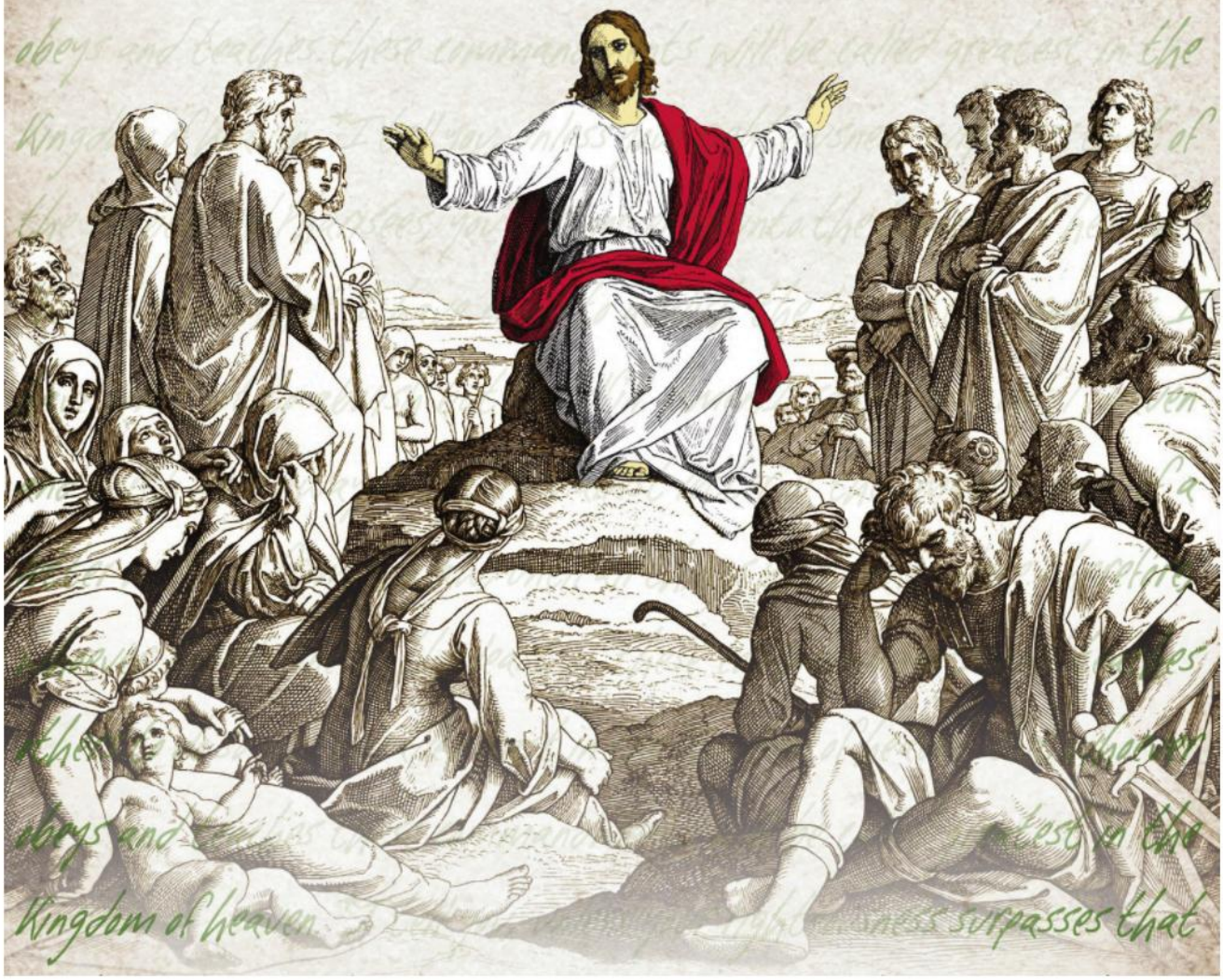
St. Bernard Parish

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

6TH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

"Do not think that I have come to abolish
the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

- Mt 5:17



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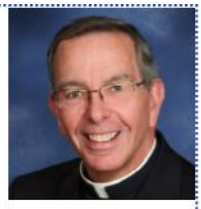

One of the most important qualities of a vibrant parish community today is to be a welcoming community. Every parish has a lot of nice people. But it is very human for us to tend toward those we know and like. And, so, we need to be intentional about welcoming others, especially those we don't know.

To help a parish community be more intentional about welcoming others, I frequently invite parish leaders and members to "walk in the shoes" of a complete stranger to the parish. What would this newcomer see… and not see? What kind of greeting, if any, would the stranger receive? What kind of signage does the facility have directing people, e.g., to restrooms? Is there sufficient and accessible parking, especially for the handicapped? Is the entrance way clean, ordered and attractive? Is there any kind of "Information Booth" staffed with a live person near the entrance? Is the sound system adequate for all, especially those with a hearing impairment? Where do I get a hymn book?

Those of us who have been active members for a long time tend to take things for granted, overlook or even accept deficiencies and assume "everyone knows" what we know. For example, I have been led by others to be aware of the "barriers" that can often be obstacles for the handicapped… especially those with walkers or in wheelchairs. Both of our parishes in Homer Glen are blessed to have facilities that are only one floor with no steps, except for the altar area. But even in this regard, Good Counsel has its altar area ramped. I also applaud Good Counsel for recently re-doing their sidewalks and curbs to remove exterior obstacles.

Yet, there are still some obstacles. For example, neither church has doors that open automatically with a "touch plate." Good Counsel has limited space within its worship area for wheelchairs prompting our wheelchair bound friends to have to stay in the narthex, separate from the community. Since Good Counsel has many more chairs in its church than it normally needs, we may try to make some additional space around the edges in the near future. St. Bernard's has had many problems with its sound system prompting many to complain that they can't hear well. Something needs to be done to remedy this limitation.

While churches were exempt from the requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" of 1990, most dioceses have recognized the value of the law and try to include its spirit in all of their building and renovation programs. As we strive to make our parish communities more welcoming, let's try to "walk in the shoes" of the stranger, or even imagine ourselves in a wheelchair at our church.

Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA
Pastor

Mass Intentions For the Week
February 15 ~ February 23

Saturday, February 15
4:30 PM †Binka Vitkovic

Sunday, Feb 16 Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 AM †Sharon Grill
†Nancy Ludwig
10:00 AM †Frances & Thomas LoPresti
11:30 AM †Frank Mansch

Monday, February 17
9:00 AM †Binka Vitkovic

Tuesday, February 18
9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, February 19
9:00 AM †Deceased Members & Benefactors of the Augustinians

Thursday, February 20
9:00 AM The People of St. Bernard's

Friday, February 21
9:00 AM Melania Sliwa (I)

Saturday, February 22
4:30 PM †Peter Larson

Sunday, Feb 23 Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 AM †Kathleen Varnagis
†Jason Drish
10:00 AM †Chester Wisniewski
†Larry George
11:30 AM †Tony Musso

Today's Readings

First Reading - God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness. (Sirach 15:15-20)

Psalm - Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119)

Second Reading - God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden. (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Gospel - Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets. (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37])

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Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday	**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday	**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	**Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34 -9:1
Saturday	**Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday	**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

For the sick, especially

Bishop Daniel Conlon, Deacon Chris McCaffrey, Diane Allabastro, Sandy Mikrut, Mary Lou McDonald, Dan Kardar, Mike Urbanik, Marlys Ptak, Susan Strzyz, Richard Panush, Danny & Frank Sapyta, Bill Jacobs, Bill & Jodi Musselman, Patricia Reilly, Nancy Lucas, Irene & Darrold Stenson, Ed Glorioso, Michael Reid, Arlene Stengl, Iolene Holland, Mandy Semenik, Al Wanninger, Judy Riley, Maryann & Hank Owen, Jonathan Cannon, Kathleen Reese, Lois King, Jody Fuchy, Sandra Pope, Winifred Kasper, Louise Karkula, Karen Horting, Dorothy Johnson, Evelyn Lopezalles, Ray & Barb Nino, Mike Nino, Megan Guinea, Jeremiah & Teresa McMahon, and Rich Waliczek, Jr.

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Ash Wednesday Volunteers

Ash Wednesday is February 26th. To help our parish participate in the beginning of Lent in a very meaningful way, we will need the help of our various ministries to sign up at the Holy Family Table to assist us. So please help us as Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers/ Distributors of Ashes, Lectors & Altar Servers.

Rite of Palm Burning Monday February 17

Please join us for the Rite of Burning Last Year Palm Branches for Ashes at Our Mother of Good Counsel on **Monday, February 17 at 7 pm**. During the evening liturgy, we will hear prayers, scripture, sing psalms/hymns, and process to burn last year palm branches in order to make ash for Ash Wednesday. Come and literally have a hand (by adding palm branches to the fire) in making ashes for Ash Wednesday.

ILLINOIS CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CONSCIENCE AT THE DOOR!

DR. ROBERT LAWLER TO SPEAK AT OUR LADY OF THE WOODS IN ORLAND PARK, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 7PM.

Dr. Robert C. Lawler, outspoken advocate for the unborn, well known lecturer, speaker, radio contributor, will address the many challenges facing Catholic/Christian physicians and health care workers with the radical new Illinois legislation. He will also discuss the many broader issues of being pro-life in today's world and living in accord with Pope Saint Paul VI's great encyclical Humanae Vitae.

Dr. Lawler maintains a very active Ob/Gyn practice in Downers Grove, IL. He is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is an active member of the American Association of Prolife Obstetrician and Gynecologists (AAPLOG). He is a member of the Catholic Medical Association and the Catholic Physicians Guild and the Knights of Malta. He is a regular contributor to Relevant Radio and is an avid lecturer and speaker. Dr. Lawler will speak as part of the Knowledge and Prayer Series on Thursday, February 20th, 7 pm at OUR LADY OF THE WOODS, 10731 W. 131ST. ST. ORLAND PARK.

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This Week at St. Bernard's

(*See Article)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Parish Offices Closed
7:00pm Grief Support

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
4:30pm Charitable Action Ministry
7:30pm R.E. Parent Eucharist Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
11:30am Happy Hours
7:00pm Confirmation Theology of the Body

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
4:30pm Children's Choir
7:00pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
1:00pm Grief Support

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:00pm Baptisms

St. Coletta's of Illinois

Supply Drive

March 7th-8th
Sponsored By St. Bernard's Men's Club

St. Coletta's of Illinois serves adults and children with developmental disabilities by providing residential care, education, medical care, religious and pastoral care, and vocational services.The services are offered without regard to race, religion, or economic background.

HOUSEHOLD AND HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED

Paper Towels	Shampoo/Conditioner
Toilet Paper	Toothbrushes
Lotion	Toothpaste
Shaving Cream	Mouthwash
Disposable Razors	Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent	Bars of Soap
Dryer Sheets	Hair brushes/combs
Bleach/Oxiclean	Disinfectant
Ziplock/Storage bags	Dish Soap
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Multi-surface cleaner
Window Cleaner	Towels of all sizes

For more information about volunteering, donating, or to schedule a tour please visit www.stcil.org or call (708)342-5200.
Thank you!

ST. BERNARD'S MEN'S CLUB
4TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH, 2020 4:30PM – 7:00PM

PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY MARCH 1, 2020

Adults $12 – Dinner includes Fish, Mac & Cheese, Baked Potato, Salad, Dinner Roll

Children $5 – Dinner includes Mac & Cheese, Dessert, Drink

Coffee, Water, Juice will be provided

50/50 Raffle

Additional questions please call or text John Callaghan at 708-243-7641 or Ron Pachuta at 708-528-3600

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of February 22nd and February 23rd (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, February 22 4:30pm	Sunday, February 23 8:30am	Sunday, February 23 10:00am	Sunday, February 23 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA	Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA	Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, OSA	Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, OSA
Proclaimers	Mary Gow Jim Gow	Ralph Barzditis Randy Albert	Jurate Harris Doug Harris	Judy Timmel Sharon Garbacz
Eucharistic Ministers	Nora Waliczek Bob Payne Eileen Roe Dorothy Pachuta Jennifer Prince Mary Beth Hipke Jeanie Pecor	Marie Cozzie Patti Smejkal Lois Durling Pat Bass Dean Bass *Need a Volunteer* Betty Drzal	Jill Myers Rich Myers Rose George Mary Jo O'Connor Katie Brock Cathy Brock Rick Brock	Marilyn Panush Jean Lang Jackie Maida Michael DeFilippis
Altar Servers	Max Siergiej Lorelei Siergiej		Cade Heusing	Leann Passolano Paul Passolano

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) that you received in the February 1 and 2nd bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours.

To get a better picture of how the CMAA helps, view the video from the Diocese on our website: stbernardhg.org/CMMA

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is $57,600.00, with 70 percent of the amount we raise **over** this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment in the week ahead.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Re-igniting Catholicism

"The Rich History of Catholic Social Teaching"
Fr. Anthony Pizzo, OSA

Fr. Anthony Pizzo, OSA is Provincial of the Midwest Province of Augustinians. During his time as pastor of St. Rita, his parish received notoriety from the Archdiocese of Chicago for their social outreach ministries. He will enthusiastically share the history and traditions of Catholic Social Teaching.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
7:00pm
Providence Catholic High School Commons
1800 Lincoln Highway
New Lenox, IL 60451

Registration is available on line at:
http://stjudes.org/reigniting-catholicism

Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

Budgeted Weekly Amount	$11,977.55
Collection for February 9	$8,723.11
Online Giving Week of February 3	$3,158.00
Total for February 9	$11,881.11
Budgeted Weekly YTD	$373,463.60
Total Actual Year to Date	$364,544.34

We Give Thanks to the Lord for your Generosity!

Joliet Sites to Host Live Productions on First African American Priest

Joliet, Ill. – The Anti-Racism Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate is sponsoring two live productions of *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, the live theatrical one-man drama performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, as part of Black History Month. One production will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the University of St. Francis in Sexton Auditorium (main USF campus located at 500 Wilcox Street in Joliet), and a second production will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park and Theatre, which is located at 201 West Jefferson Street in Joliet.

Tickets to the event are free but must be acquired in advance at either eventbrite.com or Tolton-Joliet@gmail.com.

Tolton: From Slave to Priest is a powerful new live production based on the life of Rev. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Tolton's canonization cause, is calling *Tolton* a production that will "inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America."

The production runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for middle school ages and up.

To characterize Tolton's life as remarkable is an understatement. He was born a slave on a Missouri farm in 1854, and his mother risked everything to reach freedom in Illinois with her three small children. After settling in the town of Quincy, Ill., the family continued to experience hardships and prejudice. In spite of this, he persevered in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. When every seminary in the United States rejected him, Tolton did not give up, and he was finally ordained in Rome. Upon his return to Illinois, Tolton worked tirelessly to serve people of all races, especially the former slaves who flocked to Chicago.

Tolton saw the Catholic Church as the antidote to the discrimination and rejection that he experienced in his own life. "It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors," he said. "We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away."

At the young age of 43, Tolton died after collapsing from heat exhaustion in Chicago. Now his cause for sainthood is moving forward, as more and more people are beginning to recognize the humble perseverance, courage, and compassion of this extraordinary man.

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Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, OSA; Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA;
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.....9:00 AM
(Communion service on Tuesday)

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Our Mother of Good Counsel
16032 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL
Weekdays Monday - Friday.....8:00 AM
Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:30,10:30 AM

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
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