

# *Welcome to the Catholic Communities of* **SAINT BERNARD & SAINT MARY**

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## **SATURDAY MASS**

4:30 p.m. St. Bernard

## **SUNDAY MASS**

9:00 a.m. St. Mary

10:00 a.m. St. Bernard

12:00 p.m. St. Bernard

*(Bilingüe)*

8:00 p.m. St. Bernard

## **DAILY & HOLY DAY MASSES**

*(See inside bulletin  
 for schedule)*

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 ZERUCHA**

*Pastor*

**FR. FRANK BASA**  
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**MR. RAY DIMASCIO**  
*Deacon, St. Bernard*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PARISH OFFICES**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **Websites**

ST. BERNARD

[www.stbernardakron.org](http://www.stbernardakron.org)

ST. MARY SCHOOL/PARISH

[www.stmaryakron.com](http://www.stmaryakron.com)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Confessions/*Confesiones*

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Every 1st Friday, 11:00 a.m.;

at St. Bernard and by appointment.

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## **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 for a priest to anoint the sick. If confined at home, call for a Minister to bring Communion. *Favor de comunicarse al telefono para que un sacerdote provea estos sacramentos.*

## **FOR OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 or visit our Websites. *Para cualquier otro Sacramento por favor comunicarse al teléfono (330) 253-5161, ext. 1009.*

## **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please have your funeral director contact the Parish Offices to arrange a day and time for a funeral and burial.

## **EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 to be directed to one of our hunger programs.

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

*Parish Business Managers*

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Ms. Patsy O'Connor, St. Mary

*Facilities Manager*

Mr. Tom Hollingsworth, St. Mary

*Administrative Assistant*

Mrs. Michelle DeVitis

*Spanish Assistant*

Mrs. Nancy Cabrera, St. Bernard

*Organists*

Mr. James Kintz, St. Bernard

Mr. Philip Mernagh, St. Mary

*Youth Minister*

Mrs. Kristina Cosari, St. Bernard and St. Mary

*Custodian*

Mr. Ralph Reese, St. Bernard

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

Dr. Patricia Nugent, Ed.D., *Principal*

Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, *Secretary*

**ENROLLMENT** – Call the School Office at (330) 253-1233 to enroll a child in K-Grade 8. Financial assistance is available.

*Llame a la Oficina Escolar al (330) 253-1233 para inscribir al niño/a en nivel K-8. Hay becas disponibles.*

## **UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Call Mr. John Szarwark, Campus Minister for the Newman Center, at (330) 208-0703, third floor of the Parish Office building. Dinner & Social there on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, September 19**

10:00 a.m.\* Intentions of Reagan Dooley  
 12:00 p.m.\* + Fr. Felix Eckerman  
 8:00 p.m. + Loretta Roten

**Monday, September 20**

12:10 p.m. + Frances Balcivic

**Tuesday, September 21**

12:10 p.m. + Rob Lucas

**Wednesday, September 22**

12:10 p.m. + Rose Grande

**Thursday, September 23**

12:10 p.m. Pro Populo

**Friday, September 24**

12:10 p.m. + Betty Castillo

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30 p.m. + Patrick Palazzo

**Sunday, September 26**

10:00 a.m.\* + Harvat Pribonic, Krebs Family  
 12:00 p.m.\* Intentions of Deacon Ray Dimascio  
 8:00 p.m. Pro Populo

\*Will be streamed on our website  
 and on our Facebook page.

Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass  
 offered for your intention.

**ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, September 19**

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Mosser Family

**Wednesday, September 22**

8:45 a.m. + Mark Calvin Janes

**Sunday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. + Ralph Willig

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*"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness"*  
 – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
September 12, 2021	\$6,404.00	\$1,020.00
August Weekly average	\$6,548.55	\$1,147.00

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Delores Abbott, Crisra Asmoeelle, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Constance Crace, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Domingo Abarzaya Daza, Victor Estefen, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Lee Freund, Jorge Gomes, Sarah Greer, Patrick Grismer, Timothy Hacker, Betty Kahlil, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Barbara Lukacik, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Rosalie Morhidge, Paula Muehlbauer, Diane O'Connor, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Tillman Thurman Jr., Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams, Sharon Cicora, Arlene Franco Torres, Mayra Cornejo, Phil Petrowski, Jeannette Wiesenbahn, Tom Smith

**Wedding Banns**

II Matthew William Bury and  
 Madison Nicole Sheppard  
 III Benjamin Patrick and Natalie Grieshammer

**REGISTRATION FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The classes for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin on September 26th. Your completed paperwork must be turned into the office before the first class. You can pick up your paperwork at all the entrances of the Church or at the office. For any questions, please call Michelle DeVitis at 330-253-5161.

**ACME RECEIPTS**

Once again, St. Mary School will be collecting Acme receipts. Please help us reach our goal of \$500.00. We will be collecting them until Christmas. Thank you for your support!

**DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND HURRICANE IDA COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Cleveland as well as all dioceses across the country are asking for a special collection on September 18-19 for those that have been impacted by Hurricane Ida. The hurricane caused damage throughout several states. If you are giving a check, please make it out to St. Bernard Parish and mark that it is for the Hurricane Ida Relief.




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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT**

The Knights are inviting you, your Family and your Friends to attend a presentation about membership and how getting life insurance through the Knights of Columbus led to over \$187 million in charitable grants and giving to happen last year alone! Please come and join us in the St. Bernard Social Hall on Sunday, September 26, 2021 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited! Refreshments provided.





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**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL WALK TO REMEMBER –  
OCTOBER 3, 2021, 1:00-2:00 P.M. AND  
ONLINE “IN REMEMBRANCE WALL”**

During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a **half-mile walking Rosary** in honor of departed loved ones.



We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. It will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, 100 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. We will meet at Holy Family Mausoleum. **Registration runs through October 3rd.** Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our online **“In Remembrance” Wall. Submit names by September 30th** to be included for the month of October. Register and/or submit remembrance names TODAY by phone to Rhonda at 216-930-4866, email [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org), or via online at <https://www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx>.

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**NEWS FROM ST. MARY’S  
7TH AND 8TH GRADES**

The 2021-2022 school year is up and running for grades seven and eight. The students returned, excited and ready to learn. The returning students welcomed the new students, and everyone is looking forward to many fun events, along with the academic challenges that lie ahead. Grade eight will be enjoying a retreat at Camp Christopher on September 30th, while the seventh graders will attend on October 7th. Both groups will participate in prayer, outdoor fun, team building activities, food and friendship. This field trip is one that the students will cherish and remember for years to come. We would like to thank our generous donors for making this possible.

The eighth graders led the opening Mass on September 8th. Many students volunteered and the entire class participated and were wonderful role models for the younger students. It was a great way to start our religious journey for the school year. We will continue to pray and improve with each Mass. The seventh graders will be leading the school Mass on September 22nd. We look forward to carrying out our school mission this year:

*God knows me and calls me by my name....  
God has created me to do Him  
some definite service;  
He has committed some work to me  
which He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission—  
I never may know it in this life,  
but I shall be told it in the next.*

— St. John Henry Newman



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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, September 19***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

**Monday, September 20***Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,  
and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and  
Companions, Martyrs*

Ezr 1:1-6

Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 21***St. Matthew, Apostle &  
Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday, September 22***Weekday*

Ezr 9:5-9

Tob 13:2, 3-4a, 4b-fg, 7-8

Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 23***St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

Hg 1:1-8

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 24***Weekday*

Hg 2:1-9

Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4

Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 25***Weekday*

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13

Lk 9:43b-45

Access Daily Readings from  
the New American Bible, Revised Edition  
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

FOR YOUTH AGES 7 &amp; UP

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 26

## reconciliation & first communion classes

Registration Forms Available Online & at  
the ParishCall 330-251-5161 or Visit  
[stbernardakron.org](http://stbernardakron.org) for More Information**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE***Feast Day: September 21 • Patron Saint of Accountants, Bankers*

As a Roman tax collector, Matthew was considered to be a traitor by those he collected money from. For this reason, friends and followers of Jesus were shocked to see him associate with Jesus. According to legend, Jesus saw Matthew sitting at the tax office and asked him to follow. Matthew followed, not just in step, but also in his way of life. He preached among the Jewish people for well over a decade, and he may have traveled to Ethiopia and farther east. His patronage is associated with accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, financial officers and stock-brokers.

*St. Matthew, faithful servant to our Lord,  
You toiled with coins and worked hard at your profession.  
Ask the Lord our God to be at my side as I work in same regard.  
I pray for good wisdom, good fortune, wise decisions and ethical practice.  
May I see ways in my profession to make the world better.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). Saintry Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem. Capodanno, J. (Ed.).  
Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble.*

### HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

St. Bernard Parish will be offering a Faith Formation Program (PSR) for **high school students** again this year. It will be based on the "Theology of the Body" as developed by Pope St. John Paul II. It will be held on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Bernard History Room beginning today, September 19th. The program is intended to help teenagers understand and live their faith more fully, to challenge them personally, and to grow in their relationship with our Lord. More simply, they will learn about **life, love, marriage, celibacy and the purpose of their bodies**. This can be a life-changing experience! To register or seek additional information, please call the St. Bernard Parish office at 330-253-5161 or John Zmurk at 330-867-1267.

Also, the next Youth Group gatherings are in development. Stay tuned to the bulletin, bulletin boards and announcements for the next great things we will be up to this year!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARATHON DAY COFFEE SALE

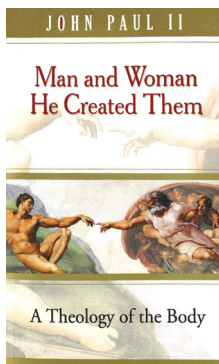
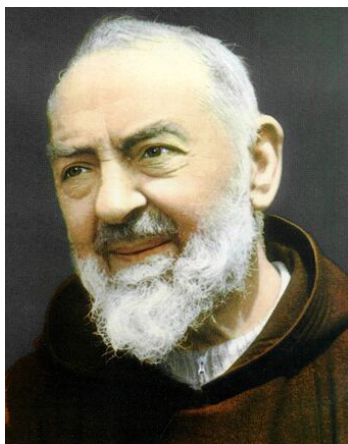
The Knights of Columbus will be selling coffee and donuts on the day of the Marathon, September 25th. They will begin their sales at 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of St. Bernard Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FAMILY OF THE MONTH

When it comes to hospitality, compassion and charity, Patty and Mike Ayers stand out among many. Their love and commitment to St. Bernard and its outreach programs exceed 40 years of service. They have chaired the Hot Meal Program since its inception. They are active in the Donut Hour and have often been the grill masters at the church picnics. They have served on the Parish Council. For years, they have coordinated the distribution of the giving tree gifts and they help with decorating at Christmas (including putting up those huge trees). Mike's caricatures of our priests and some staff members are famous around the parish. Patty and Mike are a prayerful couple who are always dedicated to church and their family. Their children are married and have moved on, but you may remember the melodious voice of Rachel singing in the choir and Chris and Allison as altar servers. Patty also helped with Children's Liturgy for many years. Patty and Mike's work "behind the scenes" has blessed us all. They truly are a gift to all of us at St. Bernard. Congratulations Patty and Mike Ayers, Family of the Month.

### CATHOLIC MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for Catholic Movie night for September! It will be on September 24th. The movie of the night is *The Life Story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina*, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio. This presentation includes details of St. Pio's ministry of hearing Confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry." The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Social Hall. You can enter from the State Street doors to avoid the steps! St. Mary's will provide the snacks and you are welcome to BYO non-alcoholic beverages. See you there!



### CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

There will be a Cleanup Day for St. Bernard Cemetery on Saturday, October 9, 2021. We will work from 9:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Work will include raking leaves, spreading topsoil, litter and fence cleanup. We will meet at the cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Bring your gardening tools, too! All are invited! Donuts, coffee, and breakfast pizza will be provided. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rich Williams at 330-535-3735.

### THE CATECHESIS CORNER (CCC 786)

#### "We are a Royal People"

**786:** Finally, the People of God share in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection. Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." For the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder." The People of God fulfill its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

The sign of the cross makes kings of all those reborn in Christ and the anointing of the Holy Spirit consecrates them as priests, so that, apart from the particular service of our ministry, all spiritual and rational Christians are recognized as members of this royal race and sharers in Christ's priestly office. What, indeed, is as royal for a soul as to govern the body in obedience to God? And what is as priestly as to dedicate a pure conscience to the Lord and to offer the spotless offerings of devotion on the altar of the heart?

### PASTOR'S NOTE

For many, this time of year represents a changing of gears and focus from summer fun to work, routine and mission. It can be dreaded and mourned. (Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray For Us!) But it is usually done in order to live a great life! Today's Gospel, backed up by the Catechism of the week! reminds us that to do the most great things means to serve truly after the example of Christ and at His command. We are mindful that such service can come in many ways: through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; through little acts that no one else sees; through the career choices to serve that we make perhaps by going into government work or perhaps by leaving work to have more family service and quality time; or even through large and ultimate sacrifices such as the ones our safety forces, care professionals and military provide for us daily. It really is the call, work and privilege of each of us to find some way to aim our fall and winter work and our life work at the goal of service and at the idea of being a person, or gaining the skills and credentials in the case of students, whose life is at the service of others.

There is always something to do at our church home and for our parish communities; thank God for those who find their service opportunities at church! I hope we will be able to have another review of what all is going on and offer each the chance to participate. But as Church, we are asked to always be serving as Christ in this royal and very rewarding way wherever we are. In that way, what we do when we are at church prepares us and strengthens us for what we are to be doing as Church when we are not at church.

May God grant blessing and success to your endeavors and plans! If your aim is to serve and be a person of service, God certainly will!

— Father Chris



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