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Reconciliation

Monday 5:30 pm St. Bernard Tuesday 5:30 pm St. Michael Saturday 3:15 pm St. Michael

Other times available upon request

Baptism

Preparation class for parents required, contact parish office.

Marriage

Six months preparation required, contact parish office.

Sick/Shut-ins

Please call the parish office to request anointing of the sick and for home visits.

New Parishioners

Contact the parish office for registration or pick up a form at the entrance to church and return to the parish office in the collection basket. We would love to have you become an official part of our parish family.

Priestly and Religious Vocations

Contact Vocations Director/Archdiocese of Indianapolis at 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1490.

Combined Parish Staff

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Saturday

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Mass Schedule This Week			
Sunday	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	St. Bernard St. Joseph St. Michael	
Monday	6:00 pm	St. Bernard	
Tuesday	6:00 pm	St. Michael	
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. Bernard	
Thursday	NO MASS		
Friday	9:00 am	St. Michael	

4:00 pm

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St. Michael Mass Schedule and Intentions					
Saturday	Dec	10	4:00 PM	Tri-Parish Members	
Sunday	Dec	11	10:30 AM	Earl Book	
Tuesday	Dec	13	6:00 PM	Donnie Green	
Friday	Dec	16	9:00 AM	Jean Baker	
Saturday	Dec	17	4:00 PM	Linda Smith	
Sunday	Dec	18	10:30 AM	Tri-Parish Members	



In Need of Prayers: Margaret Jacobi, Brendan Vincent, Larry Humes, Lynn Vogt, Kevin Schaper, Carrie Sue Deckard George and Lois Steiner, Jerome Smith, Alan Wise, Patty Habermel, Nelson, Juanita &

Steve Brockman, Marilyn Johnson, Shane Miller, Ann Gottbrath Camden, Bennie Drake, Debbie Watson, Kathleen Kruer, Jonathan Plucinik, Margaret Baylor, Doug Vaught, Barb Rainbolt, Judy Rae Gettelfinger, Anna Kaelin, Wanda Gehm, Julie Payne, Cletus & Priscilla Gettelfinger, Matthew Kruer, Jack Dohoney, Colette Murray, Casey Shaw, Linda Rothrock, Matthew Marino, Gretchen Hammett, Jaxon Nutini, Timothy Plucinik, Ray Kordek, Carol Cox, Doug Fessel, Patricia A. Trent, Roy Kruer, Luna Smith, Ted Lippert, Irma Morales, Cherie Vickers, Paul Magee, Jim Elder, Elizabeth Magee, Rhonda Arnold, All our Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Friends.

Please Pray for Our Military & Their Families: Danny Baker, Tyler Hall, Zachary Shinkle, Sarah Train Gilmer.



St. Michael Food Pantry:

- 812-364-6614 - Thanks to everyone who has donated to our food pantry - This week we are in need of tuna, spaghetti, and

hamburger helper. Thanks for your generosity!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE: December 17 & 18 Saturday: 4:00 PM

EM: Sue Craig, Carol Fulkerson

L: Tina Rouck S: Pam Waller

SV: Katie & Olivia Wise, Ava Fessel

U: Leo Kaelin, Billy & Brian Jacobi

Sunday: 10:30 AM

EM: Jerry & Kim Renneker

L: Patrick Robertson

S: Katy Casper

SV: Keaton, Reagon, & Kami Harkness

ST: TBA

U: Bob Book, Dan Carney, Mark Davidson

Weekly Collection: December 4, 2022Sun. Collection:\$ 12,297.00Needed for Budget:\$ 7,134.65Difference:\$ +5,162.35

December Collections- It's almost the end of the year! The last count day for collections will be on December 27. Please send in your December collections by December 21 if you would like them to go into this year's tax information. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection – If you would like to donate loose cash to this weekend's second collection, please use the yellow envelopes sitting in the pews. We would like to make sure that all loose donations are going to the correct fund. Thank you!

We will be working at Jeffersonville's Community Kitchen on Monday December 19th. For questions, please call Jo Thrasher at 812-364-6147.

St. Bernard

Office Hours: As Needed

Mailing Address: 7600 Highway 337 NW, Depauw IN 47115

Phone: 812-347-2326 Fax: 812-347-2172

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday:	December 11	8:30 am	Fritz Gettelfinger
Monday:	December 12	6:00 pm	John Simon
Wednesday:	December 14	9:00 am	Veronica Battista
Sunday:	December 18	8:30 am	Veronica Battista

<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Servers:</u>	Collection Counters
December 11 – Vicki DuBois	Kye Combs & Lilianna Chavez	Joshua DuBois & Donna Bary
December 18 – Anne Robertson	Nataly Rosario & Hudson Harshey	Anne Robertson & Vicki DuBois
December 24 – Nina McClelland	Karla Rosario & Julio Chavez	Office
December 25 – Vicki DuBois	Colin Griffith & Bryan Rosario	Office
January 1 – Mary Hawkins	Kve & Liliana	Office



Please keep in your prayers:

John T., Rosemary Richardson, Kelsey Collard, Judy Gettelfinger, Yvonne Pearson, Greg Byerley, Susan

Cook, David Robertson, Father John Fink, Beth Otto, Winnie Preflatish Walker, Linda Magill, Sharon Bary, Rhonda Day and Members of Military.

Weekly Collection: December 4, 2022Weekly Collection:\$ 3,410.00Needed for Budget:\$ 2,431.31Difference:\$+ 978.69

Altar Flowers - Please pray for the soul of Ron Magill in whose loving memory this week's altar flowers have been donated.

Eucharistic Adoration will be Monday, December 12th after the 6:00 pm Mass.

We are in the process of seeking donations for a traditional brass tabernacle to replace the modern wooden one we currently use. If you are interested in helping with this project, please place your donation in an envelope labeled "Tabernacle" and place it in the collection basket. If your donation is

made in memory of or in honor of a particular person(s) or group, please note that on your donation. St. Rita Altar Society is coordinating this project and will be designating a portion of their future donated funds to help meet this goal. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Father Aaron or an Altar Society Member.



Cookies and Candy by the Pound Sale – Sunday December 18th will be held in the narthex following Mass. St. Rita's Altar society will be

selling homemade cookies and candy for \$5.00 per pound along with breads, rolls and our famous St. Bernard Homemade Noodles that will be priced by item to raise monies for altar supplies and other charitable needs. Please stop by the Narthex to purchase your holiday party or gift giving needs. If you're pressed for time, but want to give homemade treats for Christmas, we've got what you need! (St. Rita's welcomes all donations of homemade baked goods to sell.)

Fundraising Committee - We are looking to add more people to our Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please send Michelle a message in the office or contact Anne Robertson. There will be a meeting soon to discuss next year's options.

St. Joseph

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Michelle Whittaker – Parish Secretary – <u>SaintBernardCatholicChurch@gmail.com</u>

Father Fred Denison – Attended By

Sunday: December 11, 9:15 am

Mass Intention: Richard Lord, Jr.

Minister Schedule December 11

Lectors: Tom & Laura Zipp

Greeters: Angela Crecelius/Laura Zipp



Please keep in your prayers: Theresa Martin, Tom Zipp, Bernie Beam, Pat Michels, Norma Hurt, Marty Will, Frank and Dee

Hirsch, Roger Michels, Erin Haendiges, Gail Reyling, Imogene Talley, Carol Will, Richard Will, Father Fred, Mike Trusty, Francis Powell, Monty and Mary Garrett, Jane Newton, Frank Neckar, and all those suffering in any way.

Family and Friends of our parish members: Charlie Will; Jacqueline Alexander; David Thomas - Susan Sauer's brother: Joan Jackson - Jane Newton's sister; Paul Panozzo; Jamie Craig—Barb Flispart's son-in-law; Robin Bowman; and all Prayer Requests in the Prayer Book.

Our Military Family Members: Tom Shawler, Jr., Hannah Bradley, Chris Eaton, Wesley Wood.

Sunday: December 18, 9:15 am Mass Intention: Willie Kaelin/Emil Kaelin

Minister Schedule December 18

Lectors: Sarah & Barbie Fow

Greeters: Judy Neckar/Johnnie Senn Graves

Rosary first Sunday of the month at 8:40 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 10:30 am (following the 9:15 Sunday mass) on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

12-04-2022 Collection Totaled \$1,175.00.

12/11 Christmas Choir Practice after Mass.

12/18 Parish Christmas Brunch after Mass.

12/18 Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree are due.

Please pray for the soul of Julie Ann Schreier who passed away on November 8th. Julie is the sister of Frank Neckar. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual help shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Office Hours are: St. Michael Church - Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and St. Bernard Church – on Friday Mornings.

Faith Formation News:

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes:

December 11 FF Classes – Pre-School – Grade 12 December 18 FF Classes – Pre-School – Grade 12 December 25 No Classes – Christmas Break

January 1 No Classes – Christmas Break

Advent Wreath Prayer for the 3rd Week of

Advent: You can use the following prayer as you light two purple and 1 rose candle this week or a prayer in your own words:

Dear Jesus, Light of the World, shine above me, below me, around me. Dear Jesus, Light of the World,

take me mold me, use me, and hold me. Amen.

Best Advent Ever! Dynamic Catholic offers a daily email reflection during Advent to help us prepare for the Christmas season. Sign up at: https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html#form -a for this great free resource.

Soup and Psalms – All are invited to join us for Soup and Psalms on the Sundays of Advent. We will gather in the Church on this Sunday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer led by our youth and then all are invited to join us for some soup in the lower level of the church.



Jesus Adult Faith Formation

Study – Join us for our Jesus study on Sunday mornings during Faith Formation class time, 9:00 - 10:15a.m. in the Faith Formation Center. This study called, JESUS, The Way, The Truth and The Life, offers a new & fresh look at Jesus - who he is, what he is really like, what he taught,

and what he did for our salvation. Join us this Sunday, December 11th for our next study. All adults are welcome and if your child(ern) has been enrolled for classes, St. Michaels will provide childcare.

Children's Christmas Play – Our next Christmas Play practice will be on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the church at St. Michael. Practice for St. Bernard's Epiphany play will be announced soon.

Thursday Bible Study All are welcome to join our Thursday Morning Bible Study as we look at the Gospel of Matthew. Our Bible Study will not meet this week. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, December 22nd, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael. We welcome those who have studied the Bible for a while all the way to those who might be picking it up for the first time. We meet in the faith formation center. Join us!

Senior Gathering – We will not have a Senior Gathering in December. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 25th.

Youth Ministry News:







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Grit and Glam Retreat – All High School Youth are invited to join in this great Retreat focused on Relationships: with self, family, friends, and God. There will be a track for girls and guys.



The retreat will be held January 21 - 22, 2023 and will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church (1752 Scheller Lane / New Albany, IN). The cost is \$100.00 per person but aid is available if this would help your family. Be sure to attend this great retreat! To register go to: https://catalystcatholic.org/grit-glam

Indiana March for Life – Since Roe Vs Wade was overturned the fight for the protection of all human

life turns to the states. We invite all youth in high school to join us for the Indiana March for Life on Monday, January 23rd. We will meet at Mount St. Francis at 6:30 a.m. and should return around 6:30 p.m. We will attend Mass at St. John the Apostle parish in Indianapolis with Archbishop Thompson. We will then join the peaceful march to the Capitol for a Pro-Life rally around the capitol building. Lastly, we will travel to Planned Parenthood and peacully pray the Rosary for Life. On the way home we will stop for supper so you will need to bring some food money and pack a breakfast for the trip up. The cost of the day is \$50.00 for transportation and lunch. To sign up go to: https://catalystcatholic.org/m4l

Senior Retreat – All High School Seniors are invited to attend your senior retreat on February 17-19, 2023 at Mount St. Francis. This retreat is one of the highlights of your senior year in high school. Therre will be time for discussion of our role as a disciple of Christ, the transition from high school to the next stages of life, fun, and prayer. The retreat will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and will coclude at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. The cost is \$200.00. Financial aid is available if this would help your family. To register go to: https://catalystcatholic.org/summit

Sr. High Mission Summer Mission Trip – All youth currently in Grades 8-12 are invited to join us for our summer mission trip to Nashville, TN, July 9-14, 2023. We will again join Catholic heart Work Camp for a mission expereince working with agenicies and neighbors around the Nashville area. The cost is \$550.00 per person, however if you work the fish fries during lent your cost will just be the \$100.00 deposit that is due at registration. There are only 25 spots availabel for our Deanery so sign up soon! To register go to:

https://catalystcatholic.org/mission

Ouestion of the Week for the 3rd Sunday of Advent:

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

Information for all Parishes



Legion of Mary Meeting – Every Tuesday at 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center at St. Michael. All are welcome to attend. The rosary will be prayed before Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings at St. Michael and before the Sunday morning Mass at St. Bernard. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Second Collection Today - Help religious communities. Elderly religious need your help. Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry—educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously.

United Catholic Appeal: You may have already received a United Catholic Appeal Brochure in the



mail with your intention card. Please take the time to look over the information being sent and prayerfully consider your pledge.

With the holiday season quickly approaching please remember you can support our churches when shopping on Amazon. St. Michael's link is https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0867795 and St. Bernard's link is https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5227964

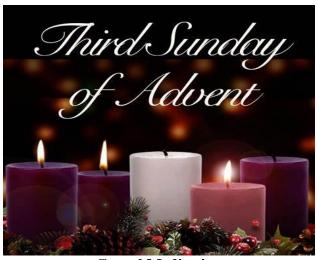
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Holidays Putting Stress on Your Marriage? -

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages (and not just because of the summer break). It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulties have found help through all levels of difficulty from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 17-19, call 502-479-3329; email: 3012@helpourmarriage.org; or go to helpourmarriage.org.

Crawford County Community Park Live

Nativity – Sunday December 11th. Live performances at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Enjoy a warm treat while watching. Hot chocolate, s'more's and cookies. Please bring your own lawn chair. 1095 S State Road 66, Marengo. Located across from the Crawford County High School. Free will donation.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Change and Newness in Christ Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Matthew 11:2–3

Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). So if John knew that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf

hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." This line appears to be one way that Jesus gently reproached these disciples for what appears to be their own personal struggle with this change of spiritual leaders. Jesus identified a certain "offense" that they were dealing with. They were "offended" by the fact that Jesus was indeed increasing while John was decreasing.

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.





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