

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 3, 2024



THE WATER I SHALL GIVE WILL
BECOME IN HIM A SPRING OF WATER

welling up to eternal life.

JOHN 4:14

*be still and trust
in my love*

Dear Parish Family,

We begin the third week of Lent this Sunday. This week offers us an opportunity to “be still and trust in his love, trusting in that love to not be afraid.” This is our Lenten theme. I would encourage you to trust in the Lord’s love and to make the time to attend our parish retreat. Let our theme become a reality in your life. Beginning Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00PM and continuing on March 4th & 5th, we all have an opportunity to be enriched in our faith, to allow the Lord to touch our hearts and to still them from any fear. Lent is a very good time to make the time to experience the love that created you and our good God who wants to share life with you. Often people say that they need to kill some time or waste time as they are waiting for a particular event or appointment. I do not believe that Fr. James Kubicki will disappoint us as he invites us to celebrate the gift of our faith. Be still, make the time, trust the time, do not be afraid to spend the time with the Lord. I offer you a meditation and the encouragement of Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Listening to the Voice of Love

“O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!” (Psalm 81:13)

Prayer is the discipline of listening to the voice of love. Jesus spent many nights in prayer listening to the voice that had spoken to him at the Jordan River. We too must pray. Without prayer, we become deaf to the voice of love and become confused by the many competing voices asking for our attention. How difficult this is! When we sit down for half an hour—without talking to someone, listening to our music, watching television or reading a book—and try to become very still, we often find ourselves so overwhelmed by our noisy inner voices that we can hardly wait to get busy and distracted again. Our inner life often looks like a banana tree full of jumping monkeys! But when we decide not to run away and stay focused, these monkeys may gradually go away because of lack of attention, and the soft gentle voice calling us the beloved may gradually make itself heard.

Let us pray for one another in a particular way during these special days in our parish life.

God Bless you,

Father Philip

Please Note: The Mission Presenter will be saying Mass on Tuesday, March 5th. Mass will be held at 9:00AM that morning.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

9:00 The Lally Family

Tuesday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Lee Aggozino

Wednesday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Special Intention- Michael & Karen O’Neill

Thursday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Salomea Czech

Friday, March 8, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Rita Feyes

Saturday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 James DePauw

4:00 Joseph Orris

Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Margaret Sargis

11:30 Laura Radca

Please pray for: Joe Balombin; 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 25th: \$10,331.96

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Faith Direct, 2/1-2/15/24: \$8,736.00

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St. Bernadette Lenten Fish Frys

Fridays: March 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, mixed vegetables 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.'



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

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.

Second Collection Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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

ALERT: CAN YOU HELP?

St. Aloysius Parish, well known for its outreach to individuals and families in need, serves many meals to the hungry. Unfortunately, the freezers in which they store food have "gone to the graveyard!"

If anyone has an **UNUSED WORKING FREEZER**, either a chest freezer or an upright freezer or if you know someone who does and who would be willing to donate it to the St. Aloysius Meal Program, please call Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300.



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

On Friday, March 15th, students of St. Bernadette School are standing up against childhood cancers. St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private funder of children's cancer research, will once again host one of its signature head-shaving events at the school. Many students and others in the community will shave their heads or donate their hair at Brave the Buzz 6 to raise money for the foundation.

Brave the Buzz 6 is dedicated to St. Bernadette School's own, Michael Orbany, who passed away in 2014 from medulloblastoma at the young age of 9. In honor of Michael and all the heroes who continue to battle childhood cancers, St. Bernadette School intends to raise \$70,000. To learn more about the event and to donate, please visit <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/Bulldogs2024>, see the donation forms in the vestibules of the church, or call the school office at 440-734-7717. Never Ever Give Up!

You can also show your support by purchasing a "Lucky Charm" after all Masses this weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, and again next weekend on March 9th and 10th. The recommended donation for a charm is \$1 or more.

Another fun way to support the event is to donate to Fr. Joe Menkhaus! Fr. Joe has graciously agreed that if he raises \$10,000 or more, he will have his head shaved! Thank you for helping us fund childhood cancer research by helping Fr. Joe reach his goal! We look forward to seeing him in a barber's cape on March 15th! JOIN US! Scan the QR code here!



Fr. Joe's
Donation Page



Shave Goal: \$10,000



St. Bernadette School

Fr. Joe spent time with Mrs. Nicaise's class today. From answering questions like "Why do we bless ourselves with Holy Water?" to "What do priests do after Mass?" Fr. Joe taught our little learners more about the beautiful traditions of our church.



Attention Junior High Parents: Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, March 3rd from 7:00-8:30PM in the PAC. The topic will be "Quantum Leap—Why Do I Have to Stand and Kneel So Much?"



IN 2023, YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED US RAISE A REMARKABLE TOTAL OF \$84,602, WITH 106 CONTRIBUTORS!

As we step into 2024, the spirit of giving continues to thrive. In just the first month, we have raised over \$5,000! This tremendous response speaks volumes about the commitment and generosity of our community.

For those who haven't had the chance to contribute yet, there's still time! You have until your 2024 tax filing to make a difference. To help you understand the potential impact on your taxes, we encourage you to review last year's tax liability (1040 IT, line 8c). This will give you an estimate of the tax credit you may be eligible for, which can be applied against this year's tax liability.



VISIT WWW.STBERN.NET/ASF FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR 2023 TAXES!



Dear St. Bernadette Parish, Thank you for your generosity to Zelig's Home in 2023! During this year, we have been encouraged and comforted by the outpouring of love and generosity from our Zelig's Home community. You are a very important part of our ability to provide a life transforming experience for our families. This year, we have been able to support, empower, and love 37 moms and their 56 children. On behalf of Zelig's Home, thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment so we can continue to provide the physical, emotional, spiritual, and professional support that our mother's need. —With sincere gratitude, Erin Hathaway, Executive Director



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. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are March 13th & March 27th.***

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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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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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