

St. Bernard's Parish

March 2018

Abbreviations:

Adult Faith Formation
 Peace and Social Justice
 Religious Education Program
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

AFF Seniors Happy Hours
 PS&J
 REP
 CLW

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>February 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>"We are St. Bernard's – Together, We Are Church"</i>	<i>Sunday of Lent</i>		1 9:30am Daily Mass 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	2 9:30am Mass/Stations of the Cross	3 9:30am Daily Mass/ Confessions 3:30pm Confessions
4 10:00am CLW 12:30pm Choir Practice 2:00pm Theatre Ministry 6:30pm Usher Meeting	5 7:00pm Respect Life 7:30pm Worship Space Series	6 7:00pm Men's Club 7:30pm Confirmation Parent/Student Retreat	7 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	8 9:30am Daily Mass 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	9 9:30am Mass/Stations of the Cross 7:00pm relict	10 9:00am relict 3:00pm Rosary on the Hill
11 2:00pm Theatre Ministry 5:30pm Venturing Crew 6:30pm Choir Practice	12 7:30pm Worship Space Series	13 4:30pm P&SJ 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Confirmation Class	14 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	15 9:30am Daily Mass 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	16 9:30am Mass/Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Choir Concert	17 9:30am Daily Mass/ Confessions 3:30pm Confessions
18 2:00pm Theatre Ministry	19 7:30pm Worship Space Series	20 ELECTION DAY 7:30pm Baptism Prep	21 11:30am Seniors 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	22 9:30am Daily Mass 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	23 9:30am Mass/Stations of the Cross 7:00pm relict	24 9:00am relict Food Asst Weekend
25 Palm Sunday Food Asst Weekend 2:00pm Theatre Ministry	26 7:00pm Chrism Mass @ Cathedral of St. Raymond	27 4:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	28 7:00pm Cantor Program	29 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm Mass Adoration until Midnight	30 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00pm Walk to the Cross 7:30pm Service	31 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt 12:15pm Blessing of Baskets 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

*Mass Intentions For the Weekends of
February 24/ February 25
and
March 3/ March 4*

SATURDAY, February 24 7 Holy Founders of Servite Order

9:30 AM - The People of St. Bernard's

4:30 PM - Bruno Nowobilski
Claire Stugis

SUNDAY, February 25 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM - Joseph Donzelli

10:00 AM - Arlene Martinek
Claire Stugis

11:30 AM - Kathleen Varnagis

SATURDAY, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

9:30 AM - Dorothy Dwyer

4:30 PM - John Scanlon
Marie Zabarouskas

SUNDAY, March 4 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM - Mary Lou Donzelli

10:00 AM - Ed Manikowski
11:30 AM - Simone Radde

*Mass Intentions for the Week of
February 26 - March 2*

MONDAY, February 26

9:30 AM - Donald Riordan

TUESDAY, February 27

9:30 AM - Dinka Rogovic

WEDNESDAY, February 28

9:30 AM - Rosa Oriente

THURSDAY, March 1 The Chair of St. Peter

9:30 AM - The People of St. Bernard's

FRIDAY, March 2

9:30 AM - Priest's Intention

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Today's Readings

First Reading - The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in Faith. (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18)

Psalm - I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Psalm 116)

Second Reading - God did not spare his own Son. (Romans 8:31b-34)

Gospel - This is my beloved Son. (Mark 9:2-10)

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Confessions

Confessions will be heard Saturday, March 3 at both 10:00am and 3:30pm.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

*Pray For Our Sick and Deceased
Relatives and Friends*

"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

For the sick, especially Jerry Primozic, Kathie Negrete, Sharon Flanagan, Karen Horting, Carol Nolan, Joanne Foster, Evelyn Lopezalles, Renee DiVicino, Marshelle Santoro, Donald Kremer, Louise Karkula, Dolores Inboden, Eleanor Findlay, Mary Ellen Ryan, Nancy Ludwig, Leona Altman, Lorraine White, John Logsdon, Ericka Heilmann, Rich Waliczek, Jr., and Virginia Flaherty.

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"For those who have died, life has changed, not ended."

For the deceased, especially Wladyslaw Cygan (father of Joanne Kozak), and all of the faithful departed, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

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St. Bernard's Ministry News

This Week at St. Bernard's:

(*See Article)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30pm Worship Space Series

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00pm Confirmation Class*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:30am REP Grades 1-3*

7:00pm REP Grades 4-6*

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

4:30am Children's Choir

7:00pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

10:00am Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

10:00am Confessions*

3:30pm Confessions*

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:30pm Choir Practice

2:00pm Theater Ministry

Religious Education

Students in the Confirmation Program will meet for class on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm.

Religious Education Classes for grades 1-6 will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at their respective times.

re-lit: the Heart of Evangelization

You are invited to attend our Lenten Mission (of sorts): **re-lit: the Heart of Evangelization**. It will be an exciting program, being led by the author and developer of the program, Michael Dopp.

Michael Dopp was a luke-warm Catholic until he encountered the goodness and love of God at World Youth Day in Rome. The fruit of this encounter and his surrender to the mercy of God was the intentional living out of the richness of the faith. Michael soon felt the call to share Christ's message with others and evangelize.

re-lit: The Heart of Evangelization is the fruit of Michael's desire to add strategy to the universal call to evangelize. He saw the need for a program that was accessible to active Catholics, from parishioners to priests, which would form them to be effective informers of the faith. The key to the new evangelization is forged in the fire of *re-lit*.

When he's not busy travelling across North America to share his unique message of teaching Catholics in how to evangelize, Michael lives in Ottawa, Canada and enjoys reading with a pumpkin spice latte or delighting in the goodness of his wife Linda and daughter Therese.

Join Michael and the rest of the parish on Friday, March 9 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm; Saturday, March 10 from 9:00am to 4:30pm; Friday, March 23, 7:00-9:00pm & Saturday, March 24, 9:00am - 4:30pm. There is no fee to attend, but we would appreciate it if you would sign up in the foyer so we have enough lunch for everyone.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 3rd and 4th (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, March 3 4:30pm	Sunday, March 4 8:30am	Sunday, March 4 10:00am	Sunday, March 4 11:30am
Presider	Fr. John Merkelis	Fr. John Merkelis	Fr. Joe McCormick	Fr. Joe McCormick
Deacon	Kevin Ryan*	Kevin Ryan*	Chris McCaffrey	Chris McCaffrey
Proclaimers	Barbara Bevin Thomas Cantwell	Teri Gruca Randy Albert	Lynn Heusing Bill Battista	Wayne Felgenhauer
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Payne Mary Kay White Jim Gow Michael Griffin Irene Glorioso	Karren Athos Linda Conrath Pat Bass Dean Bass Maureen Campbell Julie Gill	Cathy Brock Katie Brock Rick Brock Sharon Flanagan Linda Primozic Jerry Primozic	Jean Lang Shawn Felgenhauer Jimmy Rozhon Tom Summers
Altar Servers	Steven Talaski Jes Talaski		Carter Ferricks Cade Heusing	Jimmy Rozhon
*Homilist				

Peace & Social Justice

Peace must start in ourselves, one soul at a time.

Act & Pray for Peace

"Never be so busy as not to think of others."

— **Mother Teresa, The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living**

February Intention – Be a Person for Others.

Being a person for others means that we are willing to shift focus and actually notice others and care about them. Here are just a few ideas:

- When I'm around someone who is behaving badly, rather than think of how the behavior irritates or upsets me, I wonder what might be triggering that person to act like this. A child in the hospital? Job loss? Relationship problems? A string of faulty decisions?
- I pray as much—probably more—for others than for myself.
- Rather than turn away and distract myself from others' suffering, I make some move to help.

Ignatian Spirituality.

Act - Pay more attention to the needs of others.

Pray - Precious Lord Jesus, may I always have a kind, caring, understanding, and sympathetic heart towards others.



Respect Life

Spiritual Adoption Update

Week 26

"It is remarkable to think about all the things that my body has done in the last 26 weeks. I am 2/3 of the way through my life here and about to start the final trimester in the womb. My brain is so developed that I have actually started to dream about what God has planned for me. For now, I can only imagine...Please pray for me."

ABORTION MYTH #5: ABORTION IS A SETTLED ISSUE. Fearing the changes coming with an increasingly pro-life society, the abortion industry and its political allies increasingly try to close off discussion of abortion by declaring the matter "settled." In banning pro-lifers from running for office in his party, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, "It's a debate that has been settled for the vast majority of Canadians and we don't need to reopen that issue."



But if abortion were a settled issue, it wouldn't remain the most controversial topic in the world. Rather, it's unsettling. In fact, overwhelming majorities reject abortion on demand. Even abortion supporters are uncomfortable being in proximity to abortion. In one of the most pro-abortion cities on the West Coast, the apartment complex next door to the abortion facility tried to buy out the abortion business because "even though most people in that area are 'pro-choice,' the apartment owners don't like having the abortion facility in the neighborhood."

You don't see 10,000 people join a 40 Days for Life campaign twice a year—many of them overnight or in terrible weather—for an issue that's settled. You don't see hundreds of thousands of people march or walk for life each January for an issue that's settled. And you don't see people of all ages, backgrounds and faith traditions giving their time and their income to the pro-life movement for an issue that is "settled." --- 40 Days for Life

Peace & Social Justice

We have received the following comment regarding the January Peace APP:

January - Comfort Zone

"It really does take faith and courage to move beyond one's comfort zone. So it really is more challenging than most intentions, and yet Faith is the key. Thank you."

Peace & Social Justice

Two minutes of your time can help victims of Sex/Labor Trafficking. Go to <https://polarisproject.org/action> to take action.

Food Assistance Weekend

The last weekend of the month is the official "Monthly Food Assistance" Weekend.

We are accepting gift certificates to Jewel, Aldi, and Meijer food stores, as well as cash donations. This enables the recipient to purchase perishables such as fresh produce, dairy, and meat.

Please place your donations in the box that is hanging on the door of the storeroom. We thank all who have donated in the past.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Classes last no more than two hours and are held at the Church. The next class dates are **Monday, Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 7:30pm and Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 1:00pm.** No dates for baptism will be accepted until after you have attended one of the classes. Please call the rectory at 301-3020 for further information or to register.

Respect Life

TRANSGENDERISM:

A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH

March 15th - By Fr. Thomas Loya @Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Have questions about the Transgender issue? How you should respond? What should you say? What should you NOT say? What not to do when a family member claims to be "Transgender"? What does the Church teach us? What is the correct Christian Catholic response?

The Knowledge and Prayer Series is sponsoring Fr. Thomas Loya, Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church and world-wide expert and speaker on the "Theology of the Body" to speak on the issue of Transgenderism. The presentation will be at **7:00 PM on March 15th at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will-Cook Rd in Homer Glen.**

The Knowledge and Prayer series is sponsored by the Multi Parish Respect Life Ministries from and Our Lady of the Woods, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Michael in Orland Park and St. Bernard's, Our Mother of Good Counsel, and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

As Fr. Joe shared in his homily last weekend, God calls all of us to be His partners in caring for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the Diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$54,900.00. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year's CMAA and complete an in-pew envelope today.

Responding to Personal Requests for Monetary Assistance at Church

St. Bernard's Parish is happy to assist individuals in need of monetary assistance during the regular office hours during the week at the rectory offices on Parker Road. The rectory maintains a certain welcoming and screening process for assisting such persons. So, if anyone ever approaches you personally for such assistance on the church property, please encourage them to come to the rectory for help during the week. Or, you may simply refer them to see Fr. Joe or one of the deacons. While we certainly do not wish to discourage personal acts of charity, we suggest and prefer that such charitable assistance be provided in an orderly way through the rectory. Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed by all those 14 years old and above on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent.
2. Fasting is required of those ages 18 - 60 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as one full meal and two smaller meals not equaling another full meal together. Snacking is not permitted. People may be excused from these practices for certain reasons, e.g. pregnancy and illness.

Tithing Your Gift To God

Envelopes Used on Sunday, February 18, 2018

Weekly Need.....	\$11,051.00
Weekend Collection.....	\$9,106.00
Candles.....	\$63.50
Parish Improvement.....	\$212.00
Diocesan Home Mission.....	\$172.00

We Give Thanks to the Lord for your Generosity!

Daily Mass During Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, **prayer**, and almsgiving. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives. One way to do this is by attending Mass daily, or even once or twice during the week. Did you know we offer daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 9:30am during Lent? Daily Mass is often more intimate and shorter than Sunday Mass. Give it a try! If adding Mass, though, consider forgoing some other commitment to keep Mass from being another time obligation in the day.

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers

Time is running out! Send your email address to: stbdeacon@comcast.net and then enter that same email into your address book so the attachment with your schedule does not end up in your spam folder. Beginning with the **April** schedule, we will be **emailing** the schedules to you.

If you do not have an email account, please give Deacon Kevin your correct mailing address.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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Sunday and Holy Day Masses celebrated at **St. Bernard's Pastoral Center**, 13030 W. 143rd St., (just west of Bell Rd.)

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM.

HOLY DAY MASSES: As announced in bulletin.

WEEKDAY MASS: 9:30 AM (communion service on Thursday) at the Pastoral Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Contact Office

BAPTISMS: Parents are expected to be registered in the parish, and are required to register for and attend a Baptism Preparation Program before scheduling the Baptism. You are strongly encouraged to attend the program before the baby is born. Call the rectory a few months in advance.

MARRIAGE: Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST. Hall and other social arrangements are to be made after the Church date has been set. Weddings are not performed on Sundays. If either party is under 19 years of age, Diocesan policy requires special instruction and a date cannot be given until the instructions have been completed and the Chancery Office has granted permission.

FUNERALS: Arrangements for a funeral must be made with the Rectory by a member of the family before publication of notice in the newspaper and the time or date is set with the Funeral Director.

SICK CALLS: Call the Rectory at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know. Family members may request to take communion to other members confined at home.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know. Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays as scheduled in the bulletin (generally first and third Saturdays at 3:30pm) and at any time upon request.

PARISH BOUNDARIES: North: 135th Street; East: Will-Cook Road; South: 151st Street; West: King Road and its extension.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All new families are welcome and should be registered in the parish. This may be done by visiting or calling the Rectory.

ST. BERNARD'S MEMORIAL FUND: Bequests or special donations to our Parish Memorial Fund may be made by contacting the Rectory.

We are a tithing parish. This means that every parishioner with an income is asked to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from the Parish Collection at the Offertory of the Mass.

St. Bernard # 809

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