

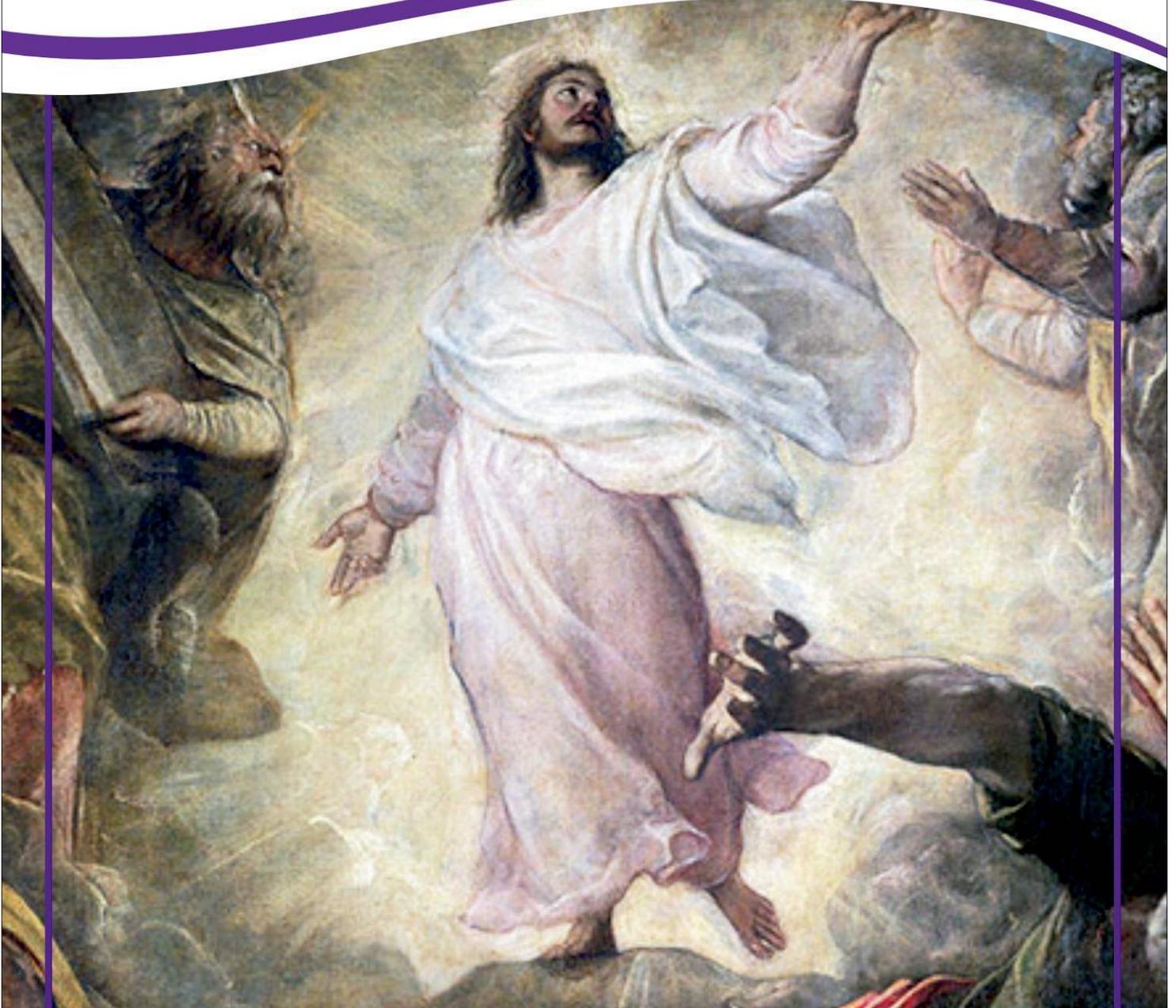


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This is My Beloved Son

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

The theme that was chosen for this Lent is, "A Parish Broken and Blessed." This theme continues last year's anniversary celebration and our reflection upon the Bishop's letter. The broken and blessed words recall words used at Mass during the consecration. They also can describe the life of every baptized Christian. Because we are broken and in need of a savior, we also recognize the blessedness of our life in Christ.



Blessed, the parish of St. Bernadette is blessed in so many ways. We have celebrated during the past anniversary year the gifts and generosity of the parish, yet we are also broken and acknowledge areas in which we can grow. We desire to use the days of Lent to turn more directly to Christ and live our baptismal call. It is through our Lenten practices, our parish devotions and spiritual growth opportunities that we seek to be blessed by the Lord so that we can be broken, that is, to be shared in many ways.

The season of Lent is a time of sparse decorations in the sanctuary. I do direct your attention to the sparse but rich symbolism that is presented to aid our reflection. We are blessed in the wood of the cross, for upon it hung the salvation of the world. Jesus' body was broken, that we might be blessed in his resurrection. A pot decorated with broken pieces of ceramic reminds us that together we are called to receive His love in earthen vessels. We are blessed in our community of faith at St. Bernadette. Finally, it is all draped with burlap cloth that reminds us of our need to turn from sin and selfishness so that at Easter we can be clothed more perfectly in our baptismal robe.

Please pray for one another. When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Note that the Diocesan Evening of Confession is on Wednesday, March 4th from 5:00-8:00PM.

God Bless you,

Father Philip



 Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Estelle Teckman and Mary Ann Seebauer.**

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

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Ivan Zili

Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Special Intentions of John Caja

Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Special Intentions for the Lally, McGowan and Campbell Families

Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Thomas Cherruy

Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Marie Dobos

Saturday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Sophie Kosem

4:00 Diane Menkhaus

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Rita Feyes

Please pray for: Loretta Verhiley; 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.

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An Evening of Confession



Our parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland will offer an Evening of Confession this Wednesday, March 4th 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.

**Living Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 6th 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.



The Great St. Bernadette Parish Lenten Fish Fry is back and continues each Friday through March 20. The Fish Fry is held in Dempsey Hall with hours of operation from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our Fish Fry offerings include a fried perch dinner (\$21), fried or baked cod dinner (\$18), kid meal options (\$6-\$8) and a variety of a la carte items including fried butterfly shrimp, pierogies, clam chowder and much more. We offer both eat in and carry out options which can be ordered in advance via the parish website, www.saintbernadetteparish.org, at the Parish Office with cash or check or in person at the fish fry. Our full menu can also be viewed via QR code below. What a great opportunity to spend time with your family, fellow parishioners and neighbors with great food and fellowship.



The Great St. Bernadette Fish Fry Needs Your Help!

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.



LENT SCHEDULE 2026

PARISH MISSION

March 3, 11 & 18 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

Friday, March 6 at 7:00PM

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 4th from 5:00-8:00PM

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

with our cluster parish, St. Ladislav Church, at St. Bernadette, March 23 at 7:00PM

LENTEN FISH FRY IN DEMPSEY HALL

February 27 and March 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00-7:00PM

*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.

First Friday Adoration, March 6, 2026

**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.

First Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.

Growing Through Grief The St. Ladislav Bereavement Group is designed to help individuals navigate the grieving process after the loss of a loved one. Beginning February 18th we will offer Growing Through Grief, a weekly program that provides a compassionate and supportive environment allowing participants to share their experiences, receive emotional support, and grow through their grief. **Note: Sessions will be held in the Community Room of St. Bernadette Church at 1:00PM.** Register at either St. Ladislav or St. Bernadette Parish Office. Questions? St. Ladislav Parish Office at 440-835-2300 or email pdubois@stlads.org or Denise at dfeyes@stbern.net/440-734-1300.

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| March 4 | The Story | March 25 | Coping & Skills |
| March 11 | The Stages | April 1 | The Story Retold |
| March 18 | Shared Emotions | April 8 | Strength & Solace |

St. Bernadette Parish 2026 Mission

To Welcome... To See... To Rise

March 3	Tuesday	7:00 pm
March 11	Wednesday	7:00 pm
March 18	Wednesday	7:00 pm

To Welcome Both Friends and Strangers

The Woman at the Well

Tuesday, March 3rd

Presenter: Rev. Stephen Moran,
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Wooster



To See Beyond What Eyes Reveal

The Man Born Blind

Wednesday, March 11th

Presenter: Sister Mary McCormick, O.S.U.
Professor/Academic Dean, St. Mary

To Rise from Death to New Life

Lazarus and the Tomb

Wednesday, March 18th

Presenter: Rev. Peter Coletti,
Pastor, St. Eugene, Cuyahoga Falls



St. Bernadette School to Host 7th Shave Event to Raise Money for Childhood Cancer Research on March 16, 2026

St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 7

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 Monday, March 16, 2026, 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 9:00 –11:00. Our 7th St. Baldrick's event “St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 7” is being held in memory of our hero and friend, Michael Orban, who was a beloved student here at St. Bernadette. Twelve 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 \$75,000 goal! **Simply donate to Fr. Joe and Deacon Jeff’s CLERGY TEAM fundraising page. They have both agreed to shave their heads if they can reach their fundraising goal of \$15,000. Please help us get Fr. Joe and Deacon Jeff up on the big stage on March 16th, while at the same time helping us raise funds for much needed childhood cancer research.**

Visit the Clergy Team’s St. Baldrick’s page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/142047/2026> or use the QR code below, call our school office at 440-734-7717, or contact msanders@stbern.net. Posters with more information and **paper donation forms are also available in the church foyers**. Fundraising paper charms will also be sold in the church foyers after some Masses.



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 yourself, sharing our information, or making a donation, please help us to give kids with cancer the long, healthy lives they deserve. Thank you for your help and consideration!



Angel Scholarship Fund The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return for the year the contribution is made. The maximum credit amount is \$750 per individual; married couples that file a joint return can each claim this credit if both spouses make eligible donations (\$1,500 total). **Don’t miss out! Ohio taxpayers have until April 15, DEADLINE YEAR* to make a donation that is eligible for a TAX YEAR** state tax credit.** There are multiple ways to donate at: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund>.



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The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

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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 days are March 11th and March 25th.

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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