

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. — Psalm 72:11



ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

(Office closed on Friday)

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, 8:30a.m.

Thursday and Friday

Wednesday 6:00p.m.

Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) 5:00p.m.Holy Day (*Vigil*) 7:00p.m.

Holy Day 9:00a.m.

**Reconciliation Schedule**

Wednesday-5:30p.m.; Saturday-4:15p.m.-

4:45p.m; Sunday-8:15a.m.-8:30a.m. Please call the Parish Office if an appointment is needed.

Baptisms

By appointment. Preparation classes required.

First Communion

Two years in a religious education class is required for the Sacrament of First Communion.

Confirmation

Two years enrolled and attending class is required for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Marriage

Preparation must begin a minimum of six months before a proposed wedding date whether in this church or any other. Dates will be finalized after consultation with the pastor.

Prayer Intention Book

Special intentions may be recorded in the Prayer Intention Book located in the Lobby of the Church. The book is brought to the altar at presentation of the gifts.

Hospitalized/Homebound

The sick and homebound of the parish can arrange Holy Communion by calling the Parish Office. (855-9069)

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open for those in need on Tuesday each week from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our parish, we would like to welcome you and invite you to become a member of our parish. Membership cards are available in the Lobby or you may ask an Usher for one. You are always welcome to come by the office and register.

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday, January 14:

Merlyn & Annette Burk

Sunday, January 15:

Jerry & Marilyn Block

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VOCATIONS CROSS

January 14:

Paul & Gail Meyer

January 15:

Jim & Sharon McCann, Sr.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
January 8 - January 14, 2012**

*Sunday (01-08-12) . . .
For the Living and Deceased †
members of Our Parish, especially
Jim Coats*

Monday 01-09-12	† Mary Jane Etzel By Lucy Neider
Tuesday 01-10-12	Mary Gergen By Paul & Barbara Gergen
Wednesday 01-11-12	† Faye Parrish By Monty and Ruth Ellen Jones
Thursday 01-12-12	Teresa Rodriguez
Friday 01-13-12	† Irene Pipan By Shepherd Group # 33
Saturday 01-14-12	† Ben Carr By Joyce Carr

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF
EVENTS CONT'D**

01-10--Tuesday

8:30a.m. - Mass
9:00a.m. - 1:00pm - Food Pantry open
9:15a.m.-10:45a.m.-Scripture Study (Duffy)
Room 203
11:30a.m.- 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b

01-11-Wednesday

11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b
5:30p.m.-Reconciliation
6:00p.m. - Mass
6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b
6:00p.m.8:30p.m.-Teen Youth Ministry
Conference Room-Parish Office
6:30p.m.-9:00p.m.-Choir Practice
6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.-KC Council -Hall
7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-RCIA- Room 203

01-12--Thursday

8:30a.m. - Mass
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.-Care & Share Trailer in
parking lot
11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b
11:30a.m.-3:00p.m.-Women's Club Card Party -
Hall

01-13-Friday

8:30a.m.-Mass
9:00a.m.- 10:00a.m.Our Lady of Refuge
Prayer Group-Chapel
9:00a.m.-Noon - Mah Jongg
9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.-Women's Club Mtg -
Hall

01-14-Saturday

11:30a.m.- 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg. - Room 202a/b
4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. - Reconciliation
5:00p.m.-Mass
6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b

01-15-Sunday

8:15a.m.-8:45a.m. Reconciliation
9:00a.m. - Mass
10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.-Youth Education in
Chapel and Hall

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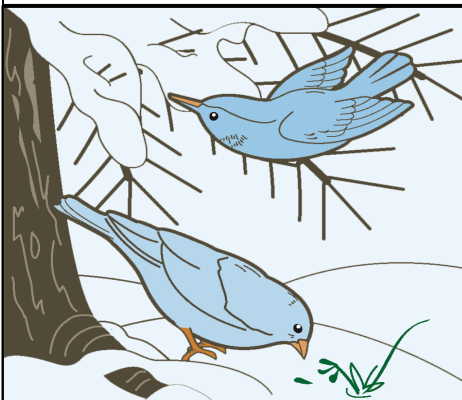
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8:15a.m.-8:45a.m. Reconciliation
9:00a.m. - Mass
10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.-Youth Education in
Chapel and Hall

01-09-Monday

8:30a.m.-Mass
11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b
1:00p.m.-2:30p.m.-Circle of Life Bereavement
Group - Library
6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b
6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-Pinochle -Hall
7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. - Al-Anon-Room 203



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PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as the protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.
Amen

POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP

*Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group, beginning Monday, February 20, 2012. The spiritual journey lasts 11 weeks, with small groups of 6-8. Groups will be formed in **Little Rock, Fayetteville, Ft. Smith and Hot Springs.***

*All names & meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call (501) 664-0340, ext. 357. ** All inquiries must be made by February 20, 2012.*

VIRTUS TRAINING

All new ministers and those still needing Virtus training ... please note that two Virtus sessions are scheduled:

Wednesday, January 25th
1:30p.m. to 4:00p.m.
parish hall, room 203

Thursday, January 26th
6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.
parish hall, room 203

These sessions are available at St. Bernard parish for your convenience. You will not have to travel to receive this important training. Please sign up for either session by calling the church office at 855-9069, or by registering online at www.virtus.org

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is seeking an additional member. The position is open to both men and women. The Finance Committee appointments are made by the Pastor. If you are interested, please submit your information/qualifications to the office.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- Dennis Berg**
- Pat Bremberger**
- Marsha Bush**
- Mary Lou Boerger**
- Elva Douthat**
- Tom Duffy**
- Gene Gallea**
- Fran Heinen**
- Audrey Jurgens**
- Don Rowe**
- Fred Luecke**
- Janice Manuel**
- Ann Marlowe**
- Terry McGrath**
- Michael Miciotto**
- Ray Potkay**
- Larry Reifschneider**
- Vern Swanson**
- Carol Valley**
- Tom Welch**
- Jewel Whelan**

Pray for all who care for the ill and infirm.

Remember the deceased of our parish, especially; Chuck Forbush, Norm Drimmel David Ryan, son of Phil & Mary Ryan , Patricia Carrier, sister of Betty Woolery, Eugene Hoppe, brother of Eileen Curtis. May they and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 1, 2012 to January 8, 2012

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

New Contact Information

Don & Elaine Rowe
2311 Rugby Row
Madison, WI 53726

Cell(479) 644-9817

MAH JONGG

Please remember to order your new cards through Donna Rospond by January 20, 2012.

Small print \$7, Large print \$8.



ST. BERNARD LADIES MONTHLY CARD PARTY

The St. Bernard Ladies Monthly Card Party will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Doors open at 11:30a.m. and play begins at 12:15p.m. Cost is \$1.00 which includes coffee, tea and cookies. Be sure to invite all of your friends to come and enjoy an afternoon socializing and play either Bridge or Crazy Canasta.





BINGO
6:30p.m. - Parish Hall
Thursdays
January 19th
February 2nd
JACKPOT IS AT \$1000.00.

KNIGHT'S NOTES

The parish Christmas party hosted by the Knights of Columbus was a very enjoyable event. I would like to thank: Bill Plante & Paul Meyer for co-chairing the event, Bill & Maria Lynn for their help in setting up for the event, Robin Wallace and several of the members of the parish youth group for their help with clean up, and John & Marie Lutsky for doing dishes and helping with clean up.

Ron Hiller, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE NEW YEAR

- * January 28 Corporate Communion
Dinner, parish hall, 6:30p.m.
- * February 14 KC Ladies Appreciation
Dinner, parish hall, 6:30p.m.
- * February 24 KC Fish Fry, parish hall, 5:00p.m.
- * March 9 KC Fish Fry, parish hall, 5:00p.m.
- * March 30 KC Fish Fry, parish hall, 5:00p.m.
- * April 8 KC Easter Egg Hunt, parish parking lot and green area (if bad weather, parish hall)

PLEASE WATCH FOR.....

The second collection on the weekend of January 14-15th will be for Father Barnabas' religious order in India (IMS). The yearly donation request is collected to benefit the work of the IMS order.

Our pastor, Father Barnabas, is a member of the Indian Missionary Society, trained at the Seminary and Provincial House in Varnasi, India. The Society's purpose is to develop an indigenous priesthood with the background to reach out to the majority Hindu population, as well as to Buddhists, Moslems and other groups. Varnasi, one of the oldest (and most exotic) cities in the world, remains to this day one of the holiest of the Hindu Pilgrimage centers.

The IMS has created within this ancient city a visible Catholic presence. The St. Bernard travelers experienced first hand this presence at the local Ashram, a Catholic center. Literally thousands of Hindu women and their children, along with some men, listened as IMS Fr. Sebastian celebrated Mass and then moved with him in a colorful procession to experience the Lenten Stations of the Cross. Although unable to be baptized, the acceptance of Jesus and Mother Mary was reflected devotion of these thousands Hindu pilgrims as they sang and prayed along the hot, winding route.

The Indian Missionary Society in Varnasi also supports a Center for the Mentally Handicapped; the ASMITA education program for poorest children and women, including medical care and a home for abandoned children (mostly girls); cooperates with the UNICEF Homelink and Child Search as well as with Migrant agencies linking churches and companies. Very Rev. Fr. Subbash, IMS, a recent visitor to St. Bernard is one of the several IMS sponsors for these activities.

Finally, IMS Fr. Anil Dev has worked since 1991 with the Vishwa Jyoti Communication outreach services based in Varnasi, a low-cost media outreach using theater troupes, puppetry, audio and video productions for television.



ADORATION

Make ADORATION your New Year's resolution. It's a unique idea! It is the ideal way to come into God's presence and feel his touch. Join the 400 members of St. Bernard community who spent hours in our chapel with the

Blessed Sacrament in 2011. Spend as many hours as you can, or just a few. Sign up as an adoration substitute and specify what hours you might be available or call and say you'll try adoration for one hour, a New Year resolution we all can keep! For information, call the church office at 855-9069 or Tom or Marlene at 876-2821.

RCIA UPDATE

Our next scheduled class will be on January 11th.
This week we explore:

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

Who can receive this Sacrament? When?
What is the purpose of this Sacrament?
What is Viaticum? Where in the bible do the words "is anyone among you sick" come from and why were these words written?

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

What are "Holy Orders"?
Who can receive them? Who administers them?
When did Jesus give us the Sacrament of Holy Orders? What was the occasion?
Do you have questions or concerns regarding these two Sacraments?

"COME AND SEE"

We meet at 7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall in Room 203.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!



SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

During the February 25-26, 2012 masses, three parishioners will be elected to serve on the Saint Bernard Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in promoting the spiritual growth of the parish community and in planning ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church.

The Council is a consultative body regulated by the norms issued by the Bishop of the Little Rock Diocese as well as a locally-written Covenant. Council members receive first hand information on life in the parish and parish activities.

The parishioners elected will replace three Council members whose terms of office have expired. If you wish to nominate a St. Bernard parishioner for service on the Parish Pastoral Council, **please complete and submit a nomination form. February 2, 2012, is the deadline** for all completed nomination forms to be received by the parish office. If you are nominating a parishioner other than yourself, please obtain the person's consent to be a candidate and assurance that he/she will serve as a council member if elected. Interested parishioners are encouraged and welcomed to serve the parish through the Council and its mission.

The Parish Pastoral Council Covenant requirements for Council membership are that the person is: (i) Catholic, (2) at least 18 years of age, and (3) a member of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Community. The nominee should not be a staff member or employee of the church, or a person in the immediate family of a council member or a nominee to the council.

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NOMINATION FORM

To nominate a parishioner for service as a member of the Saint Bernard Parish Pastoral Council,

please provide the following information about the nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

(Every person who is Catholic, at least 18 years of age, and a member of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Community, is eligible to serve as a member of the Pastoral Council. Article II. Section 1. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Pastoral Council Covenant) If you are nominating a parishioner other than yourself, please obtain the person's consent to be a candidate and assurance that he/she will serve as a council member if elected. Completed nomination forms should be delivered to the parish office.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2012.

SAVING GRACE

The Women’s Club will be sponsoring a “shower” for the young women at Saving Grace. Items will be collected at their January 13 meeting, or may be dropped off in the Parish Hall prior to this date.

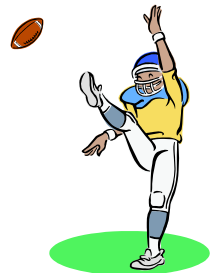
Saving Grace is a transitional home for young women who have aged out of the foster care or group home system at age 18. They are based in the old convent behind the old St. Mary’s Hospital, now the Center for Non-Profits. There they are offered personal growth opportunities in a supportive setting. The home is a safe and caring place to support them, help them grow and to learn to make wise decisions about their future.

When they are prepared to go out on their own, we would like to be able to provide them with neutral twin bed sheet sets, bath, hand and face towels, toilet paper and other paper goods. They are also looking for gently used kitchen items, such as dishes, cookware, utensils, etc. We are asking the entire parish to help us to shower these young women with these needed items. Please be generous.

Also, we are inviting all women of the church to attend our January 13 meeting where our Religious Education Department (Kay Smith, Carol Howard, Robin Wallace, etc.) will speak on “How can we be helpful?” There will be \$20 offered to one lucky woman at this meeting. Please come and join the other women of our church.

13th ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

St. Bernard parishioners are invited to attend the
SUPER BOWL PARTY
in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 5, 2012.



The game will be shown on the big screen with our LCD projector and many additional TVs. Doors will open at 4:30p.m.

Sandwiches, snacks and set-ups provided. BYOB with donations for beer and wine. Card tables will be set up for card games, Mah Jongg or whatever you wish to play. Tickets are \$6.00 each and are required. They can be purchased in the Hall starting January 1, 2012 or by calling Dave Clark at 876-5918 or Norm Howells at 855-7094.

ST. SCHOLASTICA RETREAT CENTER

St. Scholastica Gift Shop is now open regular hours:
Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Saturdays (except second Saturdays) from 12:30-3 p.m.

Sister Macrina Wiederkehr's new book, Abide Keeping Vigil With the Word of God, and her 2012 Calendar, A Year of Grace, are available individually or as a set (with a special discount.)

For information call [\(479\) 783-4147](tel:4797834147).

On February 4, St. Scholastica Retreat Center and Peachtree Hospice will co-sponsor a Caregiver's Day of Recollection from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the retreat center. Renew your spirit, relax and receive the love and care you give all day every day. Learn that you are not alone and that the load you carry can be made lighter. \$10 fee includes lunch. For more information, or to register by January 27th, call [\(479\) 783-1135](tel:4797831135), visit www.stscho.org, or e-mail retreats@stscho.org

On March 8, 2012, Sister Macrina Wiederkehr will present a day of recollection at St. Scholastica Retreat Center. Entitled "Abide," this day will encourage you to search out ways to remain centered in Christ even in the midst of the tasks of everyday life. The registration fee for this retreat is \$40 with a \$15 deposit and includes lunch.

To register by February 29, call (479) 783-1135,
visit [www. stscho.org](http://www.stscho.org)
or e-mail retreats@stscho.org.

MASS FOR LIFE

The Respect Life Office will sponsor the **Annual Mass for Life** on Sunday, January 22, 2012. **The location has been changed. It will be at the Robinson Center Exhibition Hall, two blocks west of the old location, on the corner of Markham and Broadway.**

PRAYER VIGIL AT THE Cathedral of St. Andrew from 7:00p.m. Saturday, January 21st until 8:30a.m. Sunday, January 22nd.

MASS FOR LIFE will be at 12:00 noon, with Bishop Anthony B. Taylor as celebrant and homilist.

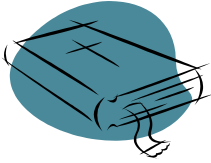
ADORATION and **ROSARY FOR LIFE** begins at 11:00a.m.

Arkansas Right to Life's 34th Annual March for Life is also January 22, 2012 at 2:00p.m. beginning at Capital and Louisiana Streets in Little Rock. Bring a busload! Come show the state and the nation that The Heart of Arkansas Beats for Life.

For more information on the Mass for Life call (501) 664-0340, ext 326.
For more information on the March for Life, call (501) 662-4237.

LORD OF ALL

Saint Paul was born and brought up as a Jew, deeply aware of the Jewish people as the Chosen Race. Thanks to his education by rabbis, Paul was steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized God's particular love for Jews. Paul expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, and may well have believed such a one would be a great military or royal leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was ardent in his conviction that all those who believed Jesus was the promised Savior were deluded and dangerous, and he was willing to hunt them down and kill them off. After his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul's change of heart and mind was profound. All his preconceptions were wrong. He was wrong about Jesus and wrong about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about the Messiah being only for the Jews. Paul was a remarkable man who was prepared to admit that he was wrong! He knew that he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, hidden until the world was ready. God's love and grace are universal and no human being is beyond that love; only those who choose not to receive it cannot benefit from God's grace. He was certain that those who were not Jews were also called to be part of the body of Christ. This was an astounding idea and, at first, brought conflict with apostles such as Peter. Yet these convictions took Paul and his companions out into the world around the Mediterranean on long and dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world.



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Three of our groups will be starting new studies in January. We always welcome newcomers, so if one of these studies interests you and the day and time works for you, please let us know if you'd like to join one of them. The groups usually meet once a week for about one and a half hours to pray for one another's intentions, to share whatever you want to of your answers to the study guide questions, and to watch a wrap-up video lecture. At home preparation requires about 20 minutes a day.

The following are the new studies.

The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus 7 sessions

Starts Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00p.m. in classroom 203.

Facilitator: Karen Wenzel

Please call Nadine at 271-0093 to join this group.

This study compares the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. The core of our faith incorporates both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living.

The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Letters 15 sessions

Starts Tuesday, January 24th at 1:30p.m. at Egton Dr., Bella Vista.

Facilitator: Kay Smith 855-3315

Written in a poetic and symbolic style, John's Gospel and letters prayerfully reflect on Jesus and his eternal relationship to the Creator. This study invites you to meditate on God's overwhelming love. Call Kay to join.

Pilgrim People 5 sessions

Starts Tuesday, January 24th at 9:15a.m. in classroom 203.

Facilitator: Nadine Duffy

God's people have always been sojourners, pilgrims on a journey, open to God's call and direction. In the modern world, nothing is so vital as understanding this identity and finding models of faithfulness to bolster us on our own journeys. The Bible's sacred stories unfold in a way that reminds us we are not on our own. Call Nadine to join.

