



Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

CLERGY

Fr. Robert Barras, Pastor
Fr. Dominic Pistone, in Residence
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am,* 11:00 am,
and 5:00 pm

*Live streamed on YouTube

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm or by
appointment.

BAPTISM

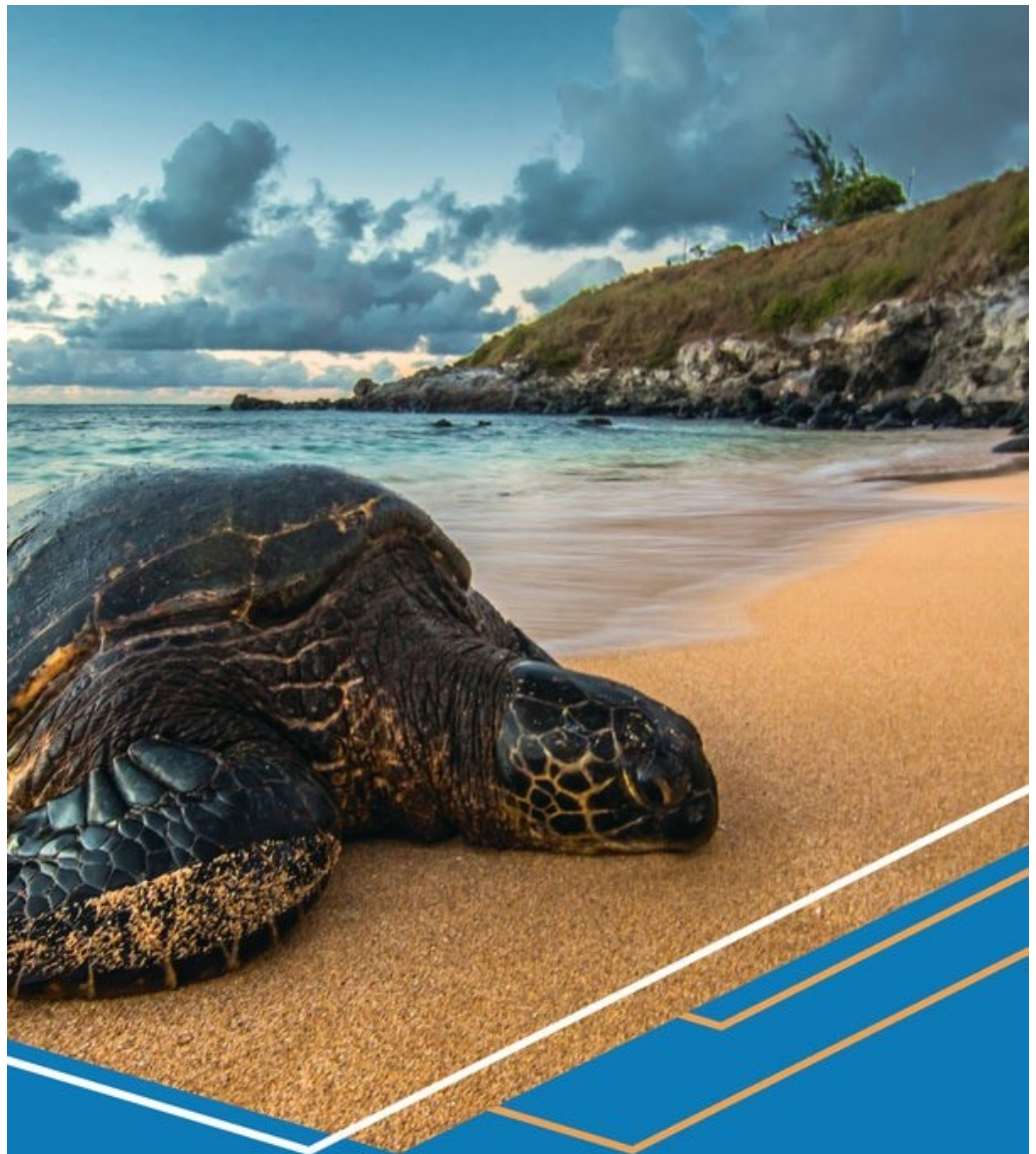
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office if
there is a death in the family. The
parish will cooperate with funeral
arrangements.

MARRIAGE

It is necessary for couples to contact
the parish when the engagement is
made. You should be a registered
active member of the parish. Allow
nine to twelve months for preparation
for the sacrament. Extra time must be
allotted if either of the parties has
been married before.



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?”
Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Clear Lake United Methodist Church and St. Bernadette Catholic Church present:
2023 Meet the Composer Weekend Featuring Jaime Cortez

**Friday, September 29
5 - 8 pm**

Outdoor Festival and Concert at Clear Lake United Methodist with food trucks and family friendly activities

**Saturday, September 30
5 pm Mass**

at St. Bernadette with Jaime Cortez and combined choirs

**Sunday, October 1
9:00 am and 10:30 am**
Worship Services at Clear Lake United Methodist

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Sept 10, 2023	\$ 17,317.74
Faith Direct**	14,211.81
Total Collection	\$ 31,529.55
Budget	35,343.65
Under budget	\$ (3,814.10)

** Faith Direct is a weekly average based on a monthly total

Upcoming Second Collection: October 22 – World Mission Sunday

2023-Diocesan Services Fund As of Sept 12, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 139,750
Under goal	\$ (3,250)

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week --no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up: Visit faith.direct/TX631; Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757; Scan the QR code



Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Bernadette Parish. We pray for your continued generous support of God's work here at St. Bernadette.

Upcoming Formation for New Liturgical Ministers

NEW Altar Servers Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 pm in the Church . Server must be at least 10 years old and have received 1st Communion; at least one parent must attend Formation Session with their child

Formation for NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Must be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized & Confirmed); if married, marriage must be recognized by the Church; living a life in good standing with the Church

NEW Readers (Lectors) Wednesday, October 11 at 7:45 pm (after daily Mass) in the Conference Room. Anyone called to proclaim the Word of God at Mass is welcome as we discuss the importance of good proclamation and the theological principles that are involved.

New Hospitality Ministers Saturday, October 21, in the Church at 1:00 pm.

Youth are welcome to serve; parent / child teams welcome for children 10 - 14 years old. **Greeters:** Arrive early to greet the people of God as they enter the Church. Help put people who need assistance in touch with Ushers

Ushers: Help count the number of people at Mass. Assist with the Communion procession, and distribute bulletins after Mass

Scan the qr code to sign up for a ministry or email Cristina so we can prepare for you to join us!



All volunteers must take our online Safe Environment Formation: visit www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus or email safeenvironment@stbchurch.org

Office of Music & Worship Cristina Garcia -Luense, Director
832-915-5616 worship@stbchurch.org www.stbchurch.org/liturgy



Saint Bernadette Monthly Breakfast

Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast on Sunday, October 1 after the 8:30 am Mass in the Parish Life Center. Breakfast is prepared and served by the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council 10959. All proceeds go to the parish.



Jr High Faith Formation

Faith Formation will start on Sunday, October 8.

If you didn't make it to the Parent Meeting on August 27, the calendar and other information can be found in the Thursday email.

Did you get the Thursday emails? If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me to make sure I have your correct email address.

How can I help? The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus> The next step is to email me bartosm@stbchurch.org

If you haven't registered, **registration is open for 2023-24 Faith Formation Season.** Check out the webpage*



*www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th) or use this qr code. Questions? email me bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF

High School Faith Formation

Faith Formation will start on Sunday, October 8.

If you didn't make it to the Parent Meeting on August 27, the calendar and other information can be found in the Thursday email.

Did you get the Thursday emails? If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me to make sure I have your correct email address.

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I will be the interim High School Faith Formation Director until we hire a Youth Minister. Looking forward to seeing my former JrHighers!!



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Adult Spiritual Life

Pilgrimage into Nature: As we begin this pilgrimage, we are to quiet ourselves and hear God calling us to be with him. We do this by separating ourselves from our daily routines as we journey into nature, opening ourselves to contemplate God's presence as we encounter God's creation. Then we can respond to God's call with gratitude and gratefulness.

Our souls yearn to connect with the Divine and we long to get closer to God. A *Pilgrimage into Nature* is a special way for us to encounter God in creation. For more information, please visit the webpage *Pilgrimage into Nature* by scanning the qr code. Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at woodvinek@stbhchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x104



Walking with Purpose: St. Bernadette will host an introductory *Walking with Purpose* meeting on October 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please join us to experience a *Walking with Purpose* lesson and to share insight about how this program can best meet the needs of the women of St. Bernadette. Click on the qr code to register for the introductory meeting. The fee for the meeting is \$5 until October 10. After October 10 the fee will be \$15.



Join Us for Our New Member Social!

You're invited to our New Member Social on Sunday, October 8, immediately following the 12 noon Mass in the Parish Life Center. Whether you're a short-term visitor, new to the area and becoming part of our parish family, or returning to your Catholic Faith, we extend a heartfelt welcome to St.

Bernadette Catholic Church. Our goal is to make you feel truly "at home."



We're excited to offer a light lunch during this special gathering. To ensure we have enough food, please RSVP in advance. Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org to RSVP. Families are more than welcome!

As you continue your Faith journey, take the opportunity to discover more about our parish and the many enriching experiences it offers. We're delighted to have you here!

Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a life-long commitment and we want your relationship to be a joy-filled one for many years to come. The entire process – which can take 9-12 months- helps to prepare the engaged couple to enter into life together as one.

For more information and to complete the inquiry form please scan this qr code or contact Deacon Kevin.



If you are civilly married or married outside of the Catholic Church and have questions about being married in the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Kevin at woodvinek@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x104

Baptism

The final Baptism preparatory workshop for 2023 is scheduled for October 15. Parents are welcome to attend the Baptism preparatory workshop prior to the birth of your child. Godparents are encouraged to attend with the parents. For more information and to register, please scan the qr code



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jul-23	176	849	484	\$1,735.03	318.5
Aug-23	64	293	12	\$757.44	268
Sept 1-17, 2023	26	101	3	\$1,374.30	77

Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and families in our community. We serve our neighbors in crisis living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598. We assist with utilities, food, and clothing. Christian Action donation drop off hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture.

Phone numbers for the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

LAST WEEK OF THE DIAPER DRIVE!!! Help us finish with a bang! **The drive is for the larger sized diapers (size 4, 5, 6) and baby wipes.** You may drop off the items in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church or drop them off at your Christian Action office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - noon!

Clothes Quarters



OUR NEXT CHRISTIAN ACTION CLOTHES QUARTERS CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

EVENT: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - Our next Christian Action Clothes Quarter clothing distribution event will be on Friday, November 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Parish Life Center (PLC). Please note that it is on a Friday and not a Saturday this time.

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Canned Tuna
- ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Canned pasta
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ Canned mixed vegetables

Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.



Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.
You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.
We pray for them in their daily work.
Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.
Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.
It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.
May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,
never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.
Amen.



Early Childhood Connections

Registration Information 2023-2024

ECC strives to meet the needs of the children of our diverse community. We welcome all children. Our positive Christian learning environment recognizes the uniqueness of each child as we work with parents to prepare their child for success.

St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections strives to place each child in the best learning environment. Our teaching staff is highly qualified and teacher requests are not accepted.

ECC is off to a great start! We still have room in some classes for new friends. Call today to see if ECC is a good fit for your child.

Registration is open! Scan the QR Code to find out more!



Current Families Registration Fee, Tuition Rates, and Class Options:

Registration Fee \$200.

2 days -Monday/Wednesday(1s & 2s ONLY)\$235.-2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$240.

3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$345.

4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$400.

5 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday(Pre-K 3s & 4s ONLY) \$465.

Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. All classes must have a minimum for the class to be offered.

Discounts: Sibling Discount: 10% off tuition of all children in the same family.

Family Discount - Non-Refundable Registration Fee: First Child = \$200;

Second child in family = \$125; All other children in family = \$50.

Military Discount: 10% off total tuition with proof of Active Military ID Card.

Extended Day Options: Breakfast Bunch, 8:00-9:00 am for an additional fee.
MAGIC 1-2 pm OR 1-3 pm for an additional fee.

Jennifer Nevins – St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections
281-486-0337 x114 or Direct line: 832-915-5700 nevinsj@stbchurch.org

Time and Talent

Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org for more information.

Calling All Baking Enthusiasts! Join us in making finger food dessert items for our upcoming Newcomer Event on Sunday, October 8. Whether you're a seasoned baker or a budding pastry enthusiast, your help is invaluable. Share your love for baking and contribute to a sweet cause. No professional experience required—just a passion for creating delicious treats! Contact Suzanne to volunteer and spread the joy of desserts.

Volunteer to Craft Fresh and Delicious Fruit Salads or Party Trays! We're seeking volunteers to help prepare mouthwatering fruit salads or small party trays such as fruit, vegetable, cheese, etc. for special events including Newcomers on October 8. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just enjoy working with fresh, vibrant ingredients, your contribution will add a burst of flavor and healthiness to our gathering. No culinary expertise required. Join our team and be part of a refreshing and nutritious experience. Contact Suzanne to volunteer.

Specialty Bakers, Unite! Volunteer to Create Delightful Gluten-Free or Sugar-Free Treats! Are you a talented baker with expertise in crafting gluten-free, dairy-free or sugar-free delights? We invite you to share your exceptional skills and passion with us. Join our volunteer team of specialty bakers and help create treats that cater to diverse dietary needs. Your unique talents will make a world of difference to those seeking delicious options that accommodate dietary restrictions. No matter if you're an expert or an enthusiast, your contribution will be cherished. Be a part of a team that makes everyone's sweet dreams come true. Contact Suzanne to volunteer.

Join the Fun – Be a Fun Day Game Leader or Co-Leader! Are you enthusiastic and love organizing games? We're on the lookout for energetic individuals to lead or co-lead exciting games at our upcoming Fun Day event on Sunday, November 12.

GET INVOLVED!

What You'll Do: plan and oversee a fun game or activity for any age (ex. Face painting, basketball or volleyball in the gym, bean bag toss, etc.); ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for participants; share your enthusiasm and spread joy throughout the event. **Why Join Us:** be a vital part of creating memorable moments; showcase your leadership and creativity; contribute to a

fantastic community gathering. Ready to Lead the Fun? Contact Suzanne for more information. Let's make this picnic an unforgettable day for all!

Join Our Volunteer Newsletter for Exciting Updates! Are you passionate about making a difference? Want to stay informed about upcoming volunteer opportunities? Eager to be part of a caring community? Look no further! Join our Volunteer Newsletter and be the first to know about impactful volunteering events, inspiring community initiatives, and exclusive volunteer tips and resources. Stay connected and make a positive impact. Subscribe now through your Evangelus account or email Suzanne and be part of something special.

Seeking Enthusiastic Volunteers to Welcome New Members

We are actively seeking individuals brimming with enthusiasm to join our team in extending warm and heartfelt welcomes to our newest members. Throughout the year, we organize orientations 3-4 times, and we wholeheartedly invite you to be a part of this experience.



Volunteers can play a pivotal role in this process by offering warm smiles, providing valuable assistance in the kitchen, arranging tables and chairs, guiding our newcomers through the facilities, extending friendly phone invitations, and lending a helping hand wherever it's most needed. If the idea of fostering a friendly and inviting atmosphere resonates with you, we encourage you to step forward and make a meaningful impact.

Your contribution will be invaluable in ensuring that our new members feel genuinely at home.

To become an integral part of this heartwarming initiative, please reach out to Suzanne. Let's come together as a community to ensure that our new members' journey is truly welcoming and memorable!



Airshow for People with Disabilities

St. B's has free tickets available to the Wings Over Houston Special Airshow at Ellington on **Friday, October 13, at 10 am.**

This show is for those persons who, because of a physical or mental condition, would have difficulty attending the regular shows. The Special Show is a smaller 2-hour version of the Airshow with the performers volunteering their time and their aircraft. If you are interested in attending the Special Airshow, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. We are able to offer a ticket to the individual with a disability and a caregiver/guest. Individuals provide their own transportation and can attend on their own or meet other parishioners at the show.

Blessing of the Animals

St. Bernadette's blessing of the animals will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the prayer circle located in the parking lot near Christian action.



We will have a table of remembrance for those of us who have lost a pet. You are welcome to bring an item or picture to place on our table of remembrance.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin at 281-486-0337 x104 or woodvinek@stbchurch.org

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

September 24 - 30, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Margaret Zegarelli+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Dick and Toni Critelli+
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Jeffery Peter LeBlanc+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Carolina Camp+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Tamara Zalud+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: John Howard Monaghan, Jr.+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Ramiro Saenz+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Joan Fulton, 09/24/1991; Rosemary Coyle, 09/24/2001; John Martin Jr., 09/25/2002; Curtis Vetter, 09/26/1987; Edda Maraldo, 9/27/2017; Cilia Duque-Garcia, 09/28/22; Doris De Graffenried, 09/30/2006; Jason Wilson, 09/30/2021 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



Knights of
Columbus®



Get your tickets now for the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus charity benefit at TopGolf in Webster on October 19. Over 75 people have already registered and the event promises to be a great time for all! In addition to three hours of golf, dinner, and drinks, there will be several door prizes and a raffle with over \$2,000 in prizes.

Tickets are \$75. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation via our website. Proceeds from parish breakfasts and fish fries go to the parish. Proceeds from this Knights' sponsored event will benefit our Council's charities: Christus Point of Light Clinic in Dickinson, St. B's Christian Action, Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena, Helping Hands, American Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, and Mercy Tree.

For Tickets & Donations

1. Go to: www.kofc10959.org
2. Go to TopGolf Charity Event Section of the Home Page
3. Click: "TopGolf Registration"

You can also scan this code with your phone to access the ticket site:



Bingo Prize Donation Drive. We're in search of new and like-new adult and children's items to make games at the Parish Fun Day even more exciting! If you have items that could bring smiles to the faces of our bingo winners, please consider donating.

What We're Looking For: New and like-new small toys and games for children and teens; New and like-new small kitchen gadgets, DVD's or Blue-Ray's, sports or small fitness equipment, new craft supplies, puzzles, small home décor, jewelry, and more; Gift cards to a

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



store or restaurant as well as individually wrapped candy for other activities. We could also use donations of popup canopy tents and a commercial size popcorn machine for the Fun Day and other Time and Talent events.

Note: Storage space is limited, if you have a large toy or item that you would be willing to bring the day of the event (Sunday., November 12), please call Suzanne to see if we can accept.

We cannot accept: Glass items, VHS or cassette tapes, books, items in need of repair, live animals, or clothes. Your contributions will go a long way in making our bingo events a hit! Donations can be dropped off at the Time and Talent Office or Parish Office. **Please label the item(s) as Time and Talent so it get's to the right place.** Let's create moments of joy together! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

For more information, please contact Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x110.

You're Invited to a Potluck Celebration! Join us for a Potluck gathering filled with good food and great company. It's a perfect opportunity to share your favorite dishes and stories with others. Let's come together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of meeting new people or catching up with friends, laughter, and food. We will also have interest sheets to sign up for future activities (Pickleball, movies, speakers, board games, basketball, crafts, etc.). **When:** Thursday, October 19 at 11:30 am in the Parish Life Center. Please bring a dish to share, whether it's your signature recipe, a treasured family favorite, or a purchased item such as pizza or fried chicken. We'll provide the drinks and utensils.

Please RSVP and sign up for a food item by October 12. RSVP to Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org to help with planning. **Invite a friend!** Let's make this potluck a memorable occasion! We look forward to seeing you there.

Join Us for a Bow-Making Lesson! Are you ready to add a creative touch to your gift-giving or decorating skills? We invite you to join us for a fun and informative bow-making lesson! Whether you're a beginner or just looking to enhance your bow-tying prowess, this session is perfect for everyone.

During this interactive workshop, you'll learn the art of creating beautiful bows for various occasions, from gift wrapping to holiday decorations. Our experienced instructor will guide you through the steps, providing tips and tricks to make your bows truly impressive.

Date: Thursday, October 19, at 12:30ish (the end of the Parish Potluck) in the Parish Life Center –Tasker Room. **Supplies to bring:** Spool of Wired ribbon- must be wired; 2.5" is good size and inexpensive scissors (such as in the school supply section or from the Dollar Store).

Come and discover the joy of crafting stunning bows that will add a special touch to your gifts and décor. We can't wait to see you there! For more information, please contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.



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