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in the highest,
and on earth peace
to those on whom His favor rests.

Luke 2:14 - Christmas 2021

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ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, December 26**

10:00 a.m.* Rob Lucas

12:00 p.m.* Intentions for Carlos Arturo Tolmos

Monday, December 27

12:10 p.m. Deceased of Dorka / Kuhn Families

Tuesday, December 28

12:10 p.m. + Tom Maximovich & Dick Frank

Wednesday, December 29

12:10 p.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, December 30

12:10 p.m. + Elisa Banks

Friday, December 31

12:10 p.m. + Flor Morales

Saturday, January 111:00 a.m. Joe A. Bossard and Maria N. Stadelman
Wedding1:30 p.m. John Veres and Julianna Ballard
Wedding**Sunday, January 2**

10:00 a.m.* Intentions of Marilyn Maximovich

12:00 p.m.* + Patricia Ann Lundstrom

8:00 p.m. + Susan Jones

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

Masses for the 2022 year are now available.
Please call the office if you would like to have
a Mass offered for your intention.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH****Monday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Tuesday: Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday:

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: The Epiphany of the LordIs 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Delores Abbott, Crisra Asmoeelle, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Constance Crace, Cora Christoff, 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.

ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, December 26**

9:00 a.m. +Ethel Becker

Saturday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Mary, Mother of God (Optional)

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. The Janos & James Families

OUR OFFERING

St. Bernard St. Mary

Sunday, December 19, 2021

\$5,381.00 \$1,255.00

WEDDING BANNES

III Joe A. Bossard and Maria N. Stadelman
III John Veres and Julianna Ballard

**ST. MARY CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

St. Mary's Christmas gathering will follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 2, 2022, in the school cafeteria. For those who are able, please provide a dish for the buffet! Also for those who are able, please bring a gift for our traditional gift raffle! Questions? Contact Chris Alexander at 330-730-4131. Hope to see you there!



St. Bernard Parish

Mardi Gras

Night at the Races

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 26, 2022

5:30 p.m.

St. Bernard Church Social Hall

More Details to Come!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2022! IT'S FAT TUESDAY! ON A HORSE! ON A SATURDAY!

Proceeds will benefit electric lifts to provide ADA accessibility to and from the St. Bernard Social Hall. Interested in sponsoring a race, buying an ad or purchasing tickets? E-mail Events@stbernardstmary.org for an order form! Order forms coming soon!

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

– John 19:26-27

PARISH JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a parishioner and would like to share an opportunity or job, please send it to communications@stbernardstmary.org!

Service Opportunities: There is an opportunity to visit and bring Holy Communion to the homebound! Training and commissioning will be offered. There are 3-5 parishioners and promising to be more who would benefit from this service and who will not otherwise have it. To respond, contact Michelle in the front office.

Join The Legion of Mary! The Our Lady of Humility Praesidium of the Legion of Mary is a fellowship of faith looking to incorporate more people into its works of devotion to Our Lady. They meet at 8:35 am at St. Sebastian Church Library on Mondays and Saturdays. For more info, call 330-826-1030 or visit <https://lomoloh.org/>.

Office Closed Thursday and Friday The parishes' office will be closed except for emergencies on December 30th and 31st and will re-open on January 3rd.

Do you buy things on Amazon? Indicate St. Bernard as your charity and Amazon will give the parish 0.5% of everything you buy! Go to "Accounts&Lists" on the Amazon home page to get started! You can also find a link on www.stbernardakron.org.

**LOOKING FOR 1 ADULT
AND 5 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!**



If you are one of these and would like to attend this ALL DAY diocesan event on January 8, 2022 at John Carroll University, e-mail youthmin@stbernardstmary.org. First-come, first-served!

PASTOR'S NOTE AND MASS CATECHESIS

"JESUUUUUUUUSSS! JESUS IS COMING HERE!!!! I **KNOW HIM!!!!**" A line slightly altered from a now-famous Christmas classic movie that let's just say rhymes with "Shelf." Of course the main character Buddy is getting that excited about Santa coming, not Jesus. But why not Jesus? Buddy's character is authentic and attractive because his joy comes from having had a real encounter with the real and good Santa and therefore nothing will stop him from spreading Christmas cheer! The Word became Incarnate precisely to have the same effect upon us! It is one thing to ignore a commandment; it is another thing to forget an encounter with a person! The unstoppably enthusiastic St. Teresa of Calcutta used to preach to her sisters that she was worried they had done so much in the name of Jesus but had never really known or encountered Him. Have we encountered Him? Or maybe we just missed Him? Each time we come to the Mass, we experience His words of clarity and vision. We remember the mighty deeds that God has done. We have the chance to encounter Jesus in a personal way as we receive Holy Communion, His very flesh and presence, and the result can be nothing less than Santa's effect on Buddy the Elf! This includes our call to be authentically enthusiastic about making sure Jesus has help and that everyone gets to meet Him! Jesus did come here! Jesus still comes here! He knows us! For some teaching, reflection and suggestions about encountering Jesus by coming to Mass, see "(Re) Engaging The Mass" on our parishes' websites www.stbernardakron.org and www.stmaryakron.com. On behalf of all the parishes' staffs and the school faculty and staff, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Blessed New Year! -

Father Chris Zerucha

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