

# 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

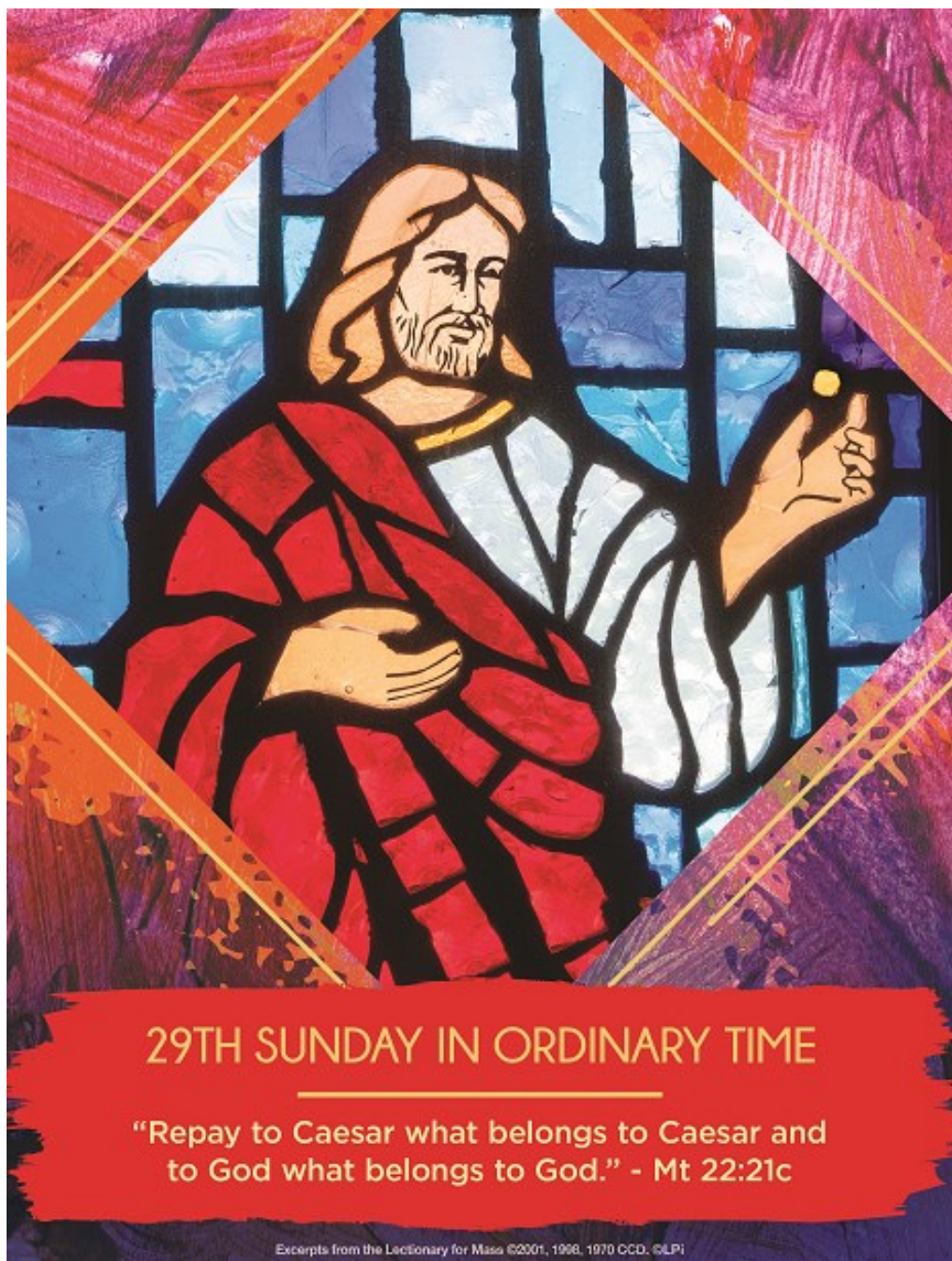
To begin the process of having your  
child baptized, please call the office  
or visit our website.

## 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.



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and  
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

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*In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of  
thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus.  
For what or for who are you thankful to God?*

We're so glad  
**YOU'RE  
HERE!**

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;**  
**World Mission Sunday** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4  
-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-  
8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk  
12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,  
94/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c  
-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Faith Commitment of Treasure

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday Oct 8, 2023  | \$ 11,503.50                |
| Faith Direct**      | <u>14,285.72</u>            |
| Total Collection    | \$ 25,789.22                |
| Budget              | <u>35,343.65</u>            |
| <b>Under budget</b> | <b><u>\$ (9,554.43)</u></b> |

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

### Upcoming Second Collections

November 5 – Retired Priests

November 19 – Campaign for Human Development

### 2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of Oct 10, 2023

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Goal         | \$ 143,000 |
| Paid to Date | \$ 147,562 |
| Over goal    | \$ 4,562   |

*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.*



### Parish-Wide Planning Study Begins!

It is important that we prepare to meet the needs of our community both now and in the years to come. Therefore, we are moving forward with a Planning Study, a process designed to ensure that we, as a parish community, are committed to our goals of providing the best Spiritual home for our families.

In order to be good stewards of our resources, careful arrangement and thoughtful planning are required and the feedback of our parishioners is essential. In fact, it is paramount. Your participation in this study is an important factor in making this project a success. Your input will enable us to prepare a course of action so that together we can make educated projections concerning our future.

The parish is being assisted by Guidance In Giving, Inc., a professional Catholic development firm, to work with our staff in coordinating all aspects of the Planning Study. Your survey answers will be seen only by Guidance in Giving staff and not by myself or any of the parish staff. So we invite you to be forthright with your responses!

#### How do I complete the survey?

Copies of the survey will be available in church over the next few weeks. You can also complete the survey online. To participate in the study online:

- Go to the parish website: [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org)
- On the home page, click on "Planning Study"

The findings from the study will give us the views and thoughts of the community as we discern the support that can be expected from parishioners as we consider our present and future needs of our parish.

Be assured that the information you provide will be kept completely confidential.

*For more information about the study, please contact the parish office at 281.486.0337*



# Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)  
Pre-K Faith Formation  
2 ½ to Pre-K 5 yrs old

## Pre-K Faith Formation

If you have not already registered for WFC Pre-K Faith Formation, go to <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis> or use the qr code.



**Sunday, October 22, 29, November 5, and 12** Age specific Faith Formation in the classroom. A calendar with in classroom meeting and parish event dates can be found in your child's take home folder.

Call Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x 254 or email at [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Junior High and High School students, we have school and Confirmation service opportunities.

## Nursery

Services available for families with young children:

• **Calming Room:** A video and sound feed of the Mass is available while families sit in the room. Available at Saturday 5 pm Mass, Sunday 8:30 am Mass, and Sunday 5 pm Mass.

• **Nursery:** well child drop off with adult volunteers during the Sunday 11 am Mass.

• **Location:** Down the left hallway of the church

Please check the St. Bernadette nursery webpage for updates or stop by the nursery. <https://stbchurch.org/parish-nursery>

Calling all Parishioners. Join us in providing a fun and safe environment for the children in our nursery during our Sunday 11 am Mass. Have opportunities for EVERYONE to be involved! To join our ministry, please contact Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x254 or [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org). Adults must complete a 60 minute online Safe Environment training prior to volunteering, details to be provided.

## Jr High Faith Formation

**Faith Formation for Sunday, October 22.** We are looking forward to seeing all of you today! Your CoreTeam/Small Group leaders have fun plans to help you learn about the faith!

- **Parents – check-in and check-out your JrHigher from small group in the gym. Doors open at 3:45** for game/activity; opening prayer at 4:00. Please walk your JrHigher into the gym and sign-in with their small group leader.
- Please be observant of the **dismissal plans: Parents are to pick-up their JrHigher from small group in the gym**
- **at 4:50 pm. Park in the back parking lot** in a parking spot. Keep all fire lanes clear. **Mass is at 5:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity to Celebrate the Eucharist as a family. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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. See the **link to the webpage** for more lesson information in the email.

**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](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)

### Upcoming Events: Expedition Summer Camp

Registration for the June 2024 camp will be coming soon! Open to those currently in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.



[www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> or use this qr code.

Questions? email me [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org) Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF

## High School Faith Formation

**Faith Formation for Sunday, October 22.** We are looking forward to seeing all of you today! Your CoreTeam/Small Group leaders have great plans to help you learn about the faith! **Doors open at 3:45** for game/activity; opening prayer is at 4:00. We will meet in the gym. **Dismissal is at 4:50. Mass is at 5:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity to Celebrate the Eucharist as a family. **Please be observant of the dismissal plans below:**

- ⇒ High School teens will be dismissed to meet family at church or at the car (in the back parking lot).
- ⇒ **Parent and Teen Drivers: Park in the back parking lot, in a parking spot.** Keep all fire lanes clear.
- ⇒ **Drive slowly** when leaving the parking lots, parishioners will be arriving for Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

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### Upcoming Events: Brave the Wilderness Summer Camp

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## Christian Action

### NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

| Date           | Families | Individuals | # of Individuals Clothing | Financial Assistance | # of Volunteer Hours |
|----------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Aug-23         | 64       | 293         | 12                        | \$757.44             | 268                  |
| Sep-23         | 63       | 286         | 3                         | \$2,046.86           | 153.5                |
| Oct 1-12, 2023 | 21       | 98          | 0                         | \$796.94             | 33                   |

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**

**OUR NEXT CHRISTIAN ACTION CLOTHES QUARTERS 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.

**The clothing pantry needs the following items: New boy's underwear size 10-12, 14-16; New socks (men and women)**

Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Christian Action office or you can drop them off in the Christian Action bin in the Narthex of the church.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up on Thursday, November 2 from 11 am -1:00 pm and during the event on Friday, November 3 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to assist for the event, you must register. Please contact Eli Woodvine at [christianaction@stbchurch.org](mailto:christianaction@stbchurch.org) or visit [www.stbchurch.org/christian-action](http://www.stbchurch.org/christian-action) to register as a volunteer. Please remember that you will need to have completed Safe Environment/Safe Haven if you are 18+, and children 17 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

### **YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...**

Instant potatoes, Toothbrushes (adult and children), 1lb bag of laundry detergent, Canned pasta, Cereal, Deodorant, Canned vegetables. *Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.*

## Adult Spiritual Life

**Pilgrimage into Nature** is a retreat that you can do by yourself, as a date with your beloved, or with your children, grandchild, nieces, nephews, or even your godchild. Consider taking an afternoon or an entire day to spend time in God's creation.

You are welcome to scan the qr code for additional information and how to begin the Pilgrimage, or pick up a booklet in the entry of the church building. Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org) or 281-486-0337 x104



**An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection** on Monday, November 27 at 7 pm. Presented by: St. Bernadette Spiritual Life Committee. Music by: Heather Finley, harpist. Our time in prayer and reflection will be in the church building.

**Men of St. Bernadette** mark your calendar for our next men's retreat: *St. Joseph – A Man of God..* The retreat will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Information on registration will be coming soon.

## 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. 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 for 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 [nevinsj@stbchurch.org](mailto:nevinsj@stbchurch.org)  
281-486-0337 x114 or 832-915-5700

## Calling All Military Members!

Attention, military friends! We're gearing up for an incredible Parish Picnic on Veterans Day Weekend (November 12), and we need your help to make it even more special. If you have access to military vehicles, military gear, equipment, or fascinating items that you'd be willing to showcase at the event, we'd love to hear from you. Let's honor your service and share some fascinating insights with our community. Your contributions will undoubtedly make our picnic even more remarkable. Please contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) to coordinate and be part of this fantastic experience. Your military expertise is valued and appreciated!

## Time and Talent

Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or email [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) for more information.

### Saturday Morning of Service

**Saturday, October 28 at 8:30 am** we will have a Morning of Service. Projects include: sanding and painting the gazebo posts, helping with basic lawn care tasks such as sweeping and raking, power washing the sidewalks, helping clean the tables and walls in the PLC, make placemats for shut-ins and more. Adults, families, and adult/teen teams are welcome – there is an opportunity for everyone! Teen service hours for school are available. Please sign up at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> or email Suzanne at [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org). For more information, please call Suzanne.

### Join the Kitchen Crew Volunteers - Four Upcoming Opportunities

We're on the lookout for friendly volunteers to join our kitchen hospitality crew. We have 4 upcoming opportunities: Thursday, October 19, help with a potluck lunch; Saturday, October 28, help with a light lunch; Sunday, November 12, help with lunch at the Picnic; and Saturday, December 9, help with refreshments for a morning service project.

No culinary expertise needed, just a heart full of willingness to help! We provide the food and supplies. You might assist with heating dishes, assembling salads, preparing serving trays, or even tackling the post-feast dishwashing. It's a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in our community while having a blast in the kitchen. Join us! New Volunteers are welcome! Please call or email Suzanne for more information.

### All Abilities are Welcome!

No matter your ability level, there's a meaningful way for you to contribute at St. B's including at the Parish Picnic! If you've ever felt hesitant to lend a hand due to mobility or any other reason, we're here to show you that there's a place for everyone in our vibrant community. Let's chat about the opportunities that can be adapted to suit your unique abilities. Join us in making a difference! Call Suzanne today. Your willingness is all it takes.



### Two Upcoming Baking Opportunities!

We have 2 baking opportunities coming up. We could use homemade baked goods for our Day of Service on Saturday, October 28. We will also need baked goods, especially cakes and cupcakes for our cakewalk on Sunday, November 12. Whether you're a seasoned baker or a budding pastry enthusiast, your help is invaluable. No professional experience required—just a passion for creating delicious treats! Contact Suzanne to volunteer and spread the joy of desserts.



### Specialty Bakers - Volunteer to Create Delightful Sugar-Free or Gluten-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 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.
- 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.

Sign up for the  
Volunteer Newsletter



We're gearing up for a life-saving event, and we need your help! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 12, from 9:30-2:30 pm** for a Blood Drive right here at our parish. Your generous donation could make a world of difference for someone in need. Stay tuned for more details on how you can be a part of this impactful event. Together, we can give the gift of life. This drive is open to the community! Invite a friend. For more information, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 22 THRU OCTOBER 28, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Christine (Tina) Pelletier+  
 Sun. 8:30 am: Natalie Hoyt+  
 Sun. 11:00 am: Jeffery Peter LeBlanc+  
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: Alex Gudelosao+  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Emma Hyde+  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Massimo Alvarez  
 Fri. 8:30 am: Erika Garcia  
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:  
 Clifford Monroe, 10/22/2021; Judith Shattuck,  
 10/23/2009; William Meek, 10/24/2006; Mary  
 Corsack, 10/25/1988; Andrew Whittenmore,  
 10/26/1996; John Mayall, 10/27/1988; Maurine  
 Lampton, 10/27/2001; Eva Papasodero,  
 10/27/2005; Kristin Bare, 10/27/2017; Charles  
 Hardcastle, 10/28/1990; Sonia Johnston,  
 10/28/2019 on the anniversaries of their entrance  
 into Heaven.



October 3, 2023  
 Catherine T. Rushing

## Community News

Annual Red Mass and Dinner is Wednesday,  
 November 8 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred  
 Heart – 6:15 pm. Daniel Cardinal  
 DiNardo, Main Celebrant and  
 Homilist. Optional Red Mass Dinner Following  
 Mass at the Cathedral Centre – 7:30 pm. Red  
 Mass celebrates the opening of the judicial year  
 and unites members of the legal profession and  
 government officials.

Dinner registration is now open: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/RedMass2023>

## Parish Picnic, Sunday, November 12

Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable day of fun and fellowship! Our Parish Picnic is just around the corner, happening on Sunday, November 12. The BBQ meal kicks off at 12 noon, purchase your tickets now. The excitement continues with a variety of activities starting at 1 pm. Don't miss out on the festivities! We'll also pay a special tribute to our honored veterans.

**Meal Tickets are On Sale Now**

BBQ, hamburger, and hotdog meal tickets for the Parish Picnic are on sale online. Please note, **NO BBQ tickets will be available the day of the Picnic.** The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, November 5. Buy tickets at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

**Parish Picnic Needs Volunteers**

The parish Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, November 12, is on the lookout for enthusiastic general volunteers to help. New volunteers are welcome to join the fun! Teen service hours are available. Signup to volunteer at an area at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> Call or email Suzanne for more information.

**Picnic Supply Donations Needed**

Due to budget cuts, the Parish Picnic has not received any funding this year. We need your help by donating an item or making a monetary donation. We have an online signup so you can see the status of items needed at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> **We need: Dinner Napkins, Sugar Packets, Ice Tea and Lemonade Mix.** Please deliver your contributions to the Time and Talent Office. **Please label all items as "Picnic"** to ensure they are directed to the right place. For monetary or in-kind donations, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110. Your support is invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt thanks! If you have any questions, please call Suzanne.

**Bingo Prize Donation Drive**

We're in search of new and like-new adult and children's items for the Parish Picnic!

**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 store or restaurant as well as individually wrapped candy for other activities. We could also use donations of popup canopy tents. **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.

**WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!**



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 gets 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](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) or 281-486-0337 x110.



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