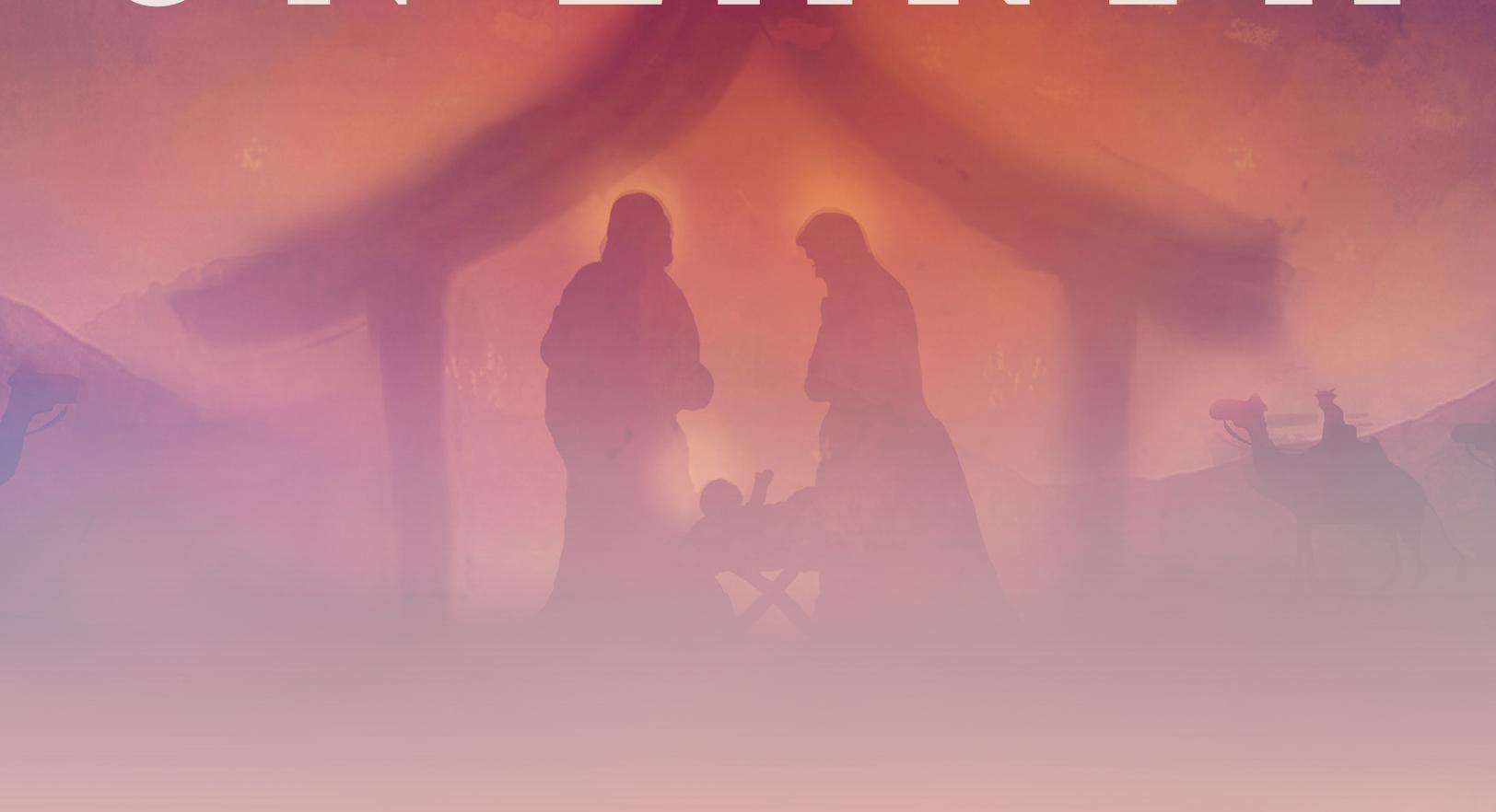


CHRISTMAS 2023

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

**Sunday, December 31**

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
 LK 2:22-40

**Monday, January 1**

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
 The Octave Day of Christmas*  
 Nm 6:22-27  
 Gal 4:4-7  
 Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, January 2**

*Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*  
 1 Jn 2:22-28  
 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
 Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday, January 3**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6  
 Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday, January 4**

*Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
 1 Jn 3:7-10  
 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9  
 Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, December 5**

*Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop*  
 1 Jn 3:11-21  
 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
 Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday, December 6**

1 Jn 5:5-13  
 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
 Mk 1:7-11

**Sunday, December 7**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 Is 60:1-6  
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Mt 2:1-12

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**ST. BERNARD MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 31**

10:00 a.m. +Leonard Filaseta  
 12:00 p.m. +Flor Morales  
 8:00 p.m. The People of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parishes

**Monday, January 1**

9:30 a.m. The Special Intentions of Joann Letta

**Tuesday, January 2**

12:10 p.m. +Patricia Perrin

**Wednesday, January 3**

12:10 p.m. +Martha Badunas

**Thursday, January 4**

12:10 p.m. The Special Intention of Bridget Wirfel

**Friday, January 5**

12:10 p.m. +Robert Roten

**Saturday, January 6**

4:30 p.m. +John & Anne Hornacek & Joe & Mary Hirshfelt

**Sunday, January 7**

10:00 a.m. +Domenic Esposito  
 12:00 p.m. +Amancio & Beatris Velasquez  
 8:00 p.m. The People of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parishes

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention.  
 Favor contactar la oficina parroquial para programar una intencion de misa.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Laura Christner    | Tim Miller        |
| Rosa M. Cigaran    | Rachel Ohlin      |
| Terry Cline        | Francisco Rene    |
| Fernando Contreras | Ojeda             |
| Rosalia Duran      | Doug Palmer       |
| Pat Dureka         | Karen Rahn        |
| Lee Freund         | Keith Reed &      |
| Gary Geis          | Edwards Family    |
| Alan Klesh         | John Rienzi       |
| Daniel Lane        | Ray Schmidt       |
| Justin Lee         | Richard Semon     |
| Nelson Lenning     | Marcia Stuczynski |
| Maribel Lopez      | Tom & Jeannette   |
| Susan Martine      | Wiesenhahn        |
| Alta Martinez      | Margaret Williams |
| Marilyn Maximovich |                   |



*Holiday Office Hours*

*Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd  
 CLOSED*

*Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

**OUR OFFERING**

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**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

Please call the office if you want to add someone to the Prayer List at 330-253-5161.  
 Thank you.

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you did not receive the flyer in the previous bulletins, please see the bulletin boards by the entrances at both St. Mary and St. Bernard Churches for more information. Your contribution helps in growing the mission of St. Mary School and qualifies as a deduction from your taxes! Please prayerfully consider donating!

*"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"*

– St. Maximilian Kolbe

# Pastor's Note

## ST. BERNARD FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2022-JUNE 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Enclosed, please see the financial report for the parish this past fiscal year. The statement reflects a lot of hard work and time and effort put in by all on our Administrative Staff, most especially our amazing Business Manager Ana Maria Baker who also is often one of, if not the first, to submit our report out of all the parishes in the diocese! The Financial Controllers at the diocese have rightly complimented her on many occasions for her bookkeeping and we are blessed by her dedicated work. In a special way, I thank the members of our Finance Council who are: Jim Griggy, Dean Leonakis, Mickey McMillan and Chaz Schreckenberger. They will take a more active role in our budgeting this year as we meet quarterly and more regularly prepare ourselves for what lies ahead. This is by far the best financial report we've had in my five years here, and I look forward to breaking it down for you more in the late winter when we do our annual review and celebration of what God has done in our parish life. Thank you for the very many ways you are generous in sharing your time, talent and treasure, and if there are any questions regarding this report, please let me know. May God continue to further the Incarnation of Jesus Christ in our midst during this Christmas Time!

– Father Chris



## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY

Reminder: The obligation to attend Mass has been lifted for tomorrow. If you are still interested in participating in the celebration of the Mass, there will be Mass tomorrow at St. Bernard only at 9:30 a.m. Although there is no obligation, please consider celebrating by doing something special like saying a Rosary or doing a Holy Hour! Have a safe and happy New Year!

## PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

The Pre-Baptismal Class for February will be on Monday the 5th. If interested, please call the Office at 330-253-5161 to get on the list.

## DIOCESAN SCHOOL ART CONTEST

The Diocese of Cleveland invites our Catholic Schools, Parish Catechetical Programs, and Homeschool Communities to participate in an art contest during the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival. See [dioceseofcleveland.com/artcontest](http://dioceseofcleveland.com/artcontest) for more information and details on requirements. Submissions close January 12th.

***For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him "Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."***

– Isaiah 9:5

## ITE PROJECT

Join The ITE Project on January 12th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. for "When God Makes You Wait – A Half-day Retreat for the Frustrated" at Holy Family Parish in Stow. ITE's half-day retreats are intentionally designed for busy young adults searching for some self-care. The evening includes a home-cooked meal in a casual, social atmosphere, a presentation on the evening's topic by Fr. Louis Thomas, and followed by contemplative Adoration, Confessions, and Mass. The evening concludes with dessert. It is the perfect balance of friendship with others and friendship with the Lord and the perfect opportunity to check in with yourself about your spiritual goals in 2024. It's short, simple, and free – yes, that's right. FREE. ALL young adults are welcome! Registration closes on January 9th! More details at <https://www.theiteproject.com/events/waitwithgod>.

## THE FEST 2024 INTERNSHIP

The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer! If you are an event, marketing, communications, logistics, or theology major and interested in building your résumé while getting hands-on, real-life experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Jillian was a first-year intern this past summer and shared, "Spending my summer helping build The FEST was one of the coolest, most valuable experiences I have ever had. From the amazing team I worked with to the friendships I made along the way with The FEST community, my summer as a FEST intern was an absolute blast and I loved every second of it!" Send your résumé to Caitlin at [Caitlin@theFEST.us](mailto:Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 15th to apply!

## A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow-up sessions beginning on January 26, 2024. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

## Nota del Párroco

### Informe financiero de San Bernardo Año Fiscal 2022-2023

Estimados feligreses: Adjunto, el informe financiero de la parroquia del año fiscal pasado. La declaración refleja trabajo duro, tiempo y esfuerzo invertido por todo nuestro personal administrativo, especialmente nuestra increíble Gerente Ana María Baker, quien también es a menudo de las primeras en presentar nuestro informe financiero entre todas las parroquias ¡de la diócesis! Los auditores financieros de la diócesis la han felicitado con razón en muchas ocasiones por su contabilidad y somos bendecidos por su dedicación en el trabajo. De manera especial agradezco a los miembros de nuestro Consejo de Finanzas que son: Jim Griggy, Dean Leonakis, Mickey McMillan y Chaz Schreckenberger. Asumirán un papel más activo en nuestro presupuesto este año a medida que nos reunimos trimestralmente y nos preparamos con mayor regularidad para lo que nos espera. Este es, por lejos, el mejor informe financiero que hemos tenido en mis cinco años aquí y espero poder desglosarlo más a finales del invierno, cuando hagamos nuestra revisión anual y celebración de lo que Dios ha hecho en nuestra vida parroquial.

Gracias por las muchas maneras en que eres generoso al compartir tiempo, talento y tesoros, si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este informe, hágamelo saber.

¡Que Dios continúe promoviendo la Encarnación de Jesucristo en medio de nosotros en este tiempo de Navidad!

– Padre Chris



### FIESTA DE MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

Recordatorio: Mañana hay dispensa de la obligación de asistir a misa. El 1 de Enero misa en San Bernardo solo a las 9:30 a.m. A pesar de no ser obligatorio, considere celebrar haciendo algo especial como rezar un rosario o hacer una hora santa. ¡Que tengas un feliz y seguro año nuevo!

### SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

El 1 de enero comienza un nuevo año civil y la Iglesia Católica lo inicia celebrando la Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios. Con esto, la Iglesia Católica se encomienda, desde el primer día, a los cuidados maternales de María, Madre de Dios. La Virgen, quien tuvo la dicha de concebir, dar a luz y criar al Salvador, es también la que protege a todos sus hijos en Cristo, los asiste y acompaña durante su peregrinar en este mundo.

### CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL

La Clase Pre-bautismal de febrero será el lunes 5. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina al 330-253-5161, ext. 102 para inscribirse en la lista.

### LISTA DE ORACIÓN DEL BOLETÍN

Llame a la oficina si desea agregar a alguien a la lista de oración.  
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**Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; le ponen en el hombro el distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre: "Consejero admirable, Dios fuerte, Padre que no muere, príncipe de la Paz."**

– Isaías 9,5



### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Domingo 31 de diciembre

*Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia*

Si 3, 3-7. 14-17a o bien

Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3

Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o bien

Sal 104, 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9

Col 3, 12-21 o bien Col 3, 12-17

o bien Hb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19

Lc 2, 22-40 o bien 2, 22. 39-40

#### Lunes 1 de enero

*Solemnidad de María Santísima,*

*Madre de Dios*

Nm 6, 22-27

Salmo 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8

Gal 4, 4-7, Lc 2, 16-21

#### Martes 2 de enero

*Memoria de San Basilio Magno*

*y San Gregorio Nacianzeno,*

*Obispos y doctores de la Iglesia*

1 Jn 2, 22-28

Salmo 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Jn 1, 19-28

#### Miércoles 3 de enero

*Miércoles del Tiempo de Navidad*

1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6

Salmo 97:1, 3cd-4, 5-6

Jn 1, 29-34

#### Jueves 4 de enero

*Memoria de*

*Santa Isabella Ana Seton,*

*religiosa*

1 Jn 3, 7-10

Salmo 97, 1. 7-8. 9

Jn 1, 35-42

#### Viernes 5 de enero

*Memoria de San Juan Nepomuceno*

*Neumann, obispo*

1 Jn 3, 11-21

Salmo 99, 2. 3. 4. 5

Jn 1, 43-51

#### Sábado 6 de enero

*Sábado del Tiempo de Navidad*

1 Jn 5, 5-13

Salmo 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20

Mc 1, 7-11 o bien Lc 3, 23-38

o bien Lc 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

#### Domingo 7 de enero

*Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor*

Is 60, 1-6

Salmo 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13

Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6

Mt 2, 1-12

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CEMETERY

		Balance at June 30,	
		2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS			
Checking Account Balances	\$	266,374.66	\$ 397,409.59
Savings and Investment Account Balances		181,035.70	591,417.50
<b>TOTAL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS</b>		447,410.36	988,827.09
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		1,418.00	1,418.00
OTHER ASSETS		-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>448,828.36</b>	<b>\$ 990,245.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES			
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland	\$	-	-
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses		-	2,559.18
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES</b>		-	2,559.18
INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		3,800.86	5,651.18
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING		-	-
DEFERRED RESTRICTED SUPPORT		-	-
LOANS, NOTES AND MORTGAGES PAYABLE		1,987,469.50	2,556,488.50
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,991,270.36</b>	<b>2,564,698.86</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR		(1,574,453.77)	(1,763,179.74)
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Fiscal Year			
Parish		32,011.77	188,725.97
School		-	-
Cemetery		-	-
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year		32,011.77	188,725.97
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>		<b>(1,542,442.00)</b>	<b>(1,574,453.77)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>448,828.36</b>	<b>\$ 990,245.09</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHURCH REVENUE AND EXPENSES

		Actual Year Ended June 30,		Budget Year Ending June 30, 2024
		2023	2022	
<b>CHURCH REVENUE</b>				
Offerory Collections	\$	403,347.04	\$ 431,548.84	\$ 417,447.94
Other Collections		1,376.64	8,198.64	4,787.64
Donations & Bequests		282,961.56	328,247.88	305,604.72
Net Bingo Proceeds		-	-	-
Net Fund Raising Income		12,370.00	18,078.24	15,224.12
Income from Parish Programs		67,214.00	66,584.00	66,899.00
Investment & Endowment Income (Loss)		(4,300.28)	(15,274.28)	(9,787.28)
Rental Receipts		15,250.00	12,130.00	13,690.00
Contributions from Parish Organizations		-	-	-
Miscellaneous Receipts		12,302.40	22,117.00	17,209.70
Designated Collections		28,868.00	27,075.00	27,971.50
Extraordinary Receipts		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE</b>		<b>819,389.36</b>	<b>898,705.32</b>	<b>859,047.34</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes		232,913.01	208,670.02	220,791.52
Rectory & Household		1,437.09	3,003.64	2,220.37
Parish Office & Administration		73,923.92	49,710.83	61,817.38
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical		37,861.80	32,189.79	35,025.80
Community Outreach		29,707.31	37,652.64	33,679.98
Religious Education		1,760.56	688.45	1,224.51
Stewardship & Evangelization		3,798.25	110.00	1,954.13
Utilities		53,235.72	59,664.54	56,450.13
Insurance & Property Taxes		50,235.62	67,353.09	58,794.36
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating		128,700.99	68,380.92	98,540.96
Diocesan Assessments		66,348.00	63,030.00	64,689.00
Payments to Other Schools		-	-	-
Designated Collections		27,635.00	27,075.00	27,355.00
Capital Expenditures		79,820.32	92,460.43	86,135.38
Intra Parish Transfers & School Support		-	-	-
Extraordinary Expenses		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>		<b>787,377.59</b>	<b>709,979.35</b>	<b>748,678.47</b>
<b>NET CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,011.77</b>	<b>\$ 188,725.97</b>	<b>\$ 110,368.87</b>



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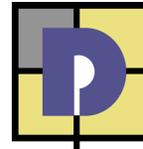
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