



December 14, 2025

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR MISSION

Guided by the Holy Spirit and in communion with the Catholic Church, we help people become disciples of Jesus Christ by developing a loving, personal relationship with God and each other.

Liturgies & Mass Intentions for December 13 - 19, 2025

Weekend Mass

Saturday	4:30 pm	Intention David Mleziva*
Sunday	8:00 am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta*
	10:00 am**	Members of St. Bernard

Weekday Liturgies all begin at 8:00 am

Monday	Liturgy of The Word	
Tuesday	Liturgy of The Word	
Wednesday	Mass	Roger & Ruth Josiger*
Thursday	Liturgy of The Word	
Friday	Liturgy of The Word	

**Will be livestreamed

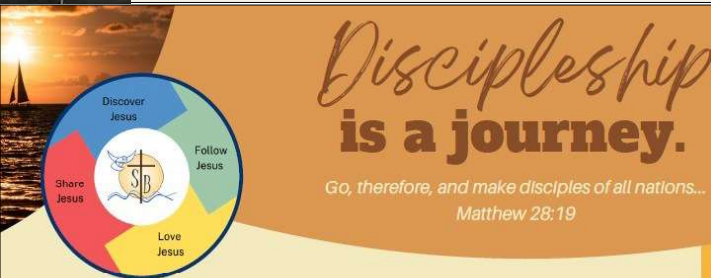
*In memory of



SANCTUARY CANDLE

December 14 - 20, 2025

*In memory of
the parents of FRED & CHAR STEENIS*



PARISH OFFICE HOURS*

Monday—Thursday - 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am—Noon

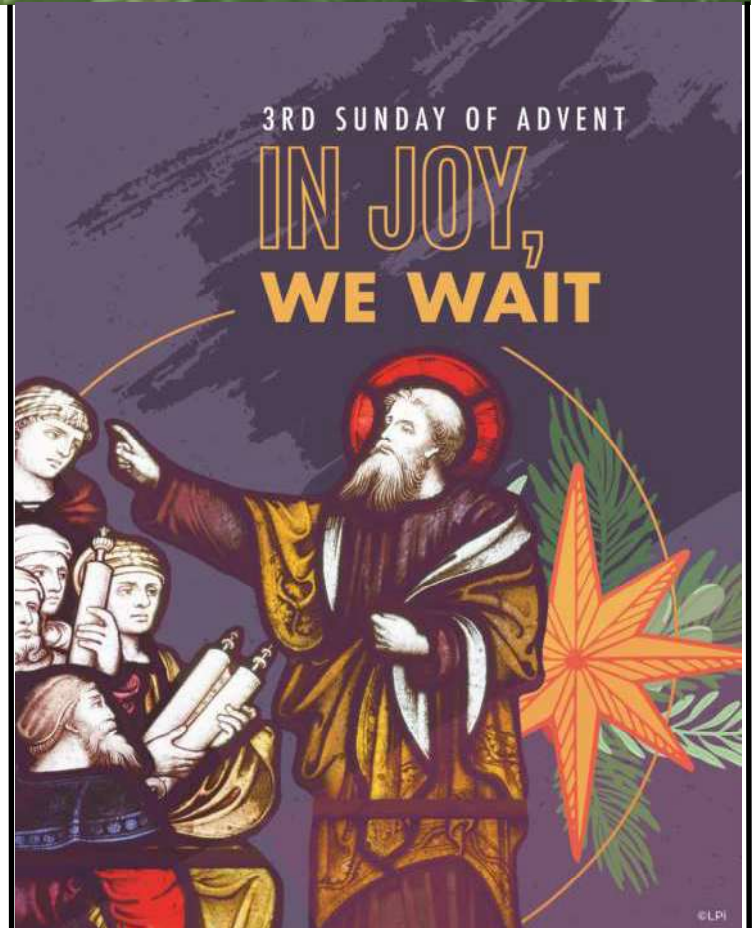
*Other times by appointment

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

(920) 739-0331

Email: stbernard@stbernardappleton.org

WEBSITE: www.stbernardappleton.org



St. Bernard Staff

Pastoral Leader: **Deacon Dave Denby**
ddenby@stbernardappleton.org

Sacramental Minister: **Fr. Paul Demuth**

Sacraments Coordinator: **Deacon Greg Humpal**
ghumpal@stbernardappleton.org

Business Coordinator: **Barb Hoffman**
bhoffman@stbernardappleton.org

Care Ministry Coordinator: **Cathy Kulibert**
ckulibert@stbernardappleton.org

Evangelization & Discipleship Director: **Debra Lawent**
dlawent@stbernardappleton.org

Young Disciple Coordinator, Grades K-5: **Nicki Beardsley**
nbeardsley@stbernardappleton.org

Young Disciple Coordinator, Grades 6-12
Parish Communications Coordinator: **Mark Mongin**
mmongin@stbernardappleton.org

Liturgy & Music Director: **Sherry Zwicky**
szwicky@stbernardappleton.org

Maintenance Coordinator: **Jason Deeg**
jdeeg@stbernardappleton.org

Office Manager: **Edna Ulrich**
eulrich@stbernardappleton.org

Live your Discipleship

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

The third Sunday of Advent marks a shift from the more penitential first half of the season to the more joyful anticipation of "The Lord who is nigh and close at hand." The 3rd candle in the Advent wreath is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is rose, the liturgical color for joy. This shift is even seen in the reading from (often gloomy) Isaiah this Sunday: "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom."

Even in the midst of this joy, this very real joy, it is important to remember that Jesus did not pink, he rose. There is a difference. God Bless You.

Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave Denby, Pastoral Leader

Parish Happenings

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	December 14 9:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip 9:00 am Confirmation Prep 11:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip
Monday	December 15 8:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Cursillo - 4th Day
Tuesday	December 16 6:00 pm Finance Council 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday	December 17 6:00 pm Advent Connect Night: Vocations Talk with Fr. Mark Mleziva 6:00 pm Middle School/High School Edge and Life Teen Nights
Thursday	December 18 10:00 am Rosary Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday	December 19
Saturday	December 20 7:30 am Men's 4th Day Cursillo 3:45 pm Reconciliation

Financial Stewardship Week 22

Weekly Giving through 12/5/2025

Envelope Collections	\$ 10,581
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 471
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Actual Env.	\$ 277,836
Budget Env.	<u>344,806</u>
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (66,970)
Loose	\$ 19,708
Budget Loose	<u>8,470</u>
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 11,238

SCRIP

Sold	\$ 460
Cost	\$ 437
Rebate	\$ 23

DONATION DEADLINES FOR 2025

Donations are deductible in the calendar year in which they are made.

Qualified Charitable Donations, including IRAs, must be completed (made and clear your account) by December 31st. **To help ensure these are completed in a timely manner, any such donations should be received by the Parish no later than December 15th.**

Transfers of stock or mutual funds must also be completed by December 31st.

Other donations (such as church support envelopes) must be made or postmarked on or before December 31st.

Our Parish Office is open Tuesday, December 30, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; the office is closed on Wed., December 31. This means December 30th is the last day for any donations to be hand delivered to the Parish Office.

Donations made or postmarked after Dec 31, 2025, will be included with your 2026 donations, regardless of the date on the check.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish
your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

Knights of Columbus

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Poster Contest entries due in the office Monday, Dec 15

**Remember SCRIP when you buy food
and gifts this Holiday Season!**



Parish Happenings



Today, we have a beautiful opportunity to **SHARE IN THE CARE** of those who have spent their lives serving God and His people. Through the Retirement Collection, your gift supports:

- The **National Retirement Fund for Religious**, helping retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- The **Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund**, caring for our senior priests right here in the Diocese of Green Bay.

These faithful men and women have devoted their lives to prayer, teaching, and compassionate service, often with little financial compensation. Now, many of their communities face serious challenges in providing for their retirement needs.

Your generosity helps ensure they receive the care, medicine, and daily support they deserve. Let's honor their lifetime of service with our prayers and gifts.

Contribution envelopes are available in the narthex. **Thank you for your kindness & support!**

ADVENT CONNECT NIGHT

DECEMBER 17

Reflection with Fr. Mark Mleziva
Speak to My Heart 6 pm

FR MARK JOINS US TO OFFER A REFLECTION ON HIS CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD, CLARITY RECEIVED BY SITTING WITH JESUS IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, ALONG WITH A VOCATIONAL UPDATE FOR OUR DIOCESE, AND HOW PEOPLE CAN HELP WITH BUILDING VOCATIONS.

THERE WILL BE TIME TO REFLECT, SHARING FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP.



Christmas Eve (Wed, Dec. 24th):
4:00 pm Children's Mass
with choir concert before Mass at 3:35
7:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day (Thurs, Dec. 25th):
9:00 am Mass with prelude music

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

Help decorate the Church with Christmas Flowers and Decorations and Remember a loved one this upcoming Christmas season with a donation to our "Christmas Memorial."



1. Return the special envelope you received with your weekly giving packet, or
2. Use the QR Code here to make a donation (add a memo to indicate whom the memorial is for), or
3. Clip out the form below and return it to us as indicated



Please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope labeled "Christmas Memorial," and put it in the collection basket or return to our Parish Office.

From: _____ Amount: _____ Envelope #: _____

In Memory of _____

Christensen
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC.
920-731-3002
1800 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI 54914
Heating & Cooling

Mike Christensen - Residential Sales
mike@christensenhgt.com
www.christensenheating.com

WICHMANN
Funeral Homes & Cremations

The Valley's Most Preferred Funeral Home
537 N. Superior St. 739-1231
1592 Oneida St. 831-9905

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY
Serving All People
920-733-1631
1815 E Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911
www.stjosephcemetery.us

DM
FlooringAmerica
Where friends Send friends
309 Allegiance Ct. • Appleton
(920) 788-5066
www.DandMinteriors.com

Little Caesars®

\$5⁹⁹ LARGE PIZZA

Valid at Participating Stores. Expires in 30 Days

Van Zeeland's
AUTO CARE CENTERS
Tire Headquarters
vanzeelands.com

Little Chute 788-6788
W. Appleton 738-5660
Menasha 738-7333
N Appleton 738-3533
Neenah 722-1149

catholicmatch®
Wisconsin
CatholicMatch.com/WI

MARES
Financial Planning

920-830-6400
carymares.com
CFP®, CPA, MBA

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit ipicomunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
OUTSIDE EDITION

Scan to contact us!

Clear Choice Ins.
For expertise, honesty and integrity the choice is clear

Dustinmschlesner@gmail.com
Dustin Schlesner
President

Cell: 920-707-1423 500 S Story Street
Fax: 920-815-3379 Appleton WI 54914

NORTHSIDE TrueValue HARDWARE

1415 N. Richmond St., Appleton
734-5944 smt@ntd.net
www.NorthsideHardware.net

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community

Contact us at
careers@4lpi.com or
www.4lpi.com/careers

Joseph Porter, Agent
2423 N Richmond St, Appleton
Bus: (920) 830-4080
jporter1@amfam.com
fb.com/192902319518

AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE

American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. & its Operating Companies,
6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI 53783 ©2015 006441
— Rev. 2/20 — 13-689593

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit ipicomunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
OUTSIDE EDITION

Scan to contact us!

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**

833-287-3502

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

Fox Valley Quality Cleaning & Supply, Inc.

Bob Cops - President
(920) 733-3244 Business
(920) 915-1424 Mobile

5321 Long Court, Appleton, WI 54914

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO

4lpi.com/adcreator

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Sharon Boinski

sboinski@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2978

Latinos Express
Mangonadas

HECHAS CON CHAMOY Y TAJIN

\$7.00
Plus tax

2440 West College Ave • Appleton
2206 South Oneida St. • Appleton