

The Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012



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	VOCATIONS CROSS		WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT'D
<p>Saturday, February 25: Bill & Christina Lynn Mary Guenther</p> <p>Sunday, February 26: Dick & Vera Kohls</p>	<p>February 25: Norbert & Barbara Sobieski</p> <p>February 26: Gloria Joos</p> <p>MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 19, - February 25, 2012</p> <p><i>Sunday (02-19-12) . . . For the Living and Deceased † members of Our Parish, especially Bob Etzel - By Knights of Columbus</i></p>		<p>02-21-Tuesday 8:30a.m. - Mass 9:00a.m - 1:00pm - Food Pantry open 9:15a.m.-11:00a.m.-Scripture Study (Duffy) Room 203 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-Scripture Study (Wenzel) Room 203</p>
<p>E-MAIL INFORMATION</p>	<p><i>Sunday (02-19-12) . . . For the Living and Deceased † members of Our Parish, especially Bob Etzel - By Knights of Columbus</i></p>		<p>02-22- ASH Wednesday 8:30a.m.-Mass 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b 5:15p.m. - 5:45p.m. - Reconciliation 7:00p.m. - Mass 6:00p.m.8:30p.m. - Teen Youth Ministry Conference Room - Parish Office 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b 6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. - Choir Practice 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. - RCIA - Room 203</p>
<p>GENERAL MESSAGES: office@bvstbernard.org MANAGER: manager3@bvstbernard.org FINANCE: finance3@bvstbernard.org PASTOR: barnabasmsusai@gmail.com SECRETARY: katie3@bvstbernard.org</p>	<p>Monday 02-20-12</p>	<p>† Faye Parrish By Tom & Judy Freytag</p>	<p>02-23-Thursday 8:30a.m. - Mass 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.- Care & Share trailer in parking lot</p>
<p>PRAYER OF THE WEEK February 19, 2012, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen</p>	<p>Tuesday 02-21-12</p>	<p>† Melvin & Cecelia Dlenert By Henry Frein</p>	<p>02-24-Friday 8:30a.m. - Mass 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m. Our Lady of Refuge Prayer Group-Chapel 9:00a.m.-Noon - Mah Jongg 4:30p.m.-Stations of the Cross 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.-KC Fish Fry #1-Hall</p>
 <p>© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.</p>	<p>Wednesday 02-22-12</p>	<p>† Milton Olson By Bob & Doris Roth</p>	<p>02-25-Saturday 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - AA Mtg. - Room 202a/b 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. - Reconciliation 5:00p.m. - Mass 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. - AA Mtg - Room 202a/b</p>
	<p>Thursday 02-23-12</p>	<p>† Darla Hartman By Charles & Colene Butler</p>	<p>02-26-Sunday 8:15a.m. - 8:45a.m. - Reconciliation 9:00a.m. - Mass 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. - Youth Education in Chapel and Hall 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. - Adult Growing Faith - Hall</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>WE WELCOMED</u></p> <p>FEBRUARY 4 302 FEBRUARY 5 362</p> </div>
	<p>Friday 02-24-12</p>	<p>† Paul Riley By Bob & Margaret Christensen</p>	
	<p>Saturday 02-25-12</p>	<p>† 15 Ladies who passed Away from 10-1-10 to 10-11-11 By Women's Club</p>	
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**CATHOLIC ARKANSAS
SHARING APPEAL**

If you take your pledge card home be sure to bring it back and drop it in the collection basket or mail in the pre-paid envelope as soon as possible.

Thanks so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day each year on the first Friday of March. This year's service will be held on March 2nd at 12:30p.m. for dessert, and 1:00p.m. for the worship. It will be at United Lutheran Church, 100 Cooper Road, Bella Vista.

The women of Malasia have chosen the theme, "Let justice prevail" for this year's celebration. It takes prayer, courage, compassion and active engagement for justice to prevail. The offering that will be taken will go to help meet the needs of families in Malasia and around the world who are victims of poverty, violence and injustice.

Locally, we are going to help Saving Grace in Rogers, a Christ-centered program for young women or NW Arkansas providing them a safe harbor where they are accepted and helped to live independently. Items they need: dish & laundry soap, paper products, trash bags, cleaning products, windex & Clorox. Food items: soup, mac & cheese and Ramon noodles.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



- Jean Becker
- Dennis Berg
- Mary Lou Boerger
- Patricia Bemberger
- Tom Duffy
- Gene Gallea
- Fran Heinen
- Audrey Jurgens
- Don Rowe
- Ann Marlowe
- Mick McHugh
- Michael Miciotto
- Ray Potkay
- Vern Swanson
- Vince Thomas
- Carol Valley
- Tom Welch

Pray for all who care for the ill and infirm.

Remember the deceased of our parish, especially Earl Schloemer and Bob Gerraughty . May they and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 19, 2012 to February 26, 2012

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

TAPAS & TINIS
St. Vincent de Paul

You are invited to join your friends at the annual TAPAS & TINIS event benefiting St. Vincent de Paul School. Tapas & Tinis will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Rogers. The evening will feature both live and silent auctions, music, dancing, food and drinks. Ticket prices are \$70 for one ticket or \$60 each for two or more. You may also get together with your friends and reserve a table for 10 at \$650. For more information, visit www.svdptapasandtinis.com or call Nancy Mueller at (479) 203-7229 or nmueller27@hotmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Ash Wednesday is a special collection to support the missionary activities and the priests and religious who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they serve among the people of our diocese. One hundred percent of this collection goes to direct ministry expenses. Please be as generous as you can in supporting these missionary apostolate through this collection.



AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
(Workshop/Retreat)

There will be a workshop/retreat on the weekend of February 24-26, 2012 at Coury House Retreat Center, Subiaco Abbey. Topics to be covered include: How to begin Spiritual Direction for yourself or for others, What to look for in a Spiritual Director, The role of Spiritual Friendship, The Discernment of Spirits Applying methods & styles of prayer in Spiritual Direction and How to gauge the fruitfulness of Spiritual Direction in one's life.

The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00p.m. on Friday, February 24th and ends with lunch Sunday, February 26, 2012. Cost is \$170 private room; \$240 shared room (\$120 per person). The retreat center is located on the grounds of the Benedictine Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, Arkansas 72865.

For reservations, contact Carol Geels at (479) 934-4411 or egeels@subi.org

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “[S]ee, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; / your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians - and tells us - that Jesus is God's “yes,” and that all God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God's promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man's sins. But that's what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “[P]ick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12).



ADORATION

WHY I DON'T PARTICIPATE IN PERPETUAL ADORATION ?

**You do not have to give up anything for Lent this year.
You do not have to diet or give up alcohol or exercise every other day.
Make this the Lent you **PATICIPATE IN PERPETUAL ADORATION!!**
Even if you don't want to, and are too busy. And you already spend an hour a week in church!!**

Christ is really there in the St. Bernard adoration Chapel!

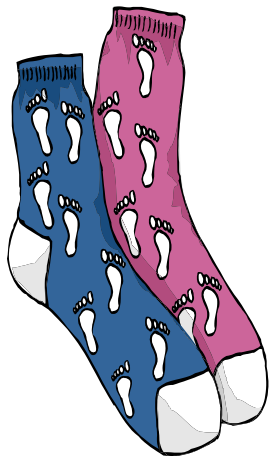
“Whenever you pray, go to your room, close your door, and pray to your father in private. Then your Father who sees what no man sees, will repay you.”

Volunteer for one hour this Lent. The adoration chapel is like your own room.

You can pray and listen. Read or just relax as you listen. An hour to yourself, only God will know.

**Call the Church office or Tom/Marlene (876-2821).
Volunteer one hour; it's better than giving up something.**

THE ANNUAL LENTEN SOCK DRIVE



The Shoebox Ministry will once again hold the annual sock drive from February 22 until April 4.

Boxes will be set up in the Church Narthex and in the Parish Hall.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to the need of Northwest Arkansas.

LENT BEGINS... February 22nd



MASSES on Ash Wednesday – 8:30a.m. and 7:00p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - on Fridays at 4:30p.m.

Behold! Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!

**I was hungry: And you gave me food.
I was thirsty: And you gave me drink.
I was a stranger: And you welcomed me.
I was naked: And you clothed me.
I was ill: And you cared for me.
I was in jail: And you visited me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, may our Lenten fasting turn us Toward all our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Bless us all in the sharing of your gift. Send us Through Lent with good cheer, and bring us at last to the all embracing joy of Easter.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

**Friday, February 24
Friday, March 9
Friday, March 30**



Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased before or after Mass on Saturdays or Sundays as well as from the church office during the week.

**Doors open at 5:00p.m.
Serving begins at 5:30p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please call Ron Hiller at 876-2670 or Aubrey Plauche at 876-6666

RCIA UPDATE

*Our next scheduled class will be on February 22nd
This week we explore:*

ASH WEDNESDAY

(Class after Mass)

**Review procedure for the Rite of
Election (Saturday, February 25th)**

Open the Word

“COME & SHARE, COME & SEE”



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

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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Arkansas Catholic Directory Photo Contest

Arkansas Catholic is holding a contest to choose a photo for the cover of the 2013 diocesan directory. Any professional or amateur photographer in Arkansas can enter their photo of a Catholic church or institution in the diocese. The first prize winner will also get a free copy of the directory and a subscription to *Arkansas Catholic*. March 16 is the deadline to enter the contest. For complete rules and an entry form, visit the Arkansas Catholic Web site at www.arkansas-catholic.org





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January 25, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming matter that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

Last year the US Department of Health and Human Services issued rules requiring all health care plans to cover sterilization and contraception, including abortifacients. The only Catholics who would qualify for the so-called "*religious exemption*" allowed under these rules would be only those Catholic employers who hire mainly Catholics, serve mainly Catholics and exist mainly to inculcate religious values. All these conditions would have to be met in order to qualify for the exemption. Catholic hospitals would not qualify, not to mention ordinary businesses owned by Catholics. Moreover, there was no conscience protection whatsoever for insurers or individuals with religious or moral objections to being forced to help pay the cost of these abortions and sterilizations. This is a direct attack on religion and our First Amendment rights.

In so ruling, our government has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply--what Archbishop Dolan of New York correctly describes as "*a year to figure out how to violate our consciences.*"

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock