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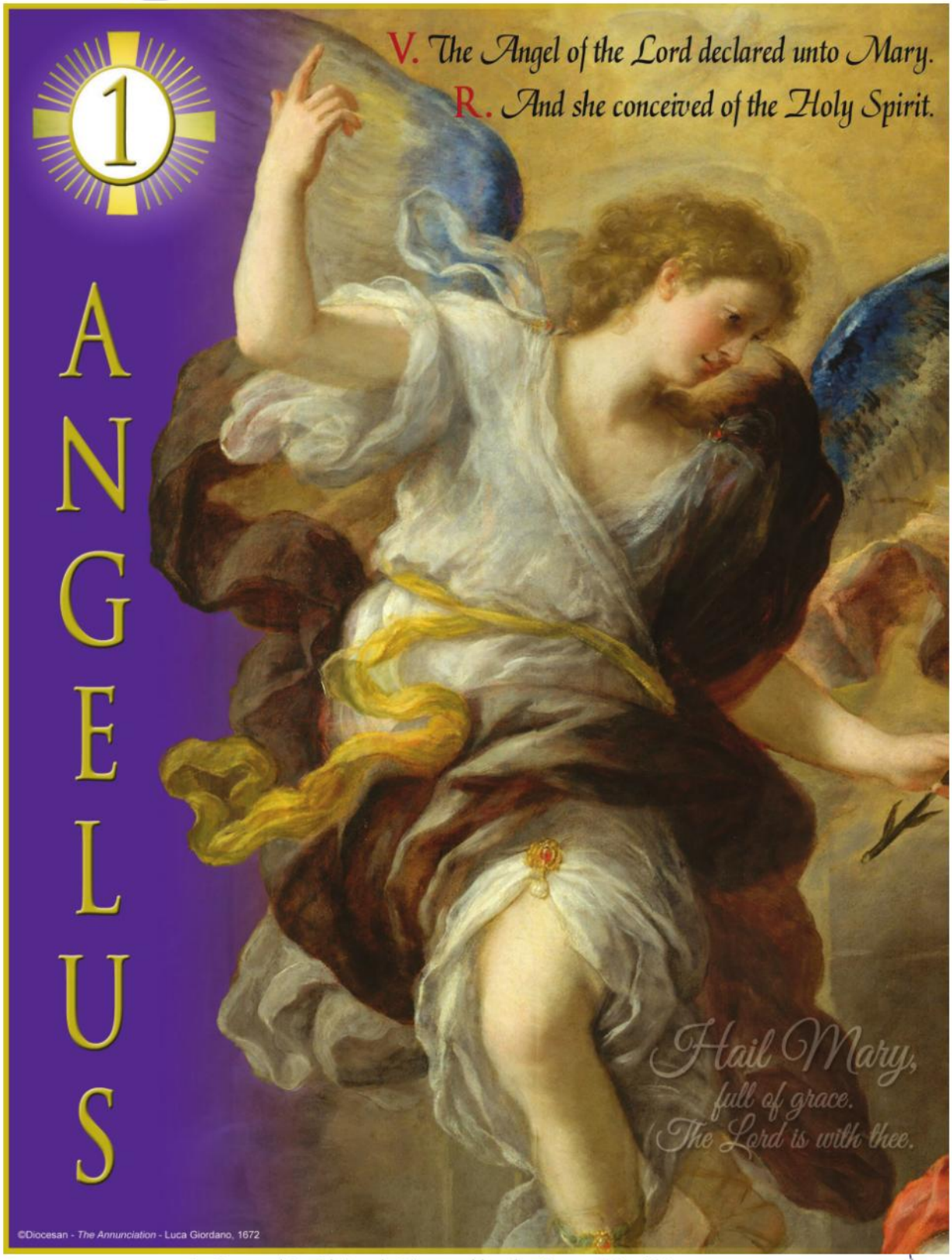

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Readings for the Week of November 27, 2022

Sunday	**First Sunday of Advent** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	**Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday	**Bl. Frederick of Regensburg** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	**Second Sunday of Advent** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Ladies of St. Bernard

White Elephant
Christmas Party

Monday, December 5, 2022

Doors will open at 6:00pm, with dinner at 6:30pm. Any desserts will be gladly accepted to complete the dessert table.

Sign up in the foyer. You may also text Deacon Kevin or email deaconkib@comcast.net.

Cost will be $10.00 — payable at the door!!

be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

Gallery of Life Photos

As we prepare for Advent we are dismantling the *Gallery of Life*. You may now take home your pictures of your loved ones this weekend. Remaining photos will be respectfully displayed for pick-up on a table in the foyer.

Mass Intentions For the Week November 26 ~ December 4

Saturday, November 26
4:00 PM †John Serevino
†Olivia Porter

Sunday, November 27
8:30 AM †Bob & Hilda Ryan
10:30 AM †Kathleen Varnagis
†William Musselman

Monday, November 28
9:00 AM The People of St. Bernard's

Tuesday, November 29
9:00 AM †Pat Osborne
†Tim Dall

Wednesday, November 30
9:00 AM †Bob & Hilda Ryan

Thursday, December 1
9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 2
9:00 AM †Sacred Heart Memorial

Saturday, December 3
4:00 PM †Florence Scholtes
†Chris Finnegan

Sunday, December 4
8:30 AM †Danny Wojciechowski
†Pierina Brescia
10:30 AM †Emil George
†John Bandera

Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

Deacon Chris McCaffrey, Connor Jennings, Rick Fraser, Elsie Kalis, Olga Guerra, Charles Ford, Larry Pietrzak, Jr., Francesca Damico, Michael Kocka, Jon Cannon, Ana Skubisz , Kathy Birch, Joe Gawel, Jackie Trock, Cherie Findlay, Artie Coon, Jean Lang, Noreen Lionhood, Andy Scrip, Sandy Mikrut, Baby Antonio, Tristan Magyar, Frank Shubert, Layla Summers, Mary King, Lisa Rudolph, Dorothy McCarthy, Rick Brock, Grace Gonsch, Guinevere Boyer, Dan Kardar, Conrad Reedy, Debbie Doyle, Richard Panush, Mary Lou McDonald, Patricia Reilly, Nancy Lucas, Danny Sapyta, Kevin Maltese, Marlys Ptak, Charles Giblin, Ed Glorioso, Jody Fuchy, Maryann & Hank Owen, Louise Karkula, Karen Horting, Evelyn Lopezalles, Ray & Barb Nino, Teresa McMahon, and Sue Svatos

Please join the St. Bernard Music Ministry Program for our First CHRISTMAS CONCERT since 2018!

"Christmas Around the World"

Featuring
The St. Bernard Adult Choir & Instrumentalists
The St. Bernard Kids' Choir
The St. Bernard Handchime Ensemble

Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm
AND
Sunday, December 4th at 3pm

A free will offering will be collected!

Christmas Flowers & Decorations

You are invited to contribute to the church's Christmas flowers, greenery, and decorations through a memorial gift. The designated envelope in your church envelope packet for December has the special line designation "In Memory Of" on the back. Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flowers may be found at the church entrances. For each deceased person (or couple) you would like remembered, we suggest an offering of $5 or more. Just drop the envelope into the collection basket anytime during Advent. The names of all those memorialized will be listed in the bulletin the weekend after Christmas. The deadline to submit a name(s) for the bulletin is December 23, 2022.

Advent Wreath Candles

There is a limited supply of replacement candles for the Advent wreaths we offered in the last couple of years. If you need a replacement set, please check the table in the foyer.

Little Blue Book

The Little Blue Book is an Advent Reflection booklet. They are available in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend.

Once they are gone, they are gone!

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers

The Christmas Wafer (Oplatki) commemorates a custom many centuries old. It is a tradition among Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian families, which has been adopted by many other ethnic groups.

We have a limited amount remaining of the Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) available in the foyer. Suggested donation is $5.00 per package.

"May the blessing of almighty God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit come down upon all who partake of this wafer. May he grant us peace in our lives, length of our days and joy in all we do. Amen."

Bernard's Bucks Totals

Thanks again to all who participated in this year's raffle, Bernard's Bucks. We sold a total of 673 tickets, the second most ever in the history of our raffle.

The final net profit was $34,386.85 which will be added to our Building to Grow, Growing to Serve campaign fund.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our parishioners that donated and helped fill two vans with donations to St. Coletta's Supply Drive.

Your generosity will help keep St. Coletta's Mission and Vision alive!

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of December 3rd and December 4th (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, December 3 4:00pm	Sunday, December 4 8:30am	Sunday, December 4 10:30am
Presider	Fr. John Merkelis, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA
Proclaimers	Thomas Cantwell Barbara Bevan	Bro. David Relstab Teri Gruca	Ruth Kolpacki Becky Straub
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Payne Therese Gasienica Eileen Roe	Betty Drzal Mary Ponschke Teri Gruca	Jackie Maida Greg Grill Mary Jo O'Connor

Sharing Tree 2022

St. Bernard will again participate in the beautiful tradition of our "Sharing Tree" during this holiday season. As we have in the past, we will be helping:

* **Guardian Angel Community Services** which assists victims of domestic violence.
* **Catholic Charities** of the Diocese of Joliet whose Daybreak Center helps homeless individual and families.
* **Local families** in-need in our local school districts 33-C and 92.

There are two options to help.

- You can help Guardian Angel and the school families by purchasing **a gift card** from the suggested list below or by making a **monetary donation**.* These donations can be placed in the decorated Christmas box in the church foyer or they can be dropped in the DROP BOX at the parish office on Parker Rd. This collection will take place November 19/20, November 26/27 and December 3/4.

Big Box Stores (Target, Walmart, Meijer, etc.)
Fast food restaurants (for an occasional treat)
Pharmacies Gas Stations Grocery Stores Uber Amazon

- The second option is to order specific items from the **Amazon Wish Lists** for:
  Guardian Angel Community Services: https://a.co/bZm5l3S
  Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet Daybreak Center: https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lists/36-2170817?ref_=smi_cl_bc_lol105_lol

These organizations will use the gift cards and monetary donations to purchase items needed by the people they serve.

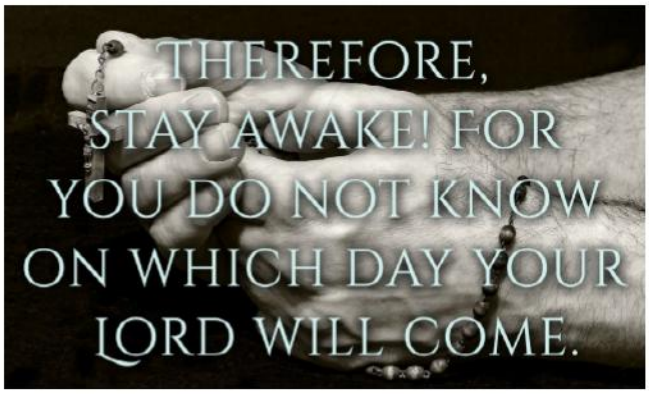
We are pleased and proud to have such a caring, generous, and giving parish that has allowed us to continue this tradition for the past 32 years.

*Catholic Charities has asked that donations be limited this year to choices from their Amazon Wish List. So, no gift card for them and no monetary Christmas donation this year. Thank you for respecting their wishes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next weekend, December 3 & 4, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be at ALL of the Masses!

All children between the ages of four to ten are invited to participate.



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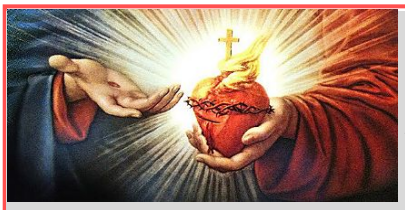

Sacred Heart First Friday Memorial List:

September 2022 - August 2023

This Friday is First Friday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for prayer and adoration at the end of morning Mass. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction at 10:00am. All are encouraged to spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be offered every First Friday for the following deceased who have been enrolled this year in the **Sacred Heart First Friday Memorial**.

Aderman Family
Aquino Family
Edward & Lillian Bochenek
Edward Brousch
Theresa Ann Burns
William Clarke
Tim Dall
Bridget Daly
Maureen Deasy
Francisco DeLucas
William T. Doody
Ernst Family
George Ferrell
Findlay Family
Finnegan Family
Henry & Sadie Fleming
Bob & Marge Fraser
Godofredo & Procesa Gentallan
Larry & Lesa Anne George
Charles Gill
Frank L. Glorioso, Sr.
Glowaty Family
Carole Gow
Betty Hennenfent
John M. Heron
John & Lill Hofferica
Inboden Family
Jablonski Family
Jacobs Family
Betty Jensen
Henry Kall
Kelly Family
Knop Family
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Koziol Family
Thomas & Phyllis Lahey
Lawrence Family
Mike & Virginia Madden
Jean Mahon
Velma Marberry
Adrian Marquez
Cesario Marquez
McCormick Family
Mikrut Family
John & Marlene Moravec
Marcel Muratet
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Osborne Family
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Robert John Payne, Sr.
Petruzzelli Family
Packey Pfau
John Piccione, Sr.
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Stella Piwowar
Ponschke Family
Procida Family
Jane Radostits
Natividad Ramas
Reading Family
Rogalski Family
Stan & Dolores Rogers
Ruedel Family
Bob & Hilda Ryan
Mary Ellen Ryan
Sue Ryan
Lorraine Sabick
Tony Sabick
Santucci Family
Heinz & Georgine Schmezer
Felix & Nancy Serafini
Serevino Family
Lois Skowronski
Sliwa Family
Smyth Family
Jack & Liz Stapleton
Ted & Estelle Stec
Rocio Vowell
Witek Family
Debra Vallone
Cecilia & Joseph Vidmar
Frank & Virginia Zmuda

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Pledge Report as of November 20, 2022

PARISH GOAL: $55,800.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $ 61,559.00
AMOUNT PAID: $ 59,638.00
REMAINING BALANCE: $ 1,921.00
REBATE AMOUNT: $2,686.00

Remember: 70% of monies collected **over** our goal will be returned to our parish and deposited into the Parish Improvement Fund.

Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount……..$ 10,196.00

Collection for November 20……$ 5,522.25
Online Giving for week of Nov. 14……$ 4,463.79
Total for November 20……..$ 9,986.04

Budgeted Weekly YTD……..…..$ 214,116.00
Total Actual Year to Date……..$ 229,820.70

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Forgot your envelope? Want to sign up to make recurring online donations? Scan the QR code to the left to make all your online donations to St. Bernard.
Thank you for your generosity!

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

Saturday Evening Mass .....4:00 PM
Sunday Mass..... 8:30 and 10:30 AM
Holy Day Mass .....As announced in bulletin
Weekday Mass .....9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Communion Service……..……..9:00 AM Thursday

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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
Every Saturday at 3:00pm 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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