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St. Bernard of Clairvaux and
St. Mary of the Assumption – Akron, Ohio
*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



The two “words” are more phrases: “Vote No Because...” and “Welcome Latin Mass!”

According to a former Federal Prosecutor’s analysis of the application of the amendment that was recently published in St. Hilary’s bulletin, there are at least five reasons to vote No to Issue 1 on November 7th: In the application of the amendment, meaning its actual function and enforcement if passed, the language of the amendment: allows courts to create additional, unspecified and unvoted upon rights and decisions regarding abortion, contraception and fertility treatment; allows

for parents to be uninformed of their children’s decisions regarding their gender or sexuality; permits and legally protects late-term partial birth abortion; allows for those who assist a child or a sex worker in getting an abortion to not be prosecuted, including human traffickers and adult abusers; promotes a culture of rejection and termination versus a culture that promotes and defends human life. **If you can vote, please go to the polls and vote NO on Issue 1 on November 7th because lives are at stake! For more info, visit:**

<https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio> OR <https://www.rtlfofneo.com/>

Welcome back to St. Mary Parish, Latin Mass! After years of hiatus, in response to the Holy Father’s request to further limit the celebration of the Mass in Latin, the locations of St. Sebastian and St. Paul will no longer be used for Latin Mass and instead **St. Mary, Akron will host the Latin Mass beginning on November 5th and every Sunday following that at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon!** Visiting priests supplied by the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign High Priest, and Fr. Doug Brown, Bishop’s delegate, will celebrate the Mass, but certainly all are welcome to attend them! We will try hard as a people of St. Mary to be as welcoming and accommodating as possible and we look forward to the ways in which this beautiful celebration and liturgical expression will bring life to our parish! **What are the words the Lord is saying to you and through you and your actions at this time of year? Actions speak louder than words!** But these are my three for now. God Bless You!

Father Chris



Las dos “palabras” son frases: “Vota NO porque...” y “¡Bienvenidos a la Misa en latín!”

Según el análisis de un ex fiscal federal sobre la aplicación de la enmienda que se publicó recientemente en el boletín de St. Hilary, hay al menos cinco razones para votar No en el punto 1 el 7 de noviembre: Si llegara a aprobarse la aplicación de la enmienda, es decir, su función real, sucedería lo siguiente: Permite a los tribunales crear derechos y decisiones adicionales, no especificados y sin votación del pueblo, con respecto al aborto, la anticoncepción y el tratamiento de fertilidad; permite que los padres estén desinformados sobre las decisiones de sus hijos respecto a su género o sexualidad; permite y protege legalmente el aborto por nacimiento parcial tardío; permite que quienes ayudan a un niño o una trabajadora sexual a abortar no sean procesados, incluidos los traficantes de personas y los abusadores adultos; promueve una cultura de rechazo y

aniquilación contra una cultura que promueve y defiende la vida humana. Si puedes votar, ve a las urnas y vota NO el 7 de noviembre porque ¡la vida está juego! Para obtener más información, visita:

<https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio> O <https://www.rtloneo.com/> (en inglés)

¡Bienvenidos nuevamente a la Parroquia Santa María Misa en latín! Después de años de pausa, en respuesta a la solicitud del Santo Padre de limitar más la celebración de la Misa en latín en San Sebastián y San Pablo ya no se utilizarán para la celebración de la Misa en latín y en su lugar, Santa María, Akron será la sede. la Misa en latín se celebrará a partir del 5 de noviembre y todos los domingos siguientes a la 1:00 p.m. ¡por la tarde! Sacerdotes visitantes aportados por el Instituto de Cristo Rey, Sumo Sacerdote Soberano y el P. Doug Brown, delegado del obispo, celebrarán la misa, ¡pero todos son bienvenidos a asistir! ¡Nos esforzaremos como pueblo de Santa María para ser lo más acogedores y complacientes posible y esperamos con ansias las formas en que esta hermosa celebración y expresión litúrgica traerá vida a nuestra parroquia! ¿Cuáles son las palabras que el Señor te está diciendo a ti, a través tuyo y de tus acciones en esta época del año? ¿Las acciones hablan más que las palabras! Pero estos son mis dos mensajes por ahora. ¡Dios los bendiga! ¡Gracias! - Padre Cris


Catholic Quote



"When tempted, invoke your angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him. He trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel!"

St. John Bosco, SDB (1815-1888) Feast Day – January 31
Priest, Writer, Third Order Franciscan, Founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco,
Protector and Educator of Poor and Homeless Children

Mass Intentions

St. Bernard			St. Mary		
Sun, 10/8	10 AM	+John P. Regan	Sun, 10/8	9 AM	+Leo Firth
	12 PM	+Gumaro Silva Cuapio	Sun, 10/15	9 AM	+Al & Margaret Connors
	8 PM	The People of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parishes	 Banns of Marriage III – Michael J. Chalfant & Amber L. Pateos II – Tyler Skodola & Mikayla Aowad		
Mon, 10/9	12:10 PM	+Mary Louise Farrell			
Tue, 10/10	12:10 PM	+Tillie Hofacker			
Wed, 10/11	12:10 PM	Special Intentions of Heidi Banks			
Thu, 10/12	12:10 PM	+Marilyn Fischer & Joan Marie Scherer			
Fri, 10/13	12:10 PM	Health & Blessings of Julie Lazzaro			
Sat, 10/14	4:30 PM	+Deceased Members of the Bellissimo-Kane Families			
Sun, 10/15	10 AM	+Willie Orr			
	12 PM	+Florentino Martinez			
	8 PM	The People of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parishes			

Offertory Collection Totals – September 30 & October 1, 2023

St. Bernard - \$4,675

St. Mary - \$1,291

Mass Readings

Sun, 10/8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43
Mon, 10/9	Jonah 1: 1-2: 1-2, 11	Jonah 2: 3, 4, 5, 8		Luke 10: 25-37
Tue, 10/10	Jonah 3: 1-10	Psalm 130: 1 b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8		Luke 10: 38-42
Wed, 10/11	Jonah 4: 1-11	Psalm 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10		Luke 11: 1-4
Thu, 10/12	Malachi 3: 13-20b	Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6		Luke 11: 5-13
Fri, 10/13	Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2	Psalm 9: 2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9		Luke 11: 15-26
Sat, 10/14	Joel 4: 12-21	Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12		Luke 11: 27-28

Interested in Registering to Receive a Sacrament?

Email Erika@stbernardstmary.org or call Erika at (330) 253-5151 to register to receive a Sacrament!

¿Desea inscribirse para recibir un Sacramento por primera vez? Envíe un correo electrónico: Erika@stbernardstmary.org o llame a Erika al 330-253-5161

Help Wanted! (Yes, you!) – Buscamos Ayuda

- 1) Reflections and suggestions for the Eucharistic Revival.
- 2) To construct scaffolding and washing lamps at St. Bernard.
- 3) To teach our Faith to our youth.
- 4) To welcome the new parishioners coming from St. Sebastian and St. Paul to St. Mary

Want to help with any of this? Please call the office at (330) 253-5161, or use the "Contact Us" feature on www.stbernardakron.org or email communications@stbernardstmary.org

Estos son los eventos que se llevarán a cabo en nuestra parroquia, y estamos buscando ayuda:

- Ayudar con los andamios y el lavado de lámparas en San Bernardo.
- Reflexiones para el avivamiento eucaristical.
- Ayudando con las clases de catecismo.

¿Quieres ayudar? Llama a nuestra oficina o envía un correo electrónico a communications@stbernardstmary.org

Coming Soon to Your Parish! (see bulletin, announcements & media for more info)

Date	Time	Parish	Event
10/25	7 PM	St. Bernard	Eucharistic Revival Presentation – "How to Get More Out of Mass & the Scripture Readings" – Fr. Mark Ott, Professor of Scripture at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology (in English)
10/29	11:30 AM-6 PM	Both	Pilgrimage & Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Windsor, Ohio. Meet @ St. B at 11:30 AM or go straight there. Lunch, Rosary, then Mass at 3:30 PM with devotions following. Return by 6 PM (*Mass in Spanish; no 12 PM Mass at St. Bernard that day).
11/7	All Day	Voting Polls	VOTE NO ON ISSUE 1 AND SAVE LIVES!
11/11	5:30 pm	St. Mary	Welcome Gathering and Chili Cookoff – conversation, prayer, and award-winning chili. (<i>Chili entrants must feed 18 and arrive ready to serve in a crockpot.</i>) Doors open at 4:30 PM
12/10	12 PM	St. Bernard	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Story & Fiesta – From 12:00 Mass until 6:30 PM!
12/15-12/23	6:30 PM	St. Bernard	Las Posadas each evening – Rosary & Holy Family Devotion for young families. See upcoming bulletins for details.
12/15-12/17	**	St. Bernard	Summit Choral Society Candlelight Concerts **Call 330-434-SING (7464) or visit https://www.summitchoralsociety.org/season-events.html.

Thanksgiving Meal, Christmas Eve morning meal and gift collection and giveaway, Youth Ministry re-launch, Family Catechesis and Online Auction are also happening between now and the end of the year! Stay tuned to the parish e-mails, bulletins, socials and announcements!

Don't Forget to Pray a Memorare for Our Parishioners in Religious Life!

As you may have read over the last few months, our parishes are blessed to have several young people who were formed in their Catholic Faith among us who are professed or in discernment of religious vocations, offering their lives to the Church and for the Glory of God. Their desire to serve is a gift to us as well as to them.



Brother James Monsour, OSB of St. Bernard and John Paul Antalek of St. Mary are both in discernment and priestly formation. Sister Cecilia Klein, OP of St. Bernard is a Solemnly-professed Dominican sister of the Nashville motherhouse. Sister Katherine Allensworth, HMSS of the Newman Center has made her temporary vows as a Mercedarian sister.



There are also other young people of both parishes who are quietly considering a life of service to the Church – some have spoken to their parents and Father, and others may be praying privately before going forward.



God is at work in our parishes and continues to invite His children to serve, which, as you can see by these faces, is a great joy! Please **pray a Memorare (see the front page of the newsletter at the top for the words)** maybe even each day to keep them strong in their Faith and firm in their commitment to serve God. It takes less than 30 seconds of your time, but it means the world to these young parishioners in need of our prayerful support. You can be sure that they are praying for us in return. Vocations are a gift from God, but it is up to us to protect and nurture them!



We have no priests without seminarians, no Eucharist without priests, and no Church without the Eucharist.

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

New Youth Minister; Familiar Face!



After months of searching and four others declining the offer, we have a new youth minister! Lucy Van Dyke has been named the new high school youth minister for both of our parishes!

Lucy is a lifelong member of St. Mary and is the wife of Josh and the mother of Bette Mae. She is also the daughter of Mike and Colleen Antalek and the sister of Beatrice, Benedict, John Paul, Denny, and Perry Antalek.

Lucy is a certified teacher who along with Josh hosts events for youth and young adults at St. Mary's already! Both are in the choir and on the Parish Council at St. Mary's. They recently relocated to be near their work, family and church family.

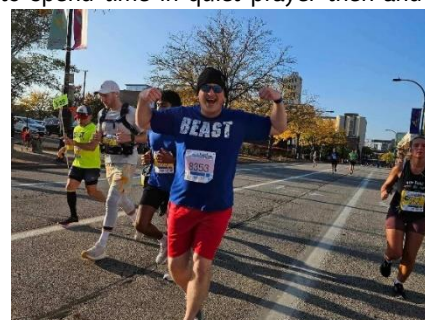
The teens of our parishes will be in great and faithful hands with Lucy who will introduce herself, her approach and the next few months of high school youth activities in next week's bulletin. Many thanks for stepping up, Lucy, and God bless you and your new ministry!

Marathon Team Prays at 6:00 a.m., Brings Home 49th!



Team Beauty and the Beasts (*sounds like a good name for a band!*) set out to run as a relay team at the annual Akron Marathon on Saturday, September 30!

Father Chris opened St. Bernard to all runners and supporters at 5:30 AM that morning, and several took advantage of the chance to spend time in quiet prayer then and throughout the day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It also served as a beautiful place to take a photo of the team!



Mickey McMillan of St. Bernard, Fr. Chris, and their friends Isaiah Harper and Kyle Joslyn were the Beasts, while Brittany Varsho of St. Mary was obviously the Beauty! Each member of the team ran a leg of the Marathon and passed the baton bracelet to the next member of the team as they completed the course together. Each member covered a significant chunk of 26.2 miles.

Beauty and the Beasts finished with a combined time of 3 hours, 52 minutes, 10 seconds and placed 49th out of 354 in the Mixed Age group. Well done! ***"The glory of God is the person who is fully alive."* -St. Irenaeus**

Eucharistic Revival: "How to Get More Out of Mass" Oct. 25th at 7 PM

Fr. Mark Ott will give a Eucharistic Revival lecture on Wednesday, October 25th at 7 pm at St. Bernard on how to understand and get more spiritual benefit from Mass, especially the first half of Mass.

Fr. Ott is a Professor of Scripture at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology and has a notable talent for understandable and helpful presentations. We hope as many as can make it will take part in this Eucharistic Revival activity!

New Liturgical Ministers Are Stepping Up!

Several parishioners have recently stepped up to serve as liturgical ministers at our daily and weekend Masses at St. Bernard.

With a great love for the Mass and honoring Jesus, Francis Del Greco (4:30 Vigil Mass), Cathy Ballard, Victor Estafen, Pierre Ferrer, Colin Fricker, and Daniel Lane (all 10 AM Mass), and Giovanni Blanco, Elizabeth Heimbaugh, and Luke Lexgroof (8 PM Mass) have requested Fr. Chris to permit them to undergo Diocesan certification to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and to assist at the Masses they attend. Francis, Dan, and Victor also attend daily 12:10 PM Mass.

Francis Del Greco (4:30 Vigil Mass), and Elizabeth Heimbaugh, Dana Weber, and Evelyn White (8 PM Mass) have asked to be trained as Readers at their Masses. Francis will be available to assist as Reader at daily 12:10 Mass and has also volunteered to be an altar server at the Masses he attends – which is a familiar ministry, since he was an altar server as a boy growing up at St. Bernard!

These parishioners are a real Godsend, in addition to the other liturgical ministers who have served the parish for years. They take up the work done by veteran liturgical ministers who have died in the past year, including Karen Kapes and John Zmurk from 10 AM Mass. Many thanks to these generous and devout individuals for willingly devoting the time and commitment to serve our parish in this way – and to serve Jesus Himself!

If you wish to be certified by the Diocese as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or trained to be a Reader, an Altar Server, or an Usher at either St. Bernard or St. Mary, please see Fr. Chris or call the parish office.

Parish Eucharistic Revival

Witness

The real 'action' in the liturgy is the action of God himself. This is what is new and distinct about the Christian liturgy: God himself acts and does what is essential. -Pope Benedict XVI

Teaching

Our liturgical postures such as sitting, standing, kneeling, extended hands are meant as a sign of united expression as the Body of Christ.

Since Mass is formational, our corporate expression of who we are as the Baptized takes precedence over our personal feelings or piety during Mass. This can be difficult, especially at the Communion Rite where many are confused about what the posture should be. Each posture has deep meaning and is rooted in the Biblical and Liturgical traditions of the Church. There is a time and a place for each. Technically we should stand until the last word of the Communion Hymn and until the last person receives Holy Communion as a communal action and moment of formation. After those two things happen we may sit or kneel for personal prayer. The following link summarizes our postures at Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland.....

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/files/resources/cdcposturechartduringmassdocumentaction.pdf>



Action of the week

Open doors for others and think about your activities as they effect the communities you are a part of. Function communally.



Avivamiento Eucarístico Parroquial

Testimonio

La verdadera "acción" en la liturgia es la acción de Dios mismo. Esto es lo nuevo y distintivo de la liturgia cristiana: Dios mismo actúa y hace lo esencial. -Papa Benedicto XVI



Enseñanza

Nuestras posturas litúrgicas, como sentarse, pararse, arrodillarse y extender las manos (posición orans en el Padre Nuestro), son un signo de unidad como pueblo de Dios. Es nuestra expresión grupal de quiénes somos como Bautizados y tiene prioridad sobre nuestros sentimientos o piedad personal. Esto puede ser difícil, especialmente en el Rito de la Comunión, donde muchos están confundidos acerca de cuál debe ser su posición: de pie, sentado o arrodillado. Estas posiciones tienen un significado profundo y están arraigadas en las tradiciones bíblicas y litúrgicas de la Iglesia. El siguiente enlace resume nuestras posturas litúrgicas en la Diócesis de Cleveland.....

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/files/resources/cdcposturechartduringmasswdocumentation.pdf> (inglés)



Acción de la semana

Abre las puertas a los demás y piensa cómo tus actividades afectan a la comunidad de la que eres parte. Actúa en comunidad.

St. Bernard Parish Picnic

Many thanks to all who attended, cooked, served, and celebrated Mass on September 10 at the St. Bernard Parish Picnic at Goodyear Heights Metro Park! We are grateful to Fr. Chris, who celebrated a bilingual Mass with the assistance of liturgical ministers and the Hispanic Choir and musicians, everyone who brought delicious food to share with their fellow parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus – Dave Klein, Don Zehner, Jeff Sain, Raymond Klein, Fred Kramer, Tom Fritsch, and Dan Lane – who generously supplied and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. We are also grateful to Susan Culver, Ruth Klein, Betty McCormick, and Terri Lessnau, who served, carried, and cleaned! Here are a few memories of our beautiful day, thanks to Ana Maria Tolmos Baker!



Knights of Columbus Family of the Month (September) by Dave Klein, GK

The Puga family, consisting of Carlos, Erika and Ian are among the most hard-working and generous families in our parish.

Erika, who works at the St. Bernard Parish Office not only spends time within the community during her office hours, but also during her free time whether it's volunteering at, organizing, or attending many of the social events we host for our families as well as those presented by St. Mary School, where her son Ian studies.

If you were to spend a day with the Puga family, you'd be wrapped up in the warmth of the love and comfort of their family space. Their home, with clear nods to their strong faith in the Catholic Church, is open to all who need help, friends or just want to share a good Mexican meal (after praying of course).



Richard Morris of the K of C presents the September Family of the Month Award to Erika, Ian, and Carlos Puga at the St. Bernard Parish Picnic – gracias to Ana Maria Tolmos Baker for the photo (above right)

It is not always easy to reflect the values of family, prayer, and generosity but the Puga family does this seamlessly. If you see them around or at Mass, make sure to say hello. They're easy to spot—their smiles and happiness radiate and invite you to meet them. We are lucky to have the Puga family as part of our Parish and we are honored to select them as the Family of the Month.

Men of St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes – if you love our Church, love our parishes, and want to serve God, the Church, and our parish priests and parishes, consider joining the Knights of Columbus – the largest and most faithful Catholic men's organization in the world, which also offers outstanding benefits! See any Knight for more information!

God Bless Nick and Hannah!

Those who attend 4:30 Mass at St. Bernard have watched Nick Hofacker and his brothers and sister grow up before their eyes as they all were altar servers for at least 20 years, serving with reverence and faithfulness every week and seldom missing Vigil Mass. Nick started serving in 2005 and lectoring in 2011, and has never said no when asked to help, including assisting as an usher when needed. And now, we are all so very happy to congratulate Nick and his lovely wife, Hannah, who married in September at St. Bernard. Their wedding Mass was celebrated by Fr. Norm Douglas and concelebrated by Fr. Chris Zerucha.

Nick and Hannah are the first of their generation to continue the line of Hofackers who have married at St. Bernard, starting with his grandparents, Richard and Tillie Hofacker, who married July 6, 1957, and continuing with his parents, Dr. Rick and Beth, who married on October 8, 1994 (*Happy Anniversary, Rick and Beth!*) Many parishioners at St. Bernard and St. Mary have the same blessing of following parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents down the aisle to be married and celebrate other Sacraments at our beloved parish homes. Nick and his brothers Brandon and Josh, and sister Michelle were all Baptized at St. Bernard. Rick alone has over 50 years of continual service as a liturgical minister at Mass, starting out as an Altar Server as a boy, and progressing to Reader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and he still generously performs all these duties to this day. In addition, Beth offered her services as a tutor to St. Mary School, along with Nick's sister, Michelle.



Rick, Nick, Hannah, and Beth Hofacker (above right) – thanks to Velda Hofacker for the photo



All brides and grooms who marry at St. Mary and St. Bernard are cherished and beloved by our parish families. But it is especially joyful for us to witness a son of the parish who served Jesus and us so well for so many years to find his place in life as a Catholic family man and husband to beautiful Hannah, who is equally faithful to the Church. Very best blessings, Nick and Hannah, and many years of happiness as you live the holy vocation of marriage!



*“Even when you are alone, be cheerful,
remembering always that you are in the sight of angels!”*

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) Feast Day – October 1
Carmelite Sister, Doctor of the Church



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