

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

December 17, 2023

Belfast ~ Camden ~ Rockland ~ Islesboro ~ North Haven  
~ Vinalhaven ~ St. Dismas Catholic Community (Maine State Prison)



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was  
sent from God. He came  
for testimony, to testify to  
the light, so that all might  
believe through him.

- Jn 1:6-7

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

(For weekend live stream schedule see p.2)

### SATURDAY

4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

4:00pm St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

6:00pm St. Bernard, Rockland

### SUNDAY

8:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

8:30am St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

11:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Half hour before weekend Masses  
or by appointment, call 236-4785.

Plus, priests are available during  
scheduled Adoration times on Monday,  
Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

## Adoration & Mass During the Week

MONDAY **LIVE STREAM** from

Our Lady of Good Hope:

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

TUESDAY:

8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

*See Christmas  
Schedule  
inside!*

WEDNESDAY

—8:00am Mass at Our Lady  
of Good Hope, Camden

—At St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast,  
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

THURSDAY **LIVE STREAM** from St. Bernard

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

FRIDAY **LIVE STREAM** Mass 8am from St. Francis

**Dominus vobiscum**

*Church Doors are open in all three churches Monday-Friday from 12pm-3pm.*

## The Light is ON for You.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU; WEEK OF DEC. 18TH

Come prepare for the coming of Our Lord into your heart this Advent in parish Penitential Services: Each evening there will be music, a gospel reading, homily, time for examination of conscience and four priests to hear confessions:

**Monday, Dec. 18th, Wednesday, 6:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden**

**Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast**

**Thursday, Dec. 21st, 6:00pm at St. Bernard in Rockland**

The Penitential Services will replace the normal Adoration and Mass on these evenings at our Churches.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

#### Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Monday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Joseph

#### St. Bernard Church, Rockland

\*Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Anthonasius

Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:00am ~ Fr. Divine

Monday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Divine

#### St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Joseph

Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Anthonasius

**\*NEW TIME**

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Joseph

#### St. Bernard Church, Rockland

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 6:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - 8:00am ~ Fr. Divine

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Divine

#### St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Joseph

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Anthonasius

### QUIET BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass.

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)  
**LS** indicates Live Stream

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for the Proulx Family by the Clarks
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius <b>LS</b>	For an end to hatred, war, violence and discrimination in our world by the parish
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Roger Brochu by Craig Demuth

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Pro Populo
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Phil Murphy by Tim Murphy
11:00am	OLGH	Fr. Divine <b>LS</b>	Sloane Turner by Chris Mazza
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	End to Eucharistic Abuses by Bill Donaghy

<b>Monday December 18</b>	OLGH 6:00pm	Fr. Anthonasius <b>LS</b>	<i>Penitential Service; Light is on For you</i>
<b>Tuesday December 19</b>	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthonasius <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b>	Ricky Juco by Paulette & Russell Spera
<b>Wednesday December 20</b>	OLGH 8:00am St. Francis 6:00pm	Fr. Anthonasius <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b> Fr. Divine	Ema Light Grover by Amanda Krenke <i>Penitential Service; Light is on For you</i>
<b>Thursday December 21</b>	St. Bernard 6:00pm	Fr. Divine <b>LS</b>	<i>Penitential Service; Light is on For you</i>
<b>Friday December 22</b>	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Divine <b>LS</b> <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b>	Sr. Mary Peter Fourier Conway, SSND by the family

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for John Lisa by the Clarks
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine <b>LS</b>	David Deptula by Claire & Bill Deptula
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Mytsi Leach by Takoda Peasley

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Fr. Paul Pare by Elaine Witt
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius <b>LS</b>	Antoinette Dorothea Maria Brennkemeyer by the Brownawell family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Tristin Maniscalco by Donna Maria Martella

Sunday, December 24, 2023—Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph <b>LS</b>	Living Intention for Jackie Schelicher by the Clarks
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Elisabeth P. Wilson by Jean and Steve Moro
<b>Time change! 4:00pm</b>	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Andrue Leach by Takoda Peasley

Monday, December 25, 2023—The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Pro Populo
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph	Living Intention for Ashley Beaulieu by the Clarks
11:00am	OLGH	Fr. Divine	Mary Ellen Sabo by Paulette & Russell Spera
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius <b>LS</b>	John VanSorosin 10th Anniv by Charles & James Spence, & Jeanne Hunter



### FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

#### Faith Formation Classes:

- Sundays at St. Bernard, Rockland, after the 8:00am Mass
- Sundays at St. Francis, Belfast, after the 8:30am Mass

#### Family Fellowship at St. Bernard:

Join us for faith and fun on Tuesday mornings. Mass at 8am then gather in the Sacred Heart Center. We will have a faith lesson for all ages, arts and crafts, board games, and snacks. Contact Rachel Vallance at 207-458-8675 or [rachel.vallance@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:rachel.vallance@portlanddiocese.org)

*Families with any questions about Faith Formation and children's Sacramental preparation can reach Parish Catechetical Leader, Jennifer Parker, at 207-408-8591 or by email at [jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org).*

#### JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETINGS

Junior high and high school youth are welcome to both of the following groups led by Fr. Anthanasius and Fr. Divine.

**Sun. evenings, Rediscover Jesus, led by Fr. Anthanasius @ St. Bernard, 4:00pm, next meeting TBA**

**Starting Wed. Dec. 6th: Youth Meetings, led by Fr. Divine @ St. Francis of Assisi after the 6:30pm Mass.**

### BRAZIL MISSION GIVING TREE AT ST. BERNARD

This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a giving tree. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelope may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship is \$75 per year while sponsoring a seminarian/sister is \$250. Smaller donations will be pooled so that additional children, seminarians, and sisters can be sponsored. Thank you for your support and generosity.



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AT OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE



The Social Justice and Peace Ministry has set up the Giving Tree for Our Lady of Good Hope. The tree has a number of tags on it with a brief description of a child for whom you can buy a Christmas gift (age, boy or girl, size, type of gift). We ask that gifts not exceed the cost of \$25.

Please attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift so it will reach the intended recipient since all tags are coded. All gifts must be returned by no later than Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the parish office, 236-4785.

### RCIA CLASSES BEGINNING

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith, the parish will be beginning first and third Tuesday evening gatherings to explore the Catholic faith at Our Lady of Good Hope. Stay tuned for more details. Beginning Tuesday, in December. With any questions, please call Penny Wolfe, Parish Life Coordinator, at 236-4785.



### ADVENT GIVING TREE: ST. FRANCIS MISSION FUND

The 2023 St. Francis Giving Tree is ready for Advent and for your donations for the St. Francis Mission Fund! The Mission Fund helps with the local people in our parish area through winter emergencies such as fuel assistance and other causes.



You can give in two ways. The tree will be in the church hall if you wish to donate in person. You may also take an envelope by the table near the tree and return it in the collection throughout Advent. No amount is too small. The need is great in Waldo County and will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting new food items for the months of November and December. They will be stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

### OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FELLOWSHIP

There will be a change this month in our Sunday Fellowship. Coffee and Donuts will be served after Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Please join us in this Christmas Fellowship! Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, donuts, coffee cake, Christmas cookies and candy canes! If you would like to bring a Christmas specialty to share please do. Join us for a Christmas Fellowship December 17th in the church hall after the 11am Mass.

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS: TO OFFER CHRISTMAS BREAK DAY OF PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

The Diocese of Portland's Office of Vocations invites men discerning a possible call to the priesthood to come together for a Christmas Break Day of Prayer & Discernment. The day is an opportunity for discerners to pray together, get to know each other, meet diocesan priests, and spend time with the Lord.

This annual Christmas season event will be held on **December 30, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. John Church and St. John's Community Center, 39-43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick.** It is intended for men who are over 18 years of age.

If you think this event is for you and are interested in attending, please email the Office of Vocations at [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org) by December 27.

There is no cost to attend.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis is being lit this week for:

**Michael Butler**  
by Phyllis Greathouse



***St. Nicholas, pray for us.***

## Parish Ministries

### BELFAST KNIGHTS

**The William S. Brannagan**

**Council 3942** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis in Belfast in the church hall. New members are welcome, if interested Grand Knight Gary Boynton can be reached at [kofccouncil3942@gmail.com](mailto:kofccouncil3942@gmail.com) or <https://www.kofc3942.org/>



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### KOFC 4TH DEGREE

The 4th Degree Knights meet the second Monday of the month at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden at 7:00pm. To find out more, contact Gregg Turley at 702-408-5996.



### ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

**The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136**

meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. The Grand Knight for 2022-2023 is Kevin Bailey. You can contact Kevin by cell: 978-404-1594 or by email at: [info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net](mailto:info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net). Website: <https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>



The KofC delicious breakfast in Rockland typically takes place on the last Sunday after the 8:00am Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts, thank you!

### KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.



#### In Rockland:

Liam Yung at 207-450-3915, Rich Norman at 691-6400

#### In Belfast:

Brian Beaulieu at 207-542-8967 or [bbeaulieu@allenfg.com](mailto:bbeaulieu@allenfg.com)

Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or [painterjo56@gmail.com](mailto:painterjo56@gmail.com)

### THAT MAN IS YOU

*That Man Is You* meets **Saturdays at 8:30am in the Our Lady of Good Hope Upper Room. For more information please contact Joe Cammelieri at [jccam@tidewater.net](mailto:jccam@tidewater.net).** That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

*Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture.* **Tuesdays , 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope in the designated WWP room downstairs.** For more info: Janet Heath 207-841-1975 or Carol Brownawell 410-714-4549

### ADDITIONAL WWP MEETING TIME:

Walking With Purpose will be offering an additional meeting time/group which will meet at the Sacred Heart Center starting Jan. 4th. The group will meet every Thursday morning at 9AM and will be covering the same study of the Gospel of John, *Touching the Divine*.

*This weekend is your last chance to buy tickets! Thank you!*

RESPECT  
LIFE



**St. Brendan's Pro-Life Ministry is holding a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!**

Help support this life-giving ministry by entering for the chance to win one of our lovely Christmas gift baskets - a perfect gift for you or a loved one! A selection of themed baskets will be raffled off on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (12/17) during the KofC breakfast at StF. Tickets are on sale at all three churches before & after weekend Masses on 12/9, 12/10, 12/16 (also the morning of 12/17 at StF only) at a cost of \$2 each or \$5 for three. Please see the posters in our churches for more info on basket contents and check out the baskets on display this weekend in each church.

**\*Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the unborn, pray for us!

**\*Please join us in praying a Rosary for Life:**

**OLGH:** The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, starting in December, @ 7:30am, right before the 8am Mass. **St B's:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, starting in December @ 5pm, right before Adoration. **StF:** Saturday 12/16 @ 3:20pm before the 4:00 Mass

### FAITH GROUP AT ST. BERNARD

Come Share your Stories and the Holy Spirit Will Surprise You! This faith-sharing group explores life and faith topics on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am at the Sacred Heart Center Library at St. Bernard in Rockland.

To find out more, leave a message with your contact information for Lucas at 594-9490.



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## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/eucharistic-revival>



### The Real Presence; continued

From *Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith* by Bishop Athanasius Schneider

#### Are the other sacraments in some way ordered to the Eucharist?

Yes. Baptism makes us fit to receive the Eucharist; confirmation strengthens us to approach and defend it; penance and anointing of the sick dispose us to receive it worthily; holy orders furnishes ministers to consecrate it; matrimony stands as a sign of the Eucharistic communion between Christ and His Church.

#### What are the principal errors about the dogma of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist?

Those of: *Berengarius* (+1088), who held that Christ is only figuratively present in the Eucharist; Protestants like *Zwingli* (+1531) or *Calvin* (+1564), who denied the Real Presence entirely, while *Luther* (+1546) held it as only occurring during Holy Communion, and existing together with the substance of bread and wine (consubstantiation).

#### Has God intervened to refute these errors?

Yes, by: 1. Prompting St. Juliana of Mount-Cornillon to establish the feast of Corpus Christi; 2. Raising up St. Thomas Aquinas to admirably expound the Eucharistic dogma; 3. Multiplying Eucharistic miracles; 4. Prompting the infallible teaching of several councils, especially the Council of Trent; 5. Inspiring greater Eucharistic devotion throughout the Church, especially through Eucharistic Congresses and the devotion of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 6. Inspiring Eucharistic saints like St. Peter Julian Eymard (+1867) and the foundation of various religious congregations for the veneration of the Eucharist; 7. Strengthening many martyrs in confession of the Real presence.

#### Is the dogmatic formula of transubstantiation still understandable and relevant?

Yes. The Tridentine formulation of this dogma is suitable for all men of all times, being a "perennially valid teaching of the church" and a divine truth that radically affects every aspect of life on earth: *Jesus is truly with us*.

### Effects of the Eucharist

#### What are the various effects of the Holy Eucharist?

1. Ineffable union with Jesus Christ; 2. Spiritual nourishment of the soul; 3. Intensification of charity and all virtues; 4. Forgiveness of venial sins and greater preservation from mortal sin; 5. Weakening of concupiscence; 6. Pledge of future glory.

#### How does the Eucharist unite us intimately with Jesus Christ?

Although natural food is absorbed by the body, we absorb and are absorbed by this divine food, being made one with Christ: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:56)

#### Can this ineffable union with Christ in Holy communion be outwardly observed?

No. Being a spiritual union, it cannot properly be detected by the senses. However, worthy Communions often produce sentiments of immense peace and joy in the soul.

More from Bishop Schneider next week.

## BUILD YOUR FAITH ON FORMED.ORG

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### This Week's Spotlight:



In six video sessions, *Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* captures

the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

### EASY AND FREE SIGN-UP FOR PARISHIONERS:

Sign up and watch for free on formed.org using our parish sign in!

- Go to formed.org on a web browser.
- Under 'How would you like to sign up?' choose 'Sign up as a parishioner'
- Under 'Create a New Account' in the box, put in the ZIP code of 04843 and choose 'St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME'
- Enter your name and email and click 'sign up' and follow the prompts.

## READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org)



## OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews is reviewing "the basics" of the faith in Chapter 6. What would you say are the basics of our faith?



Lesson: <https://youtu.be/O1dMlfuHZyA>

There is a warning here but also a promise to us to encourage us to keep going.

*"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served. Be imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises."* Hebrews 6:10,12

Remember that we have wonderful examples of people who are inheriting God's promises as they live and work among us. Look for them and learn from them!

**PARISH PRAYER CHAIN:** To request prayers or to pray for others, please contact Kathleen Daley: [daleykathy90@gmail.com](mailto:daleykathy90@gmail.com)





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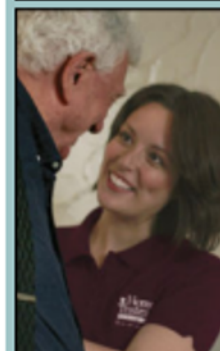
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### OFFICE

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### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

**TO RECEIVE PARISH-WIDE EMAILS,** send an e-mail with your name and church you attend most often to Penny Wolfe at [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org)

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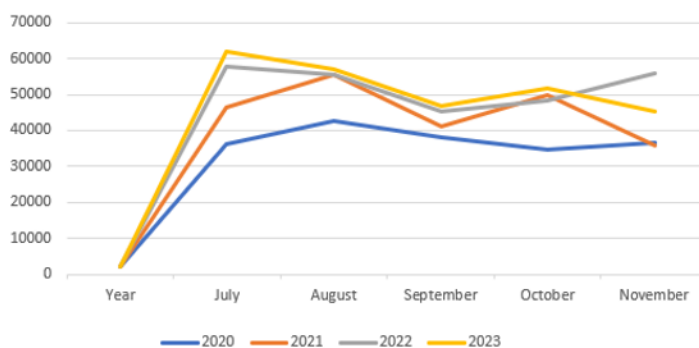
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## COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2020-Nov 2023



### MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual	Actual	Budget	2023/24
Nov	YTD	YTD	Budget
\$45,321	\$263,287	\$226,885	\$533,188

### ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of Nov 27th, we provided the following meals:

M - 60, T - 60, W - 55, T - 55, F - 58

Thank you to the Good Shepard Food Bank for their tremendous support of our soup kitchen.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691 6400

**Soup Kitchen donations week thru 12/03: \$180.00**

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