

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, and 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

Please see
inside for
Holy Week
schedule.

BAPTISM

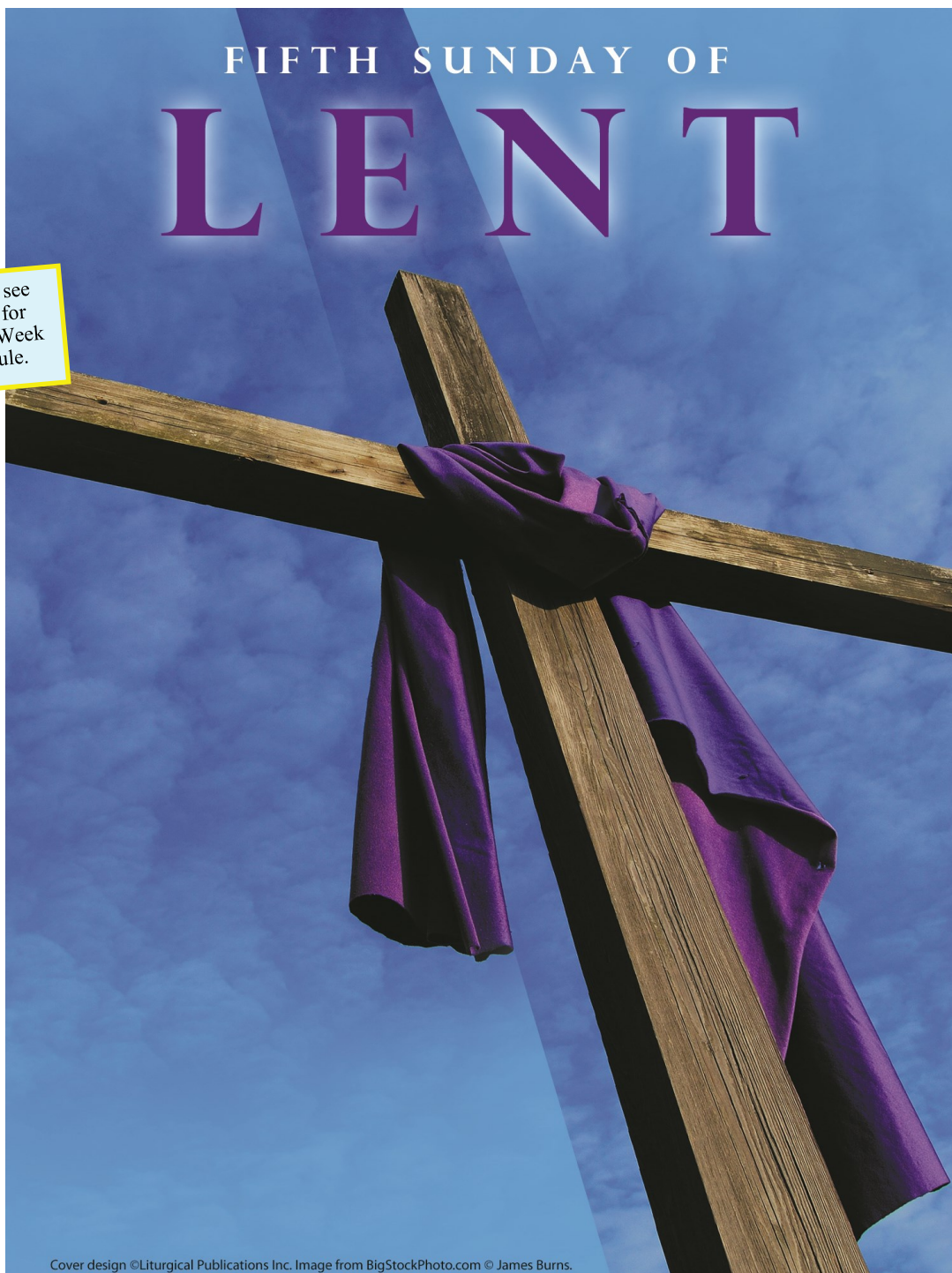
To begin the process of having
your child baptized, please call the
office or visit our website.

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.



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Readings for the Week

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Mar 3, 2024	\$ 18,884.62
Faith Direct**	14,906.69
Total Collection	\$ 33,791.31
Budget	35,343.65
Under budget	\$ (1,552.34)

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

Upcoming Second Collections: March 29- Holy Land Collection; April 28- Home Missions

2024-Diocesan Services Fund as of March 5, 2024

Goal	\$ 151,000
Paid to Date	\$ 36,125
Under goal	\$ (114,875)

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.

LENT

Fasting and Abstinence

Reminders: Abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (*health permitting, all Catholics 14 years old+*) Fast on Good Friday by all Catholics ages 18—59: 1 full meal + 2 small meals (no snacking; drinking fluids is allowed)

Fridays of Lent: Rosary and Stations of the Cross in the Church: 5:00 pm *child friendly* Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm Rosary; 6:30 pm Parish Stations of the Cross

Please note: **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will **not** be offered at St. B on the Wednesdays of Lent.*



More at
www.stbchurch.org/lent



March 24: Palm Sunday- Regular Mass Schedule. *Sunday Masses will begin in the Plaza, weather permitting*

March 28: Holy Thursday- 7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration; 9:30 pm Night Prayer and close of Night Watch(PLC)

March 29: Good Friday- 12 pm Stations of the Cross (*Church*)
7 pm *Celebration of the Passion with Adoration of the Cross and Communion

March 30: Holy Saturday- 8 pm The Great Easter Vigil *will begin in the Plaza with the Easter fire*

March 31: Easter Sunday- 6:30 am Mass in the Church; 8:30 am *Mass in the Church; 11 am Mass in the Church; 11:15 am Mass in the PLC.
No Sunday evening Mass.

**Livestreamed via the St. Bernadette YouTube channel*



WELCOME!

Welcome New Members

Are you new to the Parish or want to learn more and get involved? Come meet fellow parishioners, ask any questions you may have, learn how to get involved, and if you'd like, take a walking tour of the grounds. We have 2 upcoming orientation opportunities. Both events are family friendly!

Lunch with the Pastor on Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am: Join us for an informal potluck gathering on Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am! Bring along your favorite dish to share as we come together for good food and great company. Please join us!

Lunch with the Pastor on Sunday, April 7 at 12 noon: You're invited! Join us on Sunday, April 7, for Mass at 11 am, followed by a delightful light lunch in the Parish Life Center. Lunch will be provided, and your RSVP would be greatly appreciated to help us with the food count. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information, reach out to Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or starons@stbchurch.org. We look forward to welcoming you!

Lenten Fish Fry



Prepared and served by
Knights of Columbus
Council 10959

All Fridays during Lent Except Good Friday
from 4:30 pm till 7:00 pm

Dine in only, however, take-outs are
available if you come into the PLC.

\$ 12 per plate.

Fried catfish – French fries – Hush puppies
and Coleslaw are included.



PARISH LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or
starons@stbchurch.org

Join Us This Week! Parish Potluck Lunch Celebration: Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am



Let's gather together in the Parish Life Center
for a joyful feast as we anticipate the arrival
of Easter. Bring your favorite Easter theme
dish for 6-10 people to share and join in the
festivities. Don't have time to cook? You
can bring a store-bought item such as
a sandwich tray or fried chicken. Drinks will

be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy delicious
food and great company. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to
wear fun shirts, Easter/spring hats, etc.! Children welcome.
Bring some toys, plenty of room to spread out.

Evening Solar Eclipse Event: Thursday, April 4 at 6 pm

- **Potluck Dinner:** Bring a dish to share for 6-10 people as
we indulge in a potluck feast. No time to cook? Grab
some pizza or fried chicken on the way. Dessert & drinks
provided.
- Step into a **digital portable planetarium** and embark on
a captivating tour of the solar system, marveling at the
beauty of the Sun, Moon, and eclipse.
- Engage in a solar **art activity**.

Let's come together in fellowship and wonder, as we bask in
the magnificence of the universe and the glory of our
Creator. Don't miss out on this extraordinary event!

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party! (Indoor & Outdoor)

Monday, April 8. Starts at 12:20 pm; Max. View 1:40 pm

- Catch a glimpse of this phenomenon in our parking lot
for an unobstructed view. A limited number of solar
eclipse glasses will be available for attendees.
- Solar Eclipse Live Stream: Prefer indoors? Watch the
path on the big screen in the PLC

Get Fit While You Sit in the Parish Life Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am

Join our fun and energizing exercise class designed for all
fitness levels. Improve strength, flexibility, and balance
sitting or standing. No registration needed, just show up and
get moving! See you there! Wheelchair accessible. No fee.
Class does not meet holidays and Holy Days. *No class March
28, 2024.*

Indoor Walking Group in the Gym:

Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Entry only open 1:30 - 1:40 pm

Step into a healthier you! Join our Indoor Walking Group
every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Brandsma
Building gym (2 story building). No registration required,
and all fitness levels are welcome. Walk at your own pace.
Let's take strides towards better health together. See you on
the walking path! Does not meet holidays or Holy Days. *No
Walking on April 1, 2024.*

Board/Card Game Group:

2nd Thursday of the Month from 1-3 pm

Meets in the Parish Life Center! Bring your favorite game or
try one we have. All are welcome, whether you're a seasoned
gamer or new to the scene. If you already have a game group
and need a space to meet, feel free to join us during this time.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2024-2025



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 offers a safe and positive setting filled with learning opportunities to stimulate young minds during their early growing years.

In selecting the number of days of attendance for your child, a parent should consider his/her child's interest, readiness, social skills, and emotional development. Final placement of each child will be determined by direct observation of the child in the classroom by the teacher and director.

A child is considered registered once the online Registration Process is complete, including payment of the registration fee. The registration fee is non-refundable.

In addition to the online registration information, we require BACK TO SCHOOL paperwork consisting of a Student Health Record (must be signed by child's physician), an Acknowledgment/ Release/Permission form, Food Allergy Care Plan (if applicable,) and an Automated Tuition Express form. A copy of each child's immunization record is required, as well. These forms will be posted online in early July. The forms MUST be printed, completed, and submitted to the ECC Office by August 1. **A \$50 late fee will be charged on August 16 for any packet not submitted in a timely manner.** Required forms must be submitted for the child to attend on the first day of school.

Exciting News!

New Hours 9:05 am - 2:00 pm

Registration is open!

Scan the QR Code to register
or visit your www.MyProCare.com account



Registration Fee, Tuition Rates, and Class Options:

Registration Fee: \$225 Feb. 15 - April 30

Late Registration Fee: \$250 May 1

Days/Tuition: 2 days Monday/Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$275; 2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$280; 3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$400; 3 days Monday/Wednesday/Friday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$390; 4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$465; 5 days Monday through Friday \$540.

Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old; 9:05 am – 2:00 pm

Stay and Play until 3 pm for an additional fee

All classes must have a minimum for the class to be offered.

Discounts: Sibling Discount: 10% off total 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. ****2nd Child's registration fee will be charged to account after initial Registration fee received.**

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

Extended Day Option (Stay 'n Play) until 3 pm for an additional fee.

**Back to School Meet and Greet on Monday, August 26, 2024
First Day of School is Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

Summer 2024 Program "Explore Our World: Land, Ocean & Space"



"Explore Our World: Land, Ocean & Space" provides hands-on, educational activities based on the idea that children learn best when allowed to EXPLORE! Children will participate in fun and stimulating age-appropriate lessons which reinforce readiness skills for each age group. Exciting and creative lessons in fine arts and gym will be part of the daily curriculum. Fun snacks included every day! Each child in the program will receive a t-shirt.***

Session 1: June 4 - 20; 3 weeks, 8 days*

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*June 19 is June 19, no class

Class size limited to 12. **\$340.**

Session 2: July 9 - 25; 3 weeks, 9 days

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Class size limited to 12. **\$375.**

Both Sessions \$650.

**Registration fee = \$100 through 4/15/24 ;
\$125 on 4/16/24 and thereafter.**

Explore is open to children who are 2 years old by Sept 1, 2024 through elementary age. Must have a minimum number of students for the class to be offered.

Registration for Current Families begins

March 5 online at www.MyProCare.com.

Open registration begins March 20. Scan the QR Code for new families.



****Sibling registration is ½ price and will be added to your account after registration.**

*****Registration deadline for t-shirt is May 1. After May 1, you may not get a t-shirt.**

Payment Deadlines: Session 1 FULL Tuition must be paid by May 17; ½ of Session 2 Tuition must be paid by June 1, and final payment of tuition must be paid by June 14. Late fees will be applied. Registration fees, tuition fees, and missed days are non-refundable. Sibling registration must be paid within one week of registration. Space is limited. There is a minimum number of children required to offer the program.

If you wish for your child to attend both Explore and St. B's VBS, please email Jennifer.

Weekly registration is available for \$150/week, but students who register for entire session will be placed first. Session 1 placements will be confirmed by May 20. Session 2 placements will be confirmed by June 17.

Jennifer Nevins

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

Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jan-24	67	309	20	\$1,540.57	187
Feb-24	62	284	20	\$426.16	191.5
March 1-10, 2024	25	116	4	\$0.00	55

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 electricity, food, and clothing. We have a clothing distribution 2 times a year. Neighbors in need may call on Monday or Wednesday (9:30 - 11:30 am) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tues. or Thurs. (9:30 - 11:00 am). No walk-ins. Families in need are eligible for food assistance once a month. 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**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE HERE!

The Women at the Well and the Men of the Cross will be serving their famous **Chili** this Monday, March 18, starting at 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm or until we run out!

The Lenten Soup Suppers are hosted in the Parish Life Center (PLC) each Monday throughout the Lenten Season. This is a family and community building time and we hope everyone will attend!

Donations are accepted at the door which are distributed to well-vetted outreach agencies in our community. Proceeds will go to PRO TERRA SANCTA (<https://www.proterrasancta.org/en/>) and KNOM Radio Mission (<https://knom.org/>).

It has been such a pleasure seeing families and friends sharing a meal and catching up with each other! This will be our last Lenten Soup Supper for this year...you don't want to miss it. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE "TO GO" OPTION WILL NOT BE OFFERED THIS YEAR.**



Food Pantry Needs

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Small jars of cooking oil, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars), Instant Potatoes, Jelly (no glass jars), kid friendly snacks, Juice, Canned Tuna.

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

**CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED
MARCH 29 - APRIL 2 IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER**

Time and Talent

For more information or to volunteer contact Suzanne Staron at starons@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x110

Reflection: As you share your time and talent ask yourself: *What touched you personally/ how did you see God's hand in this activity?*

Project H2O/Trash Bash for all ages.

Join fellow parishioners in cleaning up trash to improve the environment and make the community safer. Cleanup our Galveston Bay watershed along Bay Area Park on Saturday March 23, 2024 from 8:30-12:30 pm! Trash Bash is the largest, single-day waterway cleanup in Texas. Registration and info. at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>



Join our welcoming team! Volunteer to greet and assist with new member orientation at St. Bernadette's. Your warm smile can make a lasting impression. Don't feel comfortable greeting? How about helping with refreshments or chair setup. Contact Suzanne to get involved and share the joy of community. Let's welcome new faces together!

St. B's Solar Eclipse Events Help: We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers like YOU to lend a hand. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the scene, there's a role for everyone! Help is needed on Thursday, April 4 in the evening and on Monday, April 8 midday. We need helping hands with chair set up, decorating, greeting, assisting with crafts, and more. It's a fun-filled opportunity. Whether you can spare an hour or more, your contribution will make a world of difference.

Make a Thinking of You or Easter Card or Craft for homebound individuals. All ages can participate! Make a homemade card or small craft item anytime during Lent. Please make cards 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller; any medium. No envelopes needed. Drop off at the Time and Talent Office by March 20.

Encourage a co-worker. Often times you see these people more than you see your own family. Find ways that you can support one another, be it taking the time to talk and listen to someone you don't know very well or grabbing donuts or muffins for the office. Encouraging others will aid in your relationship as co-workers and as human beings.

Astronomers and Space Enthusiasts: If you are an astronomer willing to volunteer to answer questions about the eclipse or bring a telescope for either Solar Eclipse event on 4/4 in the evening or 4/8 midday, please let us know!

Spread joy as a Gift Store Volunteer! Join our team and help make shopping for faith-inspired gifts a delightful experience. No retail experience required, just a love for sharing faith and serving others. Contact us today to get involved!

Power wash the parish sidewalks. Help get the parish grounds looking nice for Easter by power washing a sidewalk. The parish has a power washer. Volunteers can help during the weekday or Saturday morning as their schedule permits. Call Suzanne for more information.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

March 17 through March 23

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Sun. 8:30 am: Francis Gerald Bourque+
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Jose Guillermo Villasmil+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Mary Demeny+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Elizabeth Calderon+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Elizabeth Calderon+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Rick Vlahovich+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Carmen Prieto, 03/17/1987; Therese Ferrell, 03/17/2005; Clarence Simon, 03/17/2011; Christine Gutierrez, 03/17/2021; Grace Bennett, 03/18/1991; Ike Liwanag, 03/18/1994; Leanne Manh Ngo, 03/18/2001; John Ferguson, 03/18/2012; Rebecca Fair, 03/19/2002; Sabrina Borel, 03/19/2022; Kirby Buesing, Sr., 03/20/2018; Aaron Medina, 03/21/1987; James Rathwell, 03/22/2001; Mary Coakley, 03/22/2001; Stella Pawlowski, 03/22/2005; Clara Hoffpauir, 03/22/2009; Julie Ipolyi, 03/23/1979; Michael O'Donnell, 03/23/2008 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

Reclaiming Friendship St.**Bernadette 2024 Women's Retreat**

Scan the QR code for information on and to register for St. Bernadette Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

**Holy Spirit Fellowship**

Do you want to overcome discouragement, attachments, weakness, sinfulness, and suffering? Do you want to learn how Jesus Christ supports us with His Grace and satisfies our desire for holiness? Then come and join the Holy Spirit Prayer Group and Fellowship on the Fourth Sunday of the month at the Mini Hall at 1:00 pm to praise, worship, and listen to Fr. Michael E. Gaitley MIC, Jesus Mercy priest, on Consoling the Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

WFC, Jr High and High School**JrH AND High School Information:**

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

•Upcoming Dates:

♦ **March 24** – Stations of the Cross during Faith Formation time – family event!

♦ **April 14 and April 28** – Faith Formation in-person

♦ **May 5** – May Crowning after all Masses

•**Did you complete the Circle of Grace lesson?** If you have not completed this at home lesson with your JrHigher or High Schooler, please do so soon. Once completed, submit the “completion” form. More details are in the Thursday emails.

•**Do you get the Thursday emails?** If not, email ** us.

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

JRHIGH:

•**Jr High Special Events:** Let me know what ideas you have and what days/times work for your family. I am here for YOU!!

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

•**Attention all High School Seniors!** The **Father Marius Zadinski Memorial Scholarship** is accepting applications. Applications for the scholarship are available at the church office or church website. The letters, applications, and transcripts must be received by the Church office no later than March 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm.

•**High School Bible Study- weekly event!** Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Location: Brandsma Youth Room. Check email for cancelations.



www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th

**bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF, 6th-8th

www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => High School

**sentmanatc@stbchurch.org Christopher Sentmanat, HS FF, 9th-12th



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