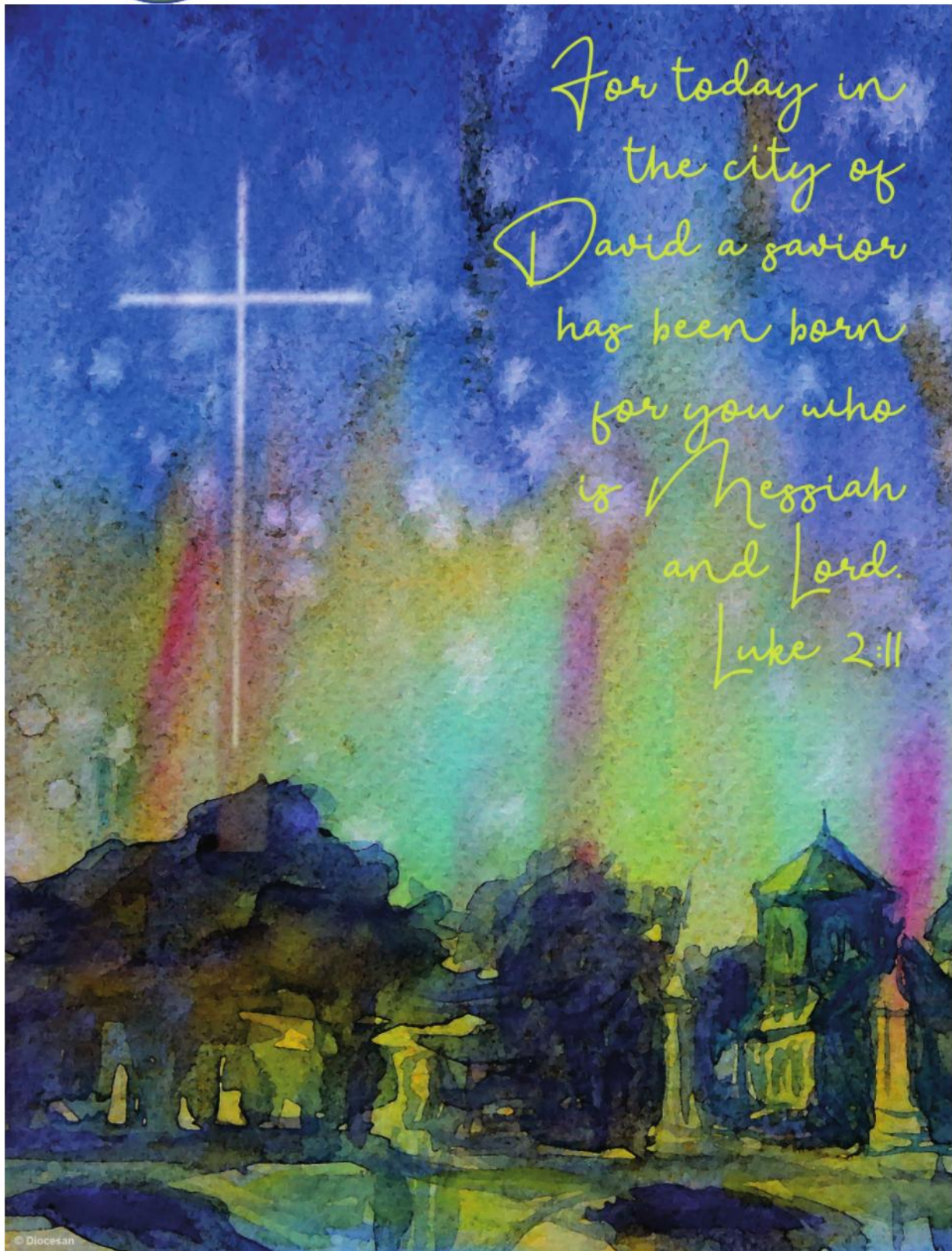




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Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year from the staff of St. Bernard's -



Julie



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Mary



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Fr. Joe



Deacon Kevin



Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

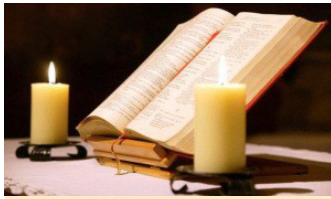
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A Kiss from Baby Jesus

During the Christmas season, be sure to visit the church Nativity scene near the main entrance of the church. Say a prayer there. Then, especially for the children, after saying a prayer, get a kiss from Baby Jesus, i.e., a Hershey candy kiss.





Readings for the Week of December 25, 2022

Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
Wednesday	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Pray For Our Deceased Relatives and Friends

††††

"For those who have died, life has changed, not ended."

For the deceased, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.



Della LoPresti
(wife of Chuck)



Mass Intentions For the Week December 24 ~ January 1

Saturday, December 24

3:00 PM	†Ed Manikowski
	†Anthony Cecich
5:00 PM	†Barraco & George Families
10:00 PM	†Ted Muszanski
	†Yvonne Vazzana

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM	†Kathleen Varnagis
	†Stella Mary Niemiec
11:00 AM	†Vito Barraco
	†Jodi Musselman

Monday, December 26

9:00 AM	No Daily Mass
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Tuesday, December 27

9:00 AM	†Deceased Augustinians
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Wednesday, December 28

9:00 AM	†Robert F. Bak
	Amy Komar (L)

Thursday, December 29

9:00 AM	Communion Service
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Friday, December 30

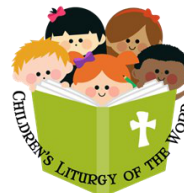
9:00 AM	The People of St. Bernard's
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Saturday, December 31

4:00 PM	†Marge Fraser
	Margie Moye (L)

Sunday, January 1

8:30 AM	†Marge Fraser
	†Dolores Aderman
10:30 AM	†Tony Musso
	†Stella Piwowar



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next weekend, December 31 & January 1, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Closed Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27.
Closed Friday, December 30.
Closed Monday, January 2.

Liturgical Ministers for December 31st and January 1st (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, December 31 4:00pm	Saturday, January 1 8:30am	Saturday, January 1 10:30am
Presider	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA	Fr. Joe McCormick, OSA
Proclaimers	Barbara Bevan Thomas Cantwell	Teri Gruca Kurt Mikuta	Wayne Felgenhauer Corinne Cirillo
Eucharistic Ministers	Garret Walter Pete Blackburn Eileen Roe	Betty Drzal Lori Paruszkiewicz Jim Paruszkiewicz	Shawn Felgenhauer Greg Grill Rose George



Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Each year, the Knights hold a poster coloring contest titled

'Keeping Christ in Christmas'.

Congratulations to the following St. Bernard Religious Education students: Brady McKellar, 1st Grade, who won 1st place; Cecily McNamara, 2nd Grade who won 1st place; Viviana Kalita, 2nd Grade who won 2nd place; Julia Farley, 4th Grade, who won 1st place and Jacob Kwiatkowski, 4th Grade, who won 2nd place.

Thank you to all of our students who participated and to the Knights of Columbus who donate generously to many charitable organizations.

Council 15022 of the Knights of Columbus is based out of Our Mother of Good Council Parish located in Homer Glen.

Parish Finances

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

Budgeted Weekly Amount.....	\$ 10,196.00
Collection for December 18.....	\$ 8,239.40
Online Giving for week of Dec. 12.....	\$ 2,425.21
Total for December 18.....	\$ 10,664.61
Retired Religious.....	
Budgeted Weekly YTD.....	\$ 254,900.00
Total Actual Year to Date.....	\$ 272,834.14

We Give Thanks to the Lord for Your Generosity!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Special Schedule of Christmas Masses:

Sat., December 24

3pm Adult Choir with Instrumentalists
(Carols at 2:30pm)

5pm Children's Choir
Children's Nativity Pageant at the Gospel
(Carols at 4:45pm)

10pm Hand Chime Ensemble
(Carols at 9:30pm)

Sun., December 25

9am Cantors

11am Adult Choir with Instrumentalists
(Carols at 10:45am)

For your information and planning, **the first Mass** on Christmas Eve in every parish is always **the most crowded**, usually with many left standing. So please plan on coming early if you wish to sit.

Schedule of Solemnity of Mary (New Year's) Masses:

Sat., Dec. 31, **4pm**

Sun., Jan. 1, **8:30am & 10:30am**

There will not be a daily Mass on Monday, Dec. 26.

The Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, January 8.

The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 9.



ST. BERNARD'S MUSIC MINISTRY

*Sing joyfully to the Lord all you lands
break into song, sing praise. Ps. 98*

The gift of music may be given back to the Lord and shared with our parish community in several ways.

The *Adult Choir* meets for rehearsal on Thursdays and leads the assembly in song at one of the weekend liturgies. They also sing for special liturgies throughout the year. The choir especially needs a few male voices.

The *Children's Choir* meets for rehearsal on Thursdays. A permission slip can be obtained through Religious Ed or Julie Kane. The children's choir is open to singers in grades 1–8.

Seniors Happy Hours

The Seniors meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30am in the church foyer. Deacon Kevin Ryan has all the information you want about this fun loving group!

Knights of Columbus

The Crusaders Council can always use a few good men. Please see Deacon Kevin Ryan for information on meeting dates, times, place, etc. or call the Parish Office and Bill Jacobs will return your call.

Gardening Ministry

Did you notice the beautiful plants/flowers this past growing season outside St. Bernards? The Gardening Ministry had many Gardening Angels who tirelessly maintained the gardens from Spring to Fall. A big thank you to everyone who worked in all kinds of weather.

The first informational meeting of the season will be the end of March. Watch the bulletin for the exact day.

Moms of St. Bernard Facebook Group

St. Bernard's has created a private Facebook group for the moms of our St. Bernard's community. This is a place to support and encourage fellow moms, share information on local resources and events, and a little Catholic humor and education.

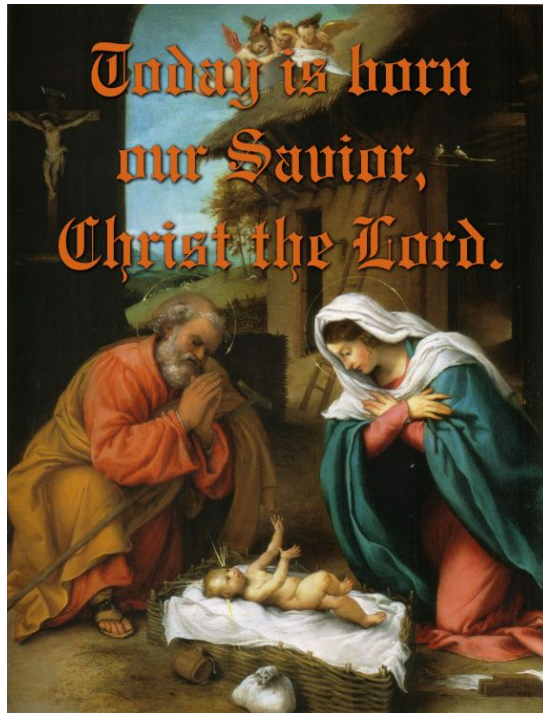
We are planning some in person meetings starting in the fall. Moms of children of ALL ages are welcome! Find us on Facebook under **Moms of St. Bernard** and request to join today!

Hospitality

St. Bernard's Hospitality Ministry hosts one weekend a month after each Mass. Do you like to socialize? Are you handy in the kitchen? Men & Ladies are always needed and welcomed! Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Men's Club

The Men's Club Ministry of St. Bernard's meets the first Tuesday of the month at Church at 7:00pm. They organize the Pumpkin Carving; Cookies with Santa; Fishing Derby; Chili Tasting; and donate to as many of the parish ministries as possible throughout the year. Consider joining them!



Charitable Action Ministry

The Charitable Action Ministry formed to help people who need assistance in our parish, our community, or wherever a need may arise. They make these needs known, and then provide direct services in the form of charitable works.

This ministry meets once a month. Please call the Parish Office for the next meeting date.

Religious Education

Religious Education at St. Bernard's begins in first grade and continues through eighth grade. Registration begins in March for the following school year.

We always welcome catechists and aides, especially ones that can sub. Call the R.E. office at 708-301-3020 ext.18 for more information.

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Communion Service 9:00 AM Thursday



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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

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;
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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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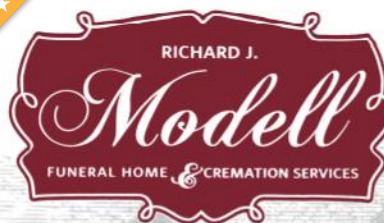
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