquer Childhood Cancers! The event will be held from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Our 6th St. Baldrick's event "St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 6" is being held in memory of our hero and friend, Michael Orbany, who was a beloved student here at St. Bernadette. Ten years ago, Michael won his victory in heaven on May 1, 2014 at the age of 9. Please help us to honor Michael and all the brave children who show their strength and heroism daily.

You can join us! We need your help to reach our \$70,000 goal! You can sign up to be a shavee, a fundraising volunteer, or *simply make a donation to Fr. Joe's fundraising page. Fr. Joe has agreed to get his head shaved if he can reach his goal of \$10,000. Please help us get Fr. Joe up on the big stage on March 15th, while at the same time helping us raise funds for much needed childhood cancer research.*

Visit St. Baldrick's general donation/sign-up page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/Bulldogs2024> or Fr. Joe's donation page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1134940/2024>, use the QR code below, call our school office at 734-7717, or contact msanders@stbern.net. Posters with more information and donation forms are also available in the church foyers.

You can join us to be heroes for kids with cancer and help the biggest non-government funder of childhood cancer research grants do more to speed up the search for cures.

Whether you decide to join us by signing up and sharing our information or make a donation, please help us to give kids with cancer the long, healthy lives they deserve. Thank you for your help and consideration!



St. Bernadette School

Celebrating the 100th day of Kindergarten with a fun-filled day! More smiles, more laughter, and a hundred reasons to celebrate the joy of learning together.



Attention Junior High Parents: Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, February 25th from 7:00-8:30PM in the PAC. The topic will be "Time Warp– Why does Mass feel so long?"

Heart and Harvest Survey

It is that time of year when we begin preparations for our next Heart and Harvest Festival! We are asking parishioners to please respond to a survey so that our committee can build on what made last year's festival so amazing, as well as improve on growth areas. You can visit this link <https://forms.gle/8yNbM9dozCMjDucU8> or use the QR code to respond. If technology is not your thing, please fill out this sheet and return it to the parish office by Monday, March 4th. Thanks so much!



1. What did you like about the 2023 festival?
2. What did you not like about the 2023 festival?
3. Do you have any suggestions?
4. Are you willing to assist with planning the 2024 festival?
5. If you are willing to be contacted about your feedback please provide your email or phone number.

**First Friday Adoration
March 1, 2024**

**Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;
Benediction 5:00 PM**

**Two guardians are needed each hour
between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish
Office to sign-up.**



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday,
March 10, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office
Library. Call the Parish Office to register.

**Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich
Making** We start our activity at 1:15PM in Dempsey Hall.
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28th and March 13th.***

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday
9:00AM to 4:30PM
Saturday: 9:00AM to 2:00PM
Closed Monday – Friday: 12:30-1:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Vigil: Saturday, 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00AM
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM
***Masses are Livestreamed on our website daily as well
as Sunday at 9:45AM.***

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Winter Schedule: Saturday, October through March:
3:00 – 3:45PM

Summer Schedule: Saturday, April through September:
4:00-4:45PM

*Confessions may also be arranged by an appointment with
a priest.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish
Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents are required to attend
a Pre-Baptismal class. Arrangements to be made at the
Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office
to make arrangements at least **six months** before intended
date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12:00PM. Please
send articles to emorris@stbern.net.

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Westlake**

Mission Statement

As parishioners of St. Bernadette, we commit ourselves to refresh our participation of Liturgy through attentive listening to God's Word, in raising our voices in prayer and song, and in reverent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. We pledge to work for justice for those inside and outside of our boundaries and to be instruments of healing in our families and in our community.



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