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# The Memorare

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux and  
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*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was  
it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left  
unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O  
virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you do we come, before  
you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother  
of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,  
but in your mercy, hear and answer us.  
(attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux)*



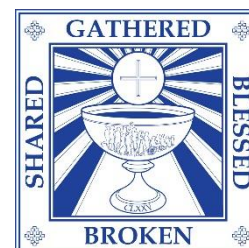
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## A Word from Father Chris

### What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

You may or may not have seen billboards all around our diocese with quotations about what the Eucharist means to you. The last one I saw was on Tallmadge Ave. in North Hill! In December it read: "The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love" from St. Bernadette of Soubirous. Then came a quote on the same sign in March and April that said, "The Eucharist is the closest I can get to experiencing Jesus and Heaven on Earth" from Joe of Parma. Why these signs? Because over this entire next year we will have a Eucharistic Revival and the Diocesan team set up over 30 billboards with many quotes to prime the pump!



The Eucharistic Revival will certainly be a time to review what we do at Mass and why we do it. The Eucharistic Revival will certainly involve a refresher on all that the Church teaches about this sacrament. We may even have giant events, digital montages and dazzling speeches! But most vital to being able to REVIVE an understanding of this amongst the culture in general and REVIVE our Catholic friends and family who may have turned off an interest in the Eucharist altogether will be our own personal engagement and value of the Eucharist.

St. Paul VI once said "People listen to witnesses more than teachers and if they listen to teachers it is because they are witnesses." He also said about the Eucharist in his Letter, "Mystery of Faith," that "the very words that Christ used when He instituted the Most Holy Eucharist... require us to profess that the Eucharist is the flesh of Our Savior Jesus Christ which suffered for our sins and which the Father in His loving kindness raised again."

If I had to take a crack at summarizing my own concept of the Eucharist, it would be: "The Eucharist is Jesus and is Jesus' farewell gift to us to always be renewed in Him and have the strength we need to stay in Him. Therefore, everywhere and every time we celebrate Mass, we are re-connected to all who have ever done so and will ever do so. The Eucharist connects and empowers us all as one Body in Christ across Space and Time." – Fr. Chris of Akron

So: What does the Eucharist mean to you? How might you summarize your belief in Jesus in the Eucharist? Your answer doesn't have to be perfect. It should be improvable and you should be able to share it. Key to a successful parish Eucharistic Revival will be our ability to talk about these things and witness to God's goodness in this sacramental gift. May all our challenges, doubts, disappointments, hopes and beliefs be transformed! The Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival literally starts today!

*Father Chris*

## ¿Qué significa la Eucaristía para mí?

Tal vez han visto vallas publicitarias por toda nuestra diócesis con citas sobre lo que significa la Eucaristía para cada uno. ¡El último que vi fue en diciembre en Tallmadge Ave! en North Hill!, decía: "La Eucaristía llena el alma atormentada de luz y amor" de Santa Bernardita de Lourdes. Luego vi una cita en el mismo letrero en marzo y abril, que decía: "La Eucaristía es lo más cerca que puedo estar de experimentar a Jesús y el Cielo, en la Tierra" de José de Parma. ¿Por qué estos anuncios? ¡Porque durante todo el próximo año tendremos un Avivamiento Eucarístico y el equipo diocesano instalará más de 30 vallas publicitarias con muchas citas como estas, para promocionar este proyecto!



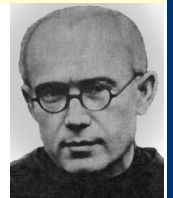
El Avivamiento Eucarístico ciertamente será un momento para recordar lo que hacemos en la misa y por qué lo hacemos. Ciertamente implicará un repaso de todo lo que la iglesia nos ha enseñado sobre este sacramento. ¡Incluso, podemos tener grandes eventos, presentaciones digitales y discursos deslumbrantes! Pero lo más vital, es poder REVIVIR una comprensión de esto, entre toda la cultura en general y REVIVIR en nuestros familiares y amigos católicos, el interés en la Eucaristía que pudieran haber apagado por completo. Unir todo esto, será nuestro compromiso personal.

San Pablo VI dijo una vez: "La gente escucha más a los testigos que a los maestros, y si escuchan a los maestros es porque son testigos". También dijo sobre la Eucaristía en su carta, "Misterio de Fe", que "las mismas palabras que usó Cristo cuando instituyó la Santísima Eucaristía... nos exigen que profesemos que la Eucaristía es la carne de nuestro salvador Jesucristo que sufrió por nuestros pecados y que el padre en su amorosa bondad resucitó".

Si tuviera que resumir mi propio concepto de la Eucaristía, sería: "La Eucaristía es Jesús, y es su regalo de despedida para nosotros, para renovarnos siempre en Él y tener la fuerza que necesitamos para permanecer en Él. Por lo tanto, en todas partes y cada vez que celebramos misa, nos reconectamos con todos los que alguna vez lo han hecho y lo harán. La Eucaristía nos conecta y empodera a todos, como un solo cuerpo en Cristo a través del espacio y el tiempo". – **Padre Cris de Akron**

## Catholic Quote


*"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason:  
Holy Communion."*



**St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv. (1894-1941) – Feast Day – August 14**  
**Priest, Teacher, Writer, Newspaper Publisher, Radio Broadcaster, Prisoner, Martyr**

## Mass Intentions

St. Bernard		
Sun, 6/11	10 AM	+William Hazlet
	12 PM	Intentions of Elizabeth Fela
	8 PM	+Alberto Letta
Mon, 6/12	12:10 PM	+Marilyn Fischer and +Joan Marie Scherer
Tue, 6/13	12:10 PM	+Daniel Holland
Wed, 6/14	12:10 PM	+Eitel Banks
Thu, 6/15	12:10 PM	+Willie Orr
Fri, 6/16	12:10 PM	Special Intentions of Noah Baker
Sat, 6/17	4:30 PM	+Dick Hofacker
Sun, 6/18	10 AM	+Kenh & Lien Pham
	12 PM	+Salette Gomes
	8 PM	The People of St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes

St. Mary		
Sun, 6/11	9 AM	The People of St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes
Sun, 6/18	9 AM	+Jack R. Gleason, +Frank R. Parmalee, and +Thomas F. Reed
<div> Banns of Marriage</div> <div>III - Cody Roberts &amp; Erin Misheff</div> <div>II - Zachary Perry &amp; Jasmine Lodaya</div> <div>I - Edward S. Abraham &amp; Abbey D. Carneal</div>		

## Offertory Collection Totals – June 3 and 4, 2023

### St. Bernard

\$5,708.00

Average Weekly for May  
(including online donations) - \$7,891.13

### St. Mary

\$1,975.00

## Mass Readings

Sun, 6/11	Dt. 8: 2-3, 14b-16a	Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20	1 Cor 10: 16-17	Jn 6: 51-58
Mon, 6/12	2 Cor 1: 1-7	Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9		Mt 5: 1-12
Tue, 6/13	2 Cor 1: 18-22	Ps 119: 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135		Mt 5: 13-16
Wed, 6/14	2 Cor 3: 4-11	Ps 99: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9		Mt 5: 17-19
Thu, 6/15	2 Cor 3: 15-4:1, 3-6	Ps 85: 9a & 10, 11-12, 13-14		Mt 5: 20-26
Fri, 6/16	Dt. 7: 6-11	Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10	1 Jn 4: 7-16	Mt 11: 25-30
Sat, 6/17	2 Cor 5: 14-21	Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12		Lk 2: 41-51

## St. Mary 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation by Dr. Patricia Nugent, Principal

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, twenty students graduated from St. Mary School and are now alumni!!

The eighth-grade graduates will be attending six different high schools and we are so proud of all that they have accomplished.

**Archbishop Hoban:** Darnell Bowers, Cordae Glover, Lizmar Hidalgo, Neveah Lua, Dalu Nnabuife, Janaiya Thomas, Arion Washington

**Barberton High School:** Jamiah Johnson

**Copley High School:** Victoria Jackson

**Our Lady of the Elms:** Sha'Tina Nurse

**St. Vincent- St. Mary:** Jaliyah Barnett, Sa'Marah Copeland, Brandi Green, Bre'yonna Green, Dante Kimble, Elijah Jones, Karli McAvinn, London Quammie

**Walsh Jesuit:** Flor Guzman-Silva



Flor Guzman-Silva of St. Mary Parish, who has been an altar server at St. Mary and St. Bernard for several years, was presented with the Principal's Award, which recognizes consistent good grades, good behavior, leadership qualities, and spiritual devotion.

**Very best blessings to all 2023 Graduates!!!**

**Thank you to Dr. Nugent and Lorena Vincentano  
for the photos!**



## Eucharistic Revival – Precious Blood, Procession & Revival Committee

Starting this weekend, we will return to distributing the Precious Blood at all weekend Masses! The Diocese recently permitted us to do so. For now, there will only be one cup station until we see how many will take advantage of receiving Jesus in this way. Remember, when we receive the Lord in one species – body or blood – we receive Him in His entirety. There will be a Eucharistic Procession on July 1 (see details below). All from both parishes are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in constructing/facilitating the Year of Eucharistic Revival, please meet at The Basement Restaurant on Waterloo at 7 PM on June 19 or at St. Mary Social Hall at 10:25 AM on June 25.

## Please Don't Forget!



In His great mercy, God has placed the desire for the vocation of priesthood in the hearts of two young men of our parishes. **Brother James Monsour, OSB** is in priestly formation at the Benedictine monastery in Oklahoma after graduating from Franciscan University a few years ago. James was a St. Bernard parishioner, the son of Dave and Marie Monsour. **John Paul Antalek** from St. Mary parish will be attending Borromeo Seminary in August to enter studies for the Diocesan priesthood. John Paul is the son of Mike and Colleen Antalek. They join other young people of our parishes, such as **Sister Cecelia Klein, OP** (St. Bernard), who have answered God's call to service to His Church and His people. God is at work in our parishes and continues to invite His children to serve. Please remember to pray a Memorare (*see the front page of the newsletter at the top for the words*) every day to keep them strong in their Faith and firm in their commitment to serve God. Vocations are a gift from God, but it is up to us to protect and nurture them!

***\*If God is calling you to serve the Church in the vocation of priest, sister, brother, or deacon, please see Fr. Chris!***

## Halfway to Oktoberfest

April 15 was the Halfway to Oktoberfest fundraiser at the R. Shea Brewery in Canal Square, which was lot of fun and which raised funds for the Peter Maurin Center. We not only enjoyed great beer and food from the Pierogi Lady and from the Taco Truck, but we also polkaed to Fr. Chris's father's band, which is the house band of the Hoffbrau House in Cleveland – accompanied by none other than Fr. Chris on the drums! See you next year!!!



**Many thanks to Ana Maria Tolmos Baker  
and Gaby Perales for the photos!**

## First Holy Communion – Pentecost Sunday



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## 100 Years Apart, But the Eucharistic Devotion Remains!

Take a good look at the St. Bernard First Holy Communion Classes of May 6, 1923, and May 28, 2023.





Yes, there are differences. The sandstone of the church was stained with carbon black from the rubber shops in 1923 – the church exterior was scrubbed in Fr. Schindler's time. The heavy, carved wooden church doors were replaced with bronze and glass doors, which let in light and are more welcoming. The Knights of St. John, which was active at St. Bernard until around 1980, served as honor guard in the 1923 photo. The Knights of Columbus were the honor guard in the 2023 photo.

The 1923 Class was much larger, obviously – and we miss that. The 1923 children hopefully led full, faithful lives. These children were part of the Greatest Generation. They survived the seemingly endless Great Depression, and then were called to protect America in World War II. They suffered poverty and hunger, violence and fear. They served our country, worked hard in the rubber factories and elsewhere, put in 60+ hour work weeks to support the defense industry during the War, raised their families, sacrificed to put their children in St. Bernard School, joined in Catholic organizations and ethnic clubs, and supported and stayed close to the parish and the Church. Most of the 1923 Class were children of German, Austrian, and Eastern European immigrants, and many of their fathers served in World War I. Their families sometimes endured prejudice during the war due to their German and Austrian nationalities. They rose above it, and they outlasted the KKK, which had a hold on Akron in the 1920s, and which targeted Blacks, Catholics, and Jews. Most never left St. Bernard, and the descendants of many of these children are current parishioners.

The 2023 Class is composed of the children of immigrants as well, from Mexico and other Latin American countries. Some of them are immigrants themselves and have learned English so that they can succeed in school and life in the United States. Many of them also know what it is to be hungry, and their parents sometimes have trouble making ends meet. They are willing to work hard to make a good life for their families. They occasionally have met with prejudice and misunderstanding because of their nationality. And, like the parents of the 1923 children, the parents of the 2023 Class pray for their children every day and are instilling their Catholic Faith in their children. They want the very best for their families. Like the parents of 1923, the 2023 parents have high expectations and want their children to be faithful Catholics and loyal Americans.

What is easy to see in these photos are the similarities! We still photograph the First Communion children with our pastor on the front steps of the church. The children, 100 years apart, are excited to experience the happiest day of their lives – the day they received the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. In both photos, the children are carefully and beautifully dressed to honor this holy day. The pastor in 1923 was undoubtedly just as delighted as Fr. Chris is in the 2023 photograph. Like the Knights of St. John, the trusty Knights of Columbus and altar servers (and Deacon Ray DiMascio!) are proud to share in this special day, to assist in the special Mass for the First Communicants, and to honor Jesus and St. Bernard Parish.

God bless the children of the 1923 First Communion Class, and God bless and protect the children of the 2023 First Communion Class of St. Bernard Parish!

## Save the Dates! (see bulletin, announcements & media for more info)

Friday, June 16 (7 PM – <b>St. Bernard</b> )	Adoro Te Devote Holy Hour
Saturday, June 17 & Sunday, June 18 ( <b>All Masses – St. Bernard &amp; St. Mary</b> )	Special Father's Day Prayer & Appreciation
Saturday, June 24 (6 PM-8 PM – <b>St. Mary</b> )	Young Adult Game Night
Saturday, July 1 (Starting at 12:30 PM at St. Bernard, then meeting at Market and High at 1 PM, then to St. Mary, or wait at St. Mary if you cannot process – <b>open to both parishes</b> )	Eucharistic Revival Kickoff Procession
Friday, July 21 (7 PM – <b>St. Mary</b> )	Adoro Te Devote Holy Hour
Saturday, July 22 (6 PM-8 PM – <b>St. Mary</b> )	Young Adult Game Night
Saturday, July 22 (5:30 PM-6:30 PM – <b>St. Bernard Social Hall</b> )	Tailgate Dinner Before Ducks Game
Saturday, July 22 (7 PM @ Canal Park – <b>open to both parishes</b> )	Akron Rubber Ducks Game
Sunday, July 23 (7:30 PM – <b>St. Bernard</b> )	French Boys' Choir Performance
Sunday, September 10 (12 Noon Mass @ Goodyear Heights Metro Park)	St. Bernard Parish Picnic

## Importance and Dignity of Fatherhood

A **FATHER** knows how to firmly correct children's mistakes without demeaning or demoralizing them, as well as protect them at all costs.

A **GOOD FATHER** also knows how to forgive sincerely from the heart and be patient and merciful, like the father in the Gospel account of the prodigal son.

A **WISE** and **MATURE FATHER** will be able to say to his children after they've grown: "I taught you things that you didn't know. I corrected errors that you did not see. I let you feel an affection that was both deep and discreet that perhaps you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you witness of rigor and willpower that perhaps you did not understand when you just wanted complicity and protection."

**Guidance does not come from a father who is  
"weak, yielding and a softie".**

POPE FRANCIS  
Vatican 2015 FEB 04

*Paradomo*  
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