St. Bernard Parish

We are St. Bernard's, Together we are Church

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.

Luke 19:10

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HOMER HOPES

I was surprised to visit a friend of mine in her family's new home because it was so huge. Married with two kids, she beamed as she gave me the house tour. It was a lovely home, but I was especially in awe of its great spaciousness indoors and out. I knew that she and her husband, who both had very good jobs, were able to afford it. But I could not understand why they wanted such a big house to manage.

Before I could ask, she volunteered that she and her immediate family did not really need all the space. However, she reminded me that both she and her husband came from large extended families. For both of them, family and family gatherings were very important. So, they decided to extend themselves and get a home big enough to host the various family gatherings, and other celebrations as well. And since that time, that family has acquired quite a reputation for hosting great parties.

Architects and designers say that "people shape buildings; but, then, the buildings shape the people." That notion seems true as we compare our experience of attending a Mass in a great and beautiful cathedral versus attending a Blackhawks game at the United Center. Different buildings shaping way different behaviors!

The parishioners of both parishes in Homer Glen have expressed the need for better and expanded facilities for some time. The lack of parish space hinders growth and development. Different efforts have started and, unfortunately, stopped or wavered over the years. Our Mother of Good Counsel had plans for a very nice, new Activity Center in 2006, but a change in circumstances aborted the effort at that time. Today, the estimated cost of the same building is beyond the reach of the parish.

In 2018, a Facilities Task Force at St. Bernard's was forced to scale back their original hopes and plans for remodeling and adding space because of projected costs and limited funding sources. Most recently, the same committee is now helping St. Bernard's explore the wisdom of offering to purchase the Goodings Grove School and converting it to a community center.

A good building starts with a dream… a dream of what activities that new building might accommodate. Before a parish can build or acquire a new building, it needs to dream of what important activities and services are needed to build up the parish community. That dream needs to acknowledge fiscal reality but also encourage creativity in bringing the dream and the reality together. In the coming weeks, a process of dreaming for the future will begin in the two Homer Glen parishes. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our research and planning for the future of each parish.

Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA

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Pastor

Mass Intentions For the Week
November 2 ~ November 10

Saturday, November 2
11:00 AM All Soul's Novena
4:30 PM All Soul's Novena

Sunday, Nov 3 **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM All Soul's Novena
10:00 AM †Sharon Grill
†Jean Kaleciak
11:30 AM †Gene Christopher

Monday, November 4
9:30 AM All Soul's Novena

Tuesday, November 5
9:30 AM *Communion Service*

Wednesday, November 6
9:30 AM All Soul's Novena

Thursday, November 7
9:30 AM All Soul's Novena

Friday, November 8
9:30 AM †Robert Bak

Saturday, November 9
4:30 PM Veteran's & Enlisted Military

Sunday, Nov 10 **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM †Ben Armijo
10:00 AM †Jason Drish
†Vic Beci
11:30 AM †Ed Manikowski

Today's Readings

First Reading - Lord, you love all things that exist. (Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2)

Psalm - I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading - May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him. (2 Thessalonians 1:1 - 2:2)

Gospel - Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house. (Luke 19:1-10)

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Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

Sunday	**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
Monday	**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

For the sick, especially

Deacon Chris McCaffrey, Richard Panush, Marlys Ptak,
Danny & Frank Sapyta, Irene & Darrold Stenson,
Bill Jacobs, Patricia Reilly, Jodi Mussellman,
Arlene Stengl, Ed Glorioso, Michael Reid,
Brian Raimondi, Kathleen Vanderplow, Russell Allabastro,
Margaret Blazek, Al Wanninger, Iolene Holland,
Mandy Semenik, Judy Riley, Jonathan Cannon,
Hank Owen, Kathleen Reese, Bernie Smith,
Lois King, Jody Fuchy, Sandra Pope,
Louise Karkula, Karen Horting, Winifred Kasper,
Evelyn Lopezalles, Dorothy Johnson,
Ray & Barb Nino, Mike Nino, Megan Guinea,
Jeremiah & Teresa McMahon, and Rich Waliczek, Jr.

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St. Bernard's 13th Annual Capital Improvement Fund Raffle Drawing 11/9

How would you like to win $25,000?!?!?

This is the LAST week to purchase tickets for the raffle! The drawing is early this year! Saturday, November 9 at 5:30pm will be the draw!

For tickets contact Mike Fricilone @ 708-301-1030, Don Guinta @ 708-675-9070, or the St. Bernard's Rectory @ 708-301-3020. There will also be a representative of the raffle committee available after each Mass. **Credit Cards can be used to purchase tickets.**

Thank you for your support and God bless.

Wine, Cheese and Sharing Trees!

The Charitable Action Ministry and Women's Club invite parish women to a fun and helpful afternoon. We ask you to join us for some cheese, wine and/or soft drinks. While we sip and snack, we will help prepare the paper ornaments that decorate our parish Christmas Sharing Tree. We need to attach labels indicating the charity and requested gift, then punch holes and place strings on the ornaments. These are the ornaments that parishioners choose to decide what gift items to purchase, so your assistance will help make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

Hope you can join us at the Pastoral Center on:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Please sign up in the foyer.

St. Bernard's Presents "A Time of Grace" Nov. 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 7 pm

With Advent just around the corner...the timing of the mission is absolutely perfect...and provides a refreshing way to approach the Advent and Christmas season in a more spiritual and personally meaningful and gratifying way.

St. Bernard Parish welcomes Augustinian priest and professional mission presenter, Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., who will lead the participants in four nights of peaceful, meditative, inspirational, motivational and reflective spiritual renewal.

The individual presentation topics are listed below - do try to attend all four if possible - as each night's theme builds upon the previous - however even if one can only attend one night - it is still beneficial for the soul and one's relationship with God.

Sunday, November 3 - "To Be Born Again"
Monday, November 4 - "The Healing Love of Jesus"
Tuesday, November 5 - "The Call To Be Church"
Wednesday, November 6 - "Our Response To The Call"

Fr. Michael P. Sullivan is an Augustinian priest, who holds a BA degree from Villanova University, an MA in theology from Augustinian College, and an MA in counseling from St. John's University. Ordained in 1967, Fr. Sullivan served as Pastor in two parishes in New York. Fr. Sullivan has toured the Unites States, Canada and Australia as a member of the executive board of "Worldwide Marriage Encounter". He was appointed to full-time parish retreat and mission work in 1980. He was the recipient of the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal in 2006, the highest award granted by the Villanova University Alumni Association.

This Week at St. Bernard's

(*See Article)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:00pm Parish Mission
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:00pm Parish Mission
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:00pm Parish Mission
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
3:00pm Blood Drive
4:30pm Children's Choir
7:00pm Adult Choir
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:00pm 7th Grade Confirmation Parent/ Student Retreat
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
HOSPITALITY WEEKEND
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION
5:30pm RAFFLE DRAWING
SUNDAY, NOV 10
HOSPITALITY WEEKEND
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:30pm CCW/CAM Event

Undy Sunday Thank You

Thank you to all who brought "Undies" or "Diapers" or "Socks" or donated money to this year's Catholic Charities Undy Sunday drive! St. Bernard's filled three large bins long with boxes of diapers!! Your donations were graciously received.

SACRED ART – A BLUEPRINT FOR SAVING LIVES TUESDAY, NOV 12 AT ANNUNCIATION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Did you ever wonder if there was a hidden or secret message behind the many works of art and masterpieces created by and for the Church? What is the significance behind the intriguing architecture often found inside and outside Churches? Is there a significant meaning we are not aware of?

Fr. Thomas Loya, pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, eminent speaker, author and accomplished artist will address these questions on Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM at Annunciation Church, 14610 Will-Cook Rd, in Homer Glen.

Entitled **"Sacred Art- A Blueprint for saving lives"** will demonstrate how the Art and architecture of the Church provides the only authentic fundamental vision for all of life. Applying that vision can in fact become a matter of life or death for civilization. Come and bring your friends to hear the story behind sacred art.

This program is part of the **Knowledge and Prayer Series** presented by the **Multi-Parish Respect Life Ministries** of St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of the Woods, St. Michael, St. Bernard, Our Mother of Good Counsel and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic parishes.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of November 9th and November 10th (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, November 9 4:30pm	Sunday, November 10 8:30am	Sunday, November 10 10:00am	Sunday, November 10 11:30am
Presider	Fr. John Merkelis, OSA	Fr. John Merkelis, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA
Proclaimers	Mary Gow Jim Gow	Thomas Cantwell Barbara Bevan	Bill Battista Sandy Weber	Bill Hurley Connie Wojcik
Eucharistic Ministers	Gina Kazmierczak Dorothy Pachuta Karen Tomas Mary Beth Hipke Dave Doorneweerd Nora Waliczek *Volunteer*	Karren Athos Joe Bard Lois Durling Sue Piccione Jim Lunk Lourdes Vatch Betsy Lunk	Mary Jo O'Connor Phil Meegan Sharon Flanagan Jacquelyn Bonds Marian Schouten Tom Krusenowski Pat Carlucci	Jean Lang Shawn Felgenhauer Trish Kot
Altar Servers	Rebecca Kazmierczak *Volunteer*		Kate Flemming Megan Flemming	Sophia Hutera

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 11AM (CST), there will be simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 1440 locations in the US and beyond. The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, has once again partnered with Wreaths Across America™. Ceremonial wreaths for each branch of the military will be sent to all of the participating national, state, and local cemeteries. Wreaths will also be provided for 24 offshore cemeteries, including Normandy Beach. The local Civil Air Patrol units will be laying wreaths at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

It is Wreaths Across America™'s hope that one day every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath, but they need your help to make this hope a reality. Please consider sponsoring a wreath this holiday season, as a way of saying thank you for the sacrifices made by these brave men and women. The sponsorship fee is $15 per wreath. *All wreaths are sent directly to the location. No wreaths are sent to the individual purchasing sponsorship*. The last day for making a donation is November 25th.

There will be a Civil Air Patrol representative in the foyer on the weekends of November 9/10 and 16/17 to collect the sponsorship fee of $15 per wreath, or any donation you wish to make. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America TM. If you prefer to use a credit card, you can go online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. When donating online, **please be sure** to reference the following Group & Cemetery ID:

Sponsoring Group ID Numer: IL0015P
Cemetery Designation: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (please select one cemetery per group)

Cemetery ID Number: ILALNE
(located on our website under locations tab)

Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

Budgeted Weekly Amount	$11,977.55
Collection for October 27	$7,696.00
Online Giving Week of October 21	$1,495.00
Total for October 27	$9,191.00
Budgeted Weekly YTD	$203,800.35
Total Actual Year to Date	$174,009.24

We Give Thanks to the Lord for your Generosity!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Dr. Kristopher Seaman, Director of Liturgical Music at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish will lead these adult Fall formation sessions. Enroll in these sessions by calling Janet in our Faith Formation Office (708)301-0214.

Please join us and bring a friend or two!!!

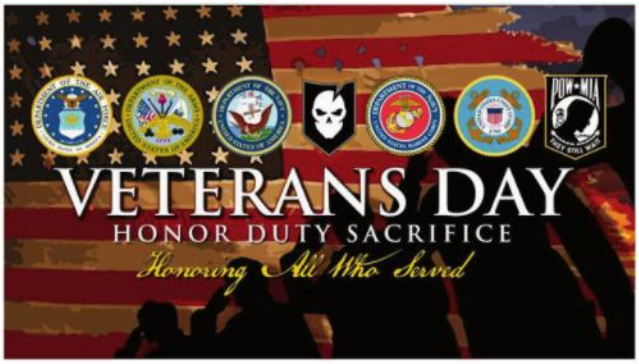
Spirituality and Theology of the Eucharist

Thursdays:
November 7th
November 14th
November 21st
December 5th

Two sessions will be held, one in the afternoon **3 until 4:30pm and** one in the evening **7 until 8:30pm.**

Do you want to know more about the Eucharist (theology)?
Do you want to have a deeper meaning of the Eucharist (spirituality)?

Then come to these four sessions where we will delve deeper into how we are nourished physically, spiritually, intellectually and theologically on this Sacrament of our Church.



Honoring Our Veterans

St. Bernard's invites veterans, those currently enlisted, their families and parishioners to a special Veteran's Day weekend event. This year St. Bernard's will honor veterans with an acknowledgement at the beginning of Mass and a prayer of thanks and blessing at the end of Mass. A reception in their honor will be held after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 9. The adult choir will perform a short musical tribute after this Mass.

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Fr. James Halstead, OSA; Fr. Jerry Nicholas, OSA;
Fr. John Sponder; Fr. Ed Mikolaczyk

Sunday and **Holy Day Masses** celebrated at
St. Bernard's Church Campus, 13030 W. 143rd St. (Just west of Bell Rd.)

Saturday Evening Mass .....4:30 PM
Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM.
Holy Day Mass.....As announced in bulletin.
Weekday Mass.....9:30 AM
(Communion service on Tuesday) at the Church Campus

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Our Mother of Good Counsel
16032 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL
Weekdays Monday - Saturday....8:00 AM
Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:30,10:30 AM, 5:00 PM
(5:00pm Mass will discontinue after Nov. 10, 2019)

Religious Education Classes
Contact Office

Baptisms
Parents are expected to be registered in the parish, and are required to register for and attend a Baptism Preparation Program before scheduling the Baptism.

Confessions
On Saturdays as scheduled in the bulletin (generally first and third Saturdays at 3:30pm) and at any time upon request.

Marriage
Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST.

Funerals
Arrangements for a funeral are made with the Rectory through the Funeral Director.

Sick Calls
Call the Rectory at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know.

Hospital Calls
If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know. Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

Parish Boundaries
North: 135th Street; East: Will-Cook Road; South: 151st Street; West: King Road and its extension.

New Parishioners
All new families are welcome and should be registered in the parish. This may be done by visiting or calling the Rectory.

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