



ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC PARISH

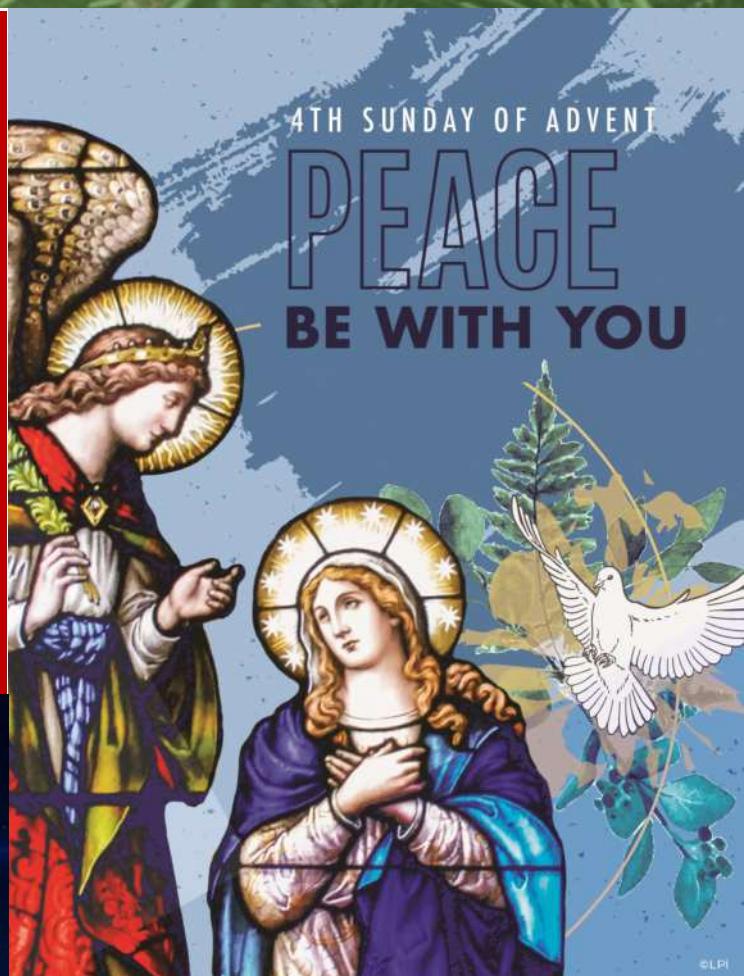
OUR MISSION

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.

December 21, 2025

The 4th Sunday of Advent
invites us to
quiet our hearts.
It tells us that
Jesus is near.

We wait with hope and joy,
knowing that God is coming
to be with us..



*Merry
Christmas!*

A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS
CHRIST AND LORD



LUKE 2:11

December 25, 2025

This day fills us with joy and
gratitude. We celebrate with
worship, prayer, song, and family.

The Octave of Christmas
continues the joy for eight days,
helping us stay close to Jesus. Each
day reminds us of faith, love, and
peace. Christmas calls us to welcome
Jesus into our hearts and share
His light with others.

Live your Discipleship

Merry Christmas! I am glad that you are with us today as we enjoy Christmas with our families.

The idea of family is so important to the Catholic faith that the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** on the Sunday after Christmas. I hope to see you at that Mass too. What a privilege that we are able to call God our Father, Jesus our brother, and Mary our Mother.

As someone who grew up outside of the Catholic Church, I continue to be amazed by the degree to which almost any parish acts like a large, extended family. We are truly all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here at St. Bernard, our mission is to “help people become disciples of Jesus Christ by developing a loving, personal relationship with God and each other.” Our parish accomplishes this through worshiping together each week in the Mass, continuing to learn about the life and teachings of Christ in small groups, working together in many different ministries serving the needy and bringing the love of Christ to others, and loving and supporting each other while we do it. Like family.

We recognize that while all people are children of God, not everyone is open to answering His call right now. However, if the promptings of your heart have you wanting a deeper relationship with God - we are here to help.

If you are not Catholic or even Christian and you want to start exploring what coming to know Jesus and the Church is all about, we are here for you. Please reach out to me or Debra Lawent, our Evangelization & Discipleship Director, our contact info is listed below.

If you are Catholic, but not active and would like to reenergize your faith, or you are just looking for a new home parish, again reach out to me or Debra.

Lastly, if you are already a part of the broad St Bernard family but have not been active - don't hold back. Come to Mass, get involved. One thing I can assure you, this family will always welcome you.

May God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas!



Deacon Dave Denby, Pastoral Leader

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The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the
Christmas Holiday December 24, 25, & 26

Financial Stewardship Week 23

Weekly Giving through 12/12/2025

Envelope Collections	\$ 21,855
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 1,100
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Actual Env.	\$ 299,691
Budget Env.	<u>360,479</u>
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (60,788)
Loose	\$ 20,808
Budget Loose	<u>8,855</u>
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 11,953

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

Parish Happenings

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

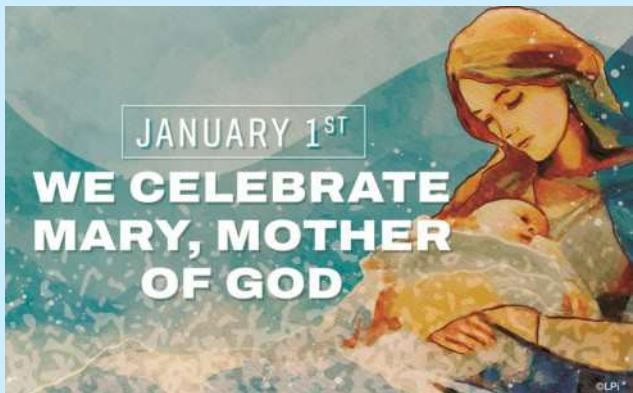
Sunday	December 21
Monday	December 22 8:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Cursillo - 4th Day 6:30 pm Choir Practice
Tuesday	December 23 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday	December 24 - Office Closed
Thursday	December 25 - Office Closed
Friday	December 26 - Office Closed
Saturday	December 27 7:30 am Men's 4th Day Cursillo 3:45 pm Reconciliation 5:30 pm Scrip Sale



SANCTUARY CANDLE

December 21 - 27, 2025

*In memory of Tassoul & Selig Families
Sponsored by: GAYE TASSOUL*



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation

Come celebrate Mass with us

Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00 pm
Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 am

"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son."

- St Bernard of Clairvaux

Liturgies & Mass Intentions for December 20 - 26, 2025

Weekend Mass

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am**

Intention

Andrew & Frances Macdonald*
Delia Molden*
Members of St. Bernard

Weekday Liturgies all begin at 8:00 am

Monday	Liturgy of The Word
Tuesday	Mass
Wednesday	4:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	Liturgy of The Word

**Will be livestreamed

*In memory of

IN SYMPATHY

We ask St. Bernard Parish to pray for the brother of Mary (Mike) Gage

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."



A good time was had by everyone who came to the Saint Nicholas celebration!



Parish Happenings

St. Bernard Catholic Parish

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Events scheduled at the parish will be cancelled on days & evenings when the Appleton Area School District cancels classes and/or after-school activities due to weather conditions.

If weekend Masses are cancelled, we will send a Flocknote message, post it on our web site, and add it to lists of cancellations on local media.

Remember SCRIP when you buy food and Last minute gifts!



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.

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!*



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Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to last weekend's **Retirement Collection - SHARE IN THE CARE**. Your kindness helps provide essential care, housing, and support for our **retired sisters, brothers, religious order priests, and senior diocesan priests**: faithful servants who have spent their lives ministering to us.

If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, it's not too late. **Envelopes are still available in the Narthex.**

On behalf of those who have given so much in service to Christ and His Church, thank you for your continued generosity and prayers. Your support truly makes a difference.



You are cordially invited to attend the St. Bernard Catholic Parish Winter Social. Please come to honor those who've joined as new members and share in delicious food and fun fellowship. **Let's celebrate our parish family!**

**Sunday, Feb 1st
Parish Hall
11am - 1pm**

PLEASE RSVP TO (920) 903-8730 BY JAN 9TH

St. Bernard Catholic Parish, 1617 W Pine Street, Appleton

Parish Happenings

THANK YOU for all the support given to organizations serving the needy this November and December by the St Bernard community!



Christmas 2025 Toy Campaign

Winter Opportunities to Help the Homeless

Brought to you by St. Bernard's Social Justice Committee

Appleton's St. Joseph Parish will be the home of Appleton's Overflow Shelter when temperatures are forecasted to be extremely cold this winter. Organizers are seeking help to make this ministry available. Some of their needs are:

- Prayer
- Donate items or money
- Volunteer at the shelter (must be 18+)

Scan the QR code to sign up!



Can you help those needing shelter and warmth this winter?

Pillow & Blankets Needed!

St. Bernard Outreach is collecting pillows and blankets for the month of December that will be distributed to needy families in the community by **Community Clothes Closet**. Drop off new pillows and blankets in the bins in the Narthex.



Ministry Opportunities

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST

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- Accompany choir for 2 weekends a month and for special liturgical celebrations throughout the year
- Participate in weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and assist with sectionals
- Must be excellent pianist and able to collaborate well as a team
- Must be available to play for other occasions as well

Skills required: sight-reading, ability to read and play music scores of various sacred genres

Questions may be directed to Sherry at 920.903.9454.



SEND RESUME TO DDENBY@STBERNARDAPPLETON.ORG

St. Bernard is in need of Volunteers!

- Office Worker - weekdays
- Set up for Discipleship Nights - Wednesday nights

If interested, please contact Edna Ulrich



DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY VOCATIONS

Answer God's Call

Discern Religious Life

St. Andrew Dinner

Monday, December 29, 2025, 5:30-8:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

For all High School & College-age men who are open to the priesthood.

See the flyer on the Vocations bulletin board in the hallway, or contact Deacon Dave or Mark Mongin if interested.

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