



January 4, 2026

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 January 3 - 9, 2026

Weekend Mass

		Intention
Saturday	4:30 pm	Stan & Gladys Helminski*
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	Mass	Bryan Roemer*
Wednesday	Mass	Michael Trudell*
Thursday	Liturgy of The Word	
Friday	Liturgy of The Word	

**Will be livestreamed

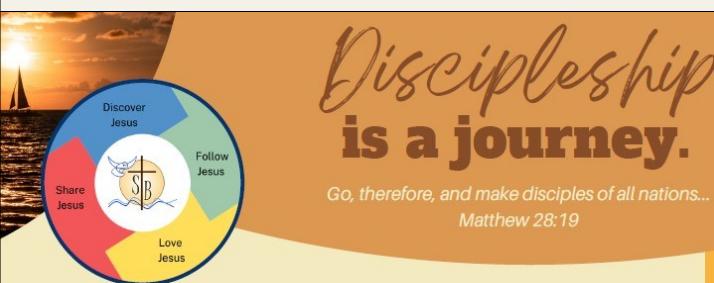
*In memory of



SANCTUARY CANDLE

January 4, 2025 - January 10, 2026

*In memory of: Bryan Roemer
Sponsored by: MARY ROEMER*



PARISH OFFICE HOURS*

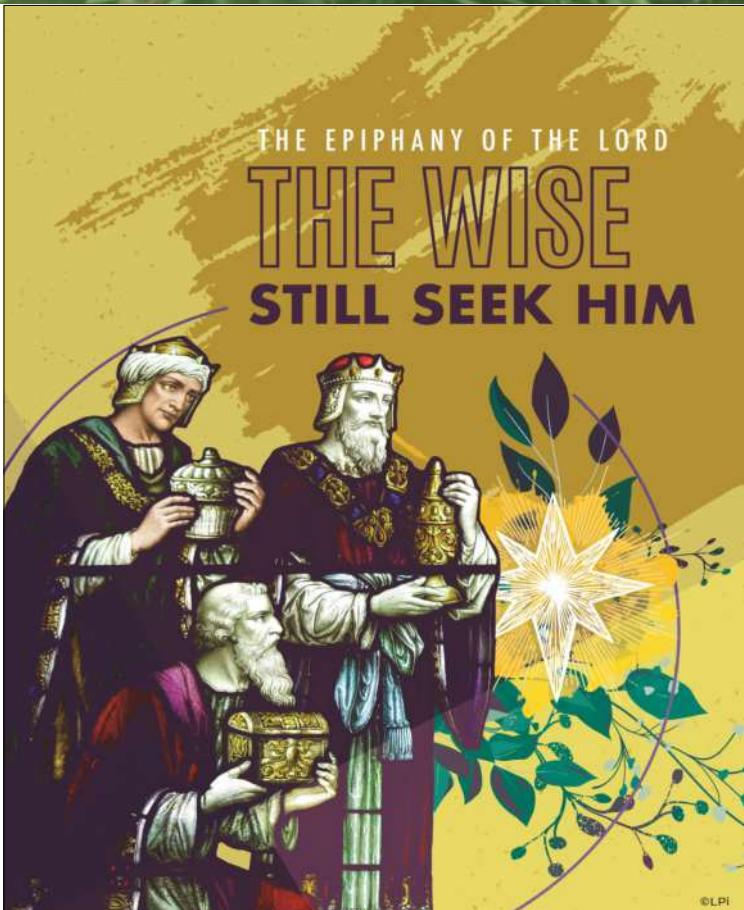
Monday—Thursday - 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am—Noon

*Other times by appointment

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Live your Discipleship

The Christmas season lasts until January 11, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

To continue with last week's theme of thankfulness, I remain truly grateful for a very smart, slightly more senior Deacon, some of whose work I will occasionally appropriate and present to you.

How will you grow stronger in your faith this coming year? We have endless ways to grow in the faith because God is without end, but what do I need to learn? Some ideas:

- The Mass Part I – Why do we do what we do?
- The Mass Part II – What is the unseen spiritual side of the Catholic Mass?
- Sacraments/Sacramentals -What are the historical traditions & how do we live them out?
- The Blessed Virgin Mary – Who is she and how does she intercede for us?

Some of these topics may be addressed at Discipleship Nights, and some you may need to search out on your own through reading or watching something on Formed. Regardless, we are called to keep learning and growing in the Faith.

May God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas (through January 11th)!

Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave Denby, Pastoral Leader



Parish Happenings

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	January 4
Monday	January 5 6:30 pm Cursillo - 4th Day 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul mtg.
Tuesday	January 6 4:00 pm Social Justice 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday	January 7 5:20 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Discipleship Night 6:00 pm Family Faith Formation 1st Communion Prep 6:00 pm Middle School/High School Life Teen and Edge Nights
Thursday	January 8 10:00 am Women's Rosary Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday	January 9
Saturday	January 10 7:30 am Men's 4th Day Cursillo 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration - Silent 10:00 am Eucharistic Adoration - Non-silent 3:45 pm Reconciliation 5:30 pm Scrip Sale



Financial Stewardship Week 25

Weekly Giving through 12/26/2025

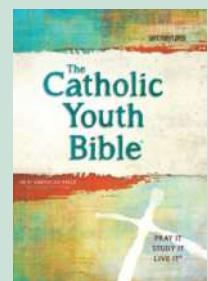
Envelope Collections	\$ 16,476
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 713
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

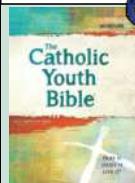
Actual Env.	\$ 353,723
Budget Env.	<u>391,825</u>
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (38,102)
Loose	\$ 22,667
Budget Loose	<u>9,625</u>
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 13,042

Did You Know?

St Bernard Parish gifts our youth a Catholic Study Bible when they start middle school Faith Formation/Youth Group. This bible is then used by the students throughout their middle & high school classes and is theirs to keep. The cost of these quality bibles is around **\$35 each**.



Unfortunately, the budget we set aside for this has been depleted, so we are asking for donations specifically for the purpose of buying more Youth Bibles.



If you are moved to help purchase bibles, please use the QR code here, or fill out this coupon and return your gift in the collection basket or at the office.

THANK YOU!

NAME _____ Envelope # _____ Gift Amount _____



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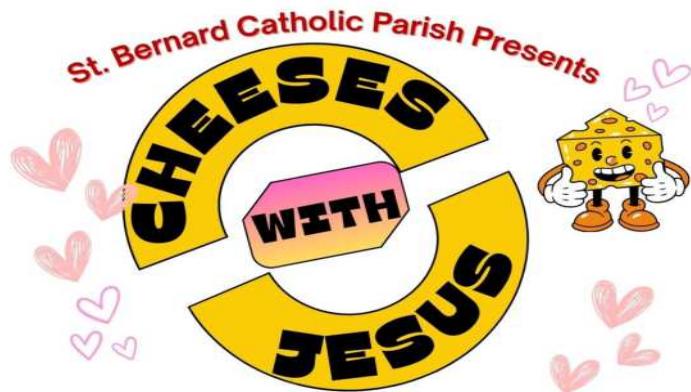


You are cordially invited to attend the St. Bernard Catholic Parish Winter Social. Please come to honor those who've joined as new members and share in delicious food and fun fellowship. **Let's celebrate our parish family!**

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

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

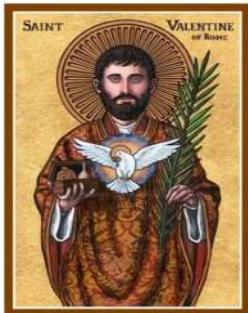
St. Bernard Catholic Parish, 1617 W Pine Street, Appleton



Come see Jesus in others by sharing fellowship and celebrating the Valentine in your life. Test your tastebuds on cheeses and wines.

Saturday, Feb 14th
5:30PM
Parish Hall

Enter the drawing
to win a fabulous prize!!



Second Saturday Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 10

9-10 am Silent Adoration
10-11 am non-silent Adoration
(youth-friendly)



**NEW SMALL GROUP
STARTING JAN 28**
5 WEEK SERIES
CONTACT THE OFFICE TO JOIN

***Heaven, Hell, & Purgatory:
Life Everlasting***



Designed to provide insight on heaven, hell, & purgatory; helping you reach your eternal home with God and more deeply understand the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Wednesday Discipleship Nights

Important Dates for Families interested in Xavier Catholic Schools

**Xavier PK3, 4K, Kindergarten, & Elementary
OPEN HOUSE—January 15th, 5-6:30pm**

**Xavier Middle School
PREVIEW NIGHT—January 22, 6pm**

**Xavier High School
REGISTRATION NIGHTS,
Incoming Freshmen—January 26 or 27, 7pm**

See the Flyers in the Narthex



Ministry Opportunities



The St Bernard Mission Quilters are looking for help!

Whether you have experience quilting or sewing, OR if you have no experience at all but want to learn - you can join this beautiful ministry!

The quilters meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month 10a-2p

**Just show up
and be welcomed into the group!**

The desire of this ministry is to provide good bedding to people who need it - the St Bernard Mission Quilters make quilts and give them to local charities to distribute to the needy.



St. Bernard is in need of Volunteers!



- Office Worker - weekdays
- Set up & cleanup for Discipleship Nights
- Babysitting for events

If interested, please contact Edna Ulrich in the office.

DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY VOCATIONS Answer God's Call Discern Religious Life

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."
(Matthew 2:11)

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him?

Talk with our deacons and priest or contact Rev. Mark Mleziva at the Diocese of Green Bay Vocation Office (920) 272-8293 or via his email: MMleziva@gbdioc.org for guidance.

WANTED!

Do you enjoy **making crafts**? Do you enjoy **making home décor**? Do you enjoy...
painting, knitting, quilting, embroidery, crocheting, or sewing?
How about **woodworking**?

Crafts that include wood features are popular. Let us know what you would like to make OR stop by on a Tuesday or email to inquire about some wood designs we could craft with (Templates would be provided, as well as wood if needed.)

If you answered "Yes!" to any of these, come share your talents with fellow parishioners on Tuesdays in the Activity Center.

2026 Craft Club will begin meeting Tuesdays from 9AM-2PM starting January 13th

New this year! Not sure of your creative talents? We will have some group projects to make and get you started. Come Join Us!

Drop in and stay for whatever amount of time works for you. You're invited to bring your lunch and share laughs, life, and prayers as well.

Email Ournellycat@gmail.com to get answers to your questions.

Come join us as we create crafts for our October Holidays on Pine Street Charity Bazaar.



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?



A huge thank you for this year's adopt a family effort. It is never easy to ask for help when you are struggling, and I am thankful to our parish families that came forward and allowed us to lend a helping hand during this joyful season. I am also thankful for our parish families that came forward to share their blessing with others. The outpouring of generosity was heartfelt and much appreciated. Thank you so much - Edna Ulrich, St Bernard Office Manager

Young Family & Youth Group Happenings



Our Confirmation prep class (Purpose) meets on Sunday mornings and then attends the 10am Mass together. In the December class the Key Concepts of the teaching were:

- Jesus' mission was to bring about the Kingdom of God. He did so by teaching, working miracles, and, most importantly, forgiving sins.
- Jesus came for the meek: those questioning the existence of God, the sinners, the broken-hearted, the enslaved, the overlooked.
- Jesus asks us, "Who do you say I am?" We must offer a response; our response determines our relationship with Him.

Our High School group (Life Teen) meets on Wednesday nights. On a recent evening in December the key Concepts of the teaching were:

- Human beings are fascinated by the concept of otherworldly powers. Throughout history, people have sought ways to experience and harness this unexplainable power through practices such as witchcraft and magic.
- Though they may appear harmless, witchcraft and magic are violations of the First Commandment and open us to the influence of evil powers that desire to dominate the human race.
- God is the Creator of the universe and has the ability to display his miraculous power as he wills. These miracles strengthen our faith and draw us closer to him.



Our Middle School group (Edge) meets on Wednesday nights. On a recent evening in December the key concepts of the teaching were:

- Anxiety is a feeling of fear, dread, or uneasiness that can be a normal response to stress. It can be a helpful emotion that motivates us to focus and stay alert, but can become a problem if it is persistent, intense, or hard to control.
- God does not want us to live in fear. In the Bible, we see how God comfortingly tells us not to be afraid because he cares for us and has overcome all evil.
- We can turn to prayer as a helpful practice to calm anxiety and invite God to walk with us through our difficulties.

Our K-5 students meet on Wednesday nights, and within their families at home.

- Throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons the 1st Communion students were able to begin a new adventure within the Pathways program.
- They were able to take time to set up a family gathering space, and encouraged to see the great qualities that each family member has. They are called to continually 'call out' those qualities each time they see them!



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