



January 25, 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 24 - 30, 2026

| Weekend Mass | | Intention |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Steve Otto* |
| Sunday | 8:00 am 10:00 am** | Tim Daley* Members of St. Bernard |
| Weekday Liturgies all begin at 8:00 am | | |
| Monday | Liturgy of The Word | |
| Tuesday | Liturgy of The Word | |
| Wednesday | Mass | Edward & Angeline Mallek* |
| Thursday | Liturgy of The Word | |
| Friday | Liturgy of The Word | |
| **Will be livestreamed | | *In memory of |



SANCTUARY CANDLE
January 25 - January 31, 2026
In memory of: EDWARD & ANGELINE MALLEK
Sponsored by: The Mallek Family



IN SYMPATHY

We ask St. Bernard Parish to pray for the family and friends of:

Margaret "Peg" McGinnis

And for the repose of her soul:

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS*

Monday—Thursday - 8:30 am—5:00 pm
 Friday 8:30 am—Noon
 *Other times by appointment

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*At once
 they left their
 nets and
 followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20



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Live your Discipleship

Welcome to the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Let's talk about liturgy. In my role here since coming to the parish, I have been learning a lot about what it takes for good liturgy to happen. It is not something that was on my plate in my previous assignment, so it has been an eye-opening experience.

It usually starts with the readings. For instance, the readings of this Sunday in Ordinary Time, are not exactly ordinary. The Gospel tells us of the beginning of Christ's public ministry and the calling of his first four followers, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. The first reading from Isaiah tells of God bringing great joy to people who had "dwelt in the land of gloom." The second reading from Paul urges Christians to stay united in Christ.

So, the themes of Jesus starting His mission, Apostles answering God's call, God bringing people from gloom into great rejoicing, and Christian unity will be woven into all the music of the Mass: gathering, presentation, communion, and recessional songs, and in a prelude or other piece of music, depending on the Mass.

But that is not all. We will want to adjust the prayers of the faithful to account for the intention of the Mass and other items. Is a Sunday (or weekday) a Marian feast? Will we need flowers? Is the weekend a change of liturgical seasons - then we will need to change all the colors in the Sanctuary. Holy Week and the Christmas season just add to the liturgical nuances.

As we come together as a community at the Sacrifice of the Mass, I urge you to contemplate and appreciate how the many elements of the liturgy fit together to help us do the most important thing we do - worship our God. We truly have wonderful liturgy here at St Bernard.

Please join me in being grateful for our staff and volunteers who make it happen. God Bless.

Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave Denby, Pastoral Leader

Parish Happenings

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Sunday | January 25 9:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip Sale 9:00 am Confirmation Prep 11:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip Sale |
| Monday | January 26 8:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Cursillo - 4th Day |
| Tuesday | January 27 9:00 am Craft Club 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | January 28 5:20 pm Discipleship Night Meal 6:00 pm Discipleship Night 6:00 pm Family Faith Formation K-5 6:00 pm Middle School/High School Life Teen and Edge Nights |
| Thursday | January 29 10:00 am Women's Rosary Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday | January 30 |
| Saturday | January 31 7:30 am Men's 4th Day Cursillo 3:45 pm Reconciliation |

Financial Stewardship Week 29

Weekly Giving through 1/23/2026

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Envelope Collections | \$ 15,162 |
| Budget Envelope..... | \$ 15,673 |
| Loose Collections | \$ 620 |
| Budget Loose | \$ 385 |

Fiscal Year-to-Date

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Env. | \$ 422,367 |
| Budget Env. | 454,517 |
| Env. Over/(Under). | \$ (32,150) |
| Loose | \$ 29,877 |
| Budget Loose | 11,165 |
| Loose Over/(Under) | \$ 18,712 |

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm



Parish Happenings

Wait a minute!

Did I hear a rumor that Sherry is leaving?

As Bilbo Baggins once admitted in Tolkien's *Fellowship of the Ring*, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to."



Our entire lives can be viewed from the perspective of stepping onto the road. We do not always end up where we think we will. Sometimes, we head around a bend only to realize the road veers off in a completely different direction than we anticipated.

If you have heard a murmuring around the parish that I am leaving, it is true. My final day will be March 13. My departure is truly bittersweet; I love the people here at St. Bernard. Playing as the choir accompanist for the last nine years has been an incredible honor and privilege. Providing leadership for the liturgy and music programs here has been rewarding because it allows me to work with the most amazing people—all of you.

However, I feel God pulling me in a different direction, one that leads down a completely unexpected, but exciting path. When I leave here, I will spend some time with my family before heading to Melbourne, Australia in early April.

Regardless of where I am down the road (or Down Under as the case may be), know that you will always hold a very special place in my heart.

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal"

Isaiah 26:3-4

Do you have old palms from last year?

Bring them to church and deposit them in the tall box near the Welcome Counter.



**Feb 7
10-2**

Light Lunch Provided

**Life,
Liberty &
Lullabies**

Pro Life Event

Come hear speakers talk about their struggle to choose life, the joy of choosing life, and their need for healing after abortion

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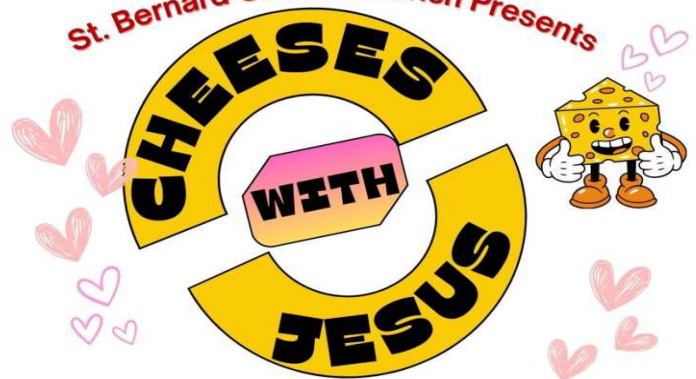


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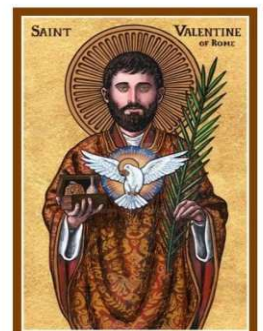


Come see Jesus in others by sharing fellowship and celebrating the Valentine in your life. Test your tastebuds on cheeses and wines.

**Saturday, Feb 14th
5:30PM
Parish Hall**



**Enter the drawing
to win a fabulous prize!!**



Parish Happenings



Your donation supports our

St. Bernard 2026 Youth Mission Trip

Buy STOCK in our Youth!

This stock only increases in value - and pays heavenly Dividends!

TEN youth & FOUR adults from St Bernard are going on Mission!

You can buy stock any time!



Use the QR code or stop in the parish office!

Please include your email address so we can send you a stock certificate, AND updates during our time on Mission!



Dear Parishioners:

We would like to thank everyone who generously participated in the Christmas giving opportunities this year including Toys for Tots (101 children's gifts), the St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree (over \$2,000 worth of gift cards!), and Outreach's blanket and pillow drive for the Community Clothes Closet (105 items)!



We are blown away by the tremendous generosity of our parish which also included multiple food drives, for St. Joe's Food Pantry, Fr. Carr's Place 2B, and Fox Valley Loaves & Fishes.

You are all great witnesses to the love of Jesus for the poor and those in need!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,

Social Justice Team, SVdP, Outreach, and Staff



Young Family & Youth Group Happenings



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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

January 25th - 31st

K-5 Students



We have begun discussing the hope of receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the 1st time for our 1st Communicants. Talking about how we gather at our tables in some format and taking time to SLOW DOWN and show our kids the importance of reverence when we come to the 'table of the Lord'.

Knowing we have received 1st Reconciliation and are in the state of Grace each time we attend Reconciliation, we are choosing to slow down a bit and spend time with Jesus, before coming to his table. ***Please continue to pray for our 1st Communicants on their journey, as they prepare for welcoming Jesus in an entirely new way!***

Our Middle School youth have had a series of nights on Radiant Hope. The world offers empty platitudes to simply "hope" or "believe" but offers nothing substantial in which to place that hope or belief. In the Catholic worldview, hope is a supernatural virtue by which God grants us the desire for eternal life in heaven and the trust that he will help us get there.

keeping their eyes and hearts fixed on the hope of heaven!

Grade 6-8 Students



Our High School youth recently had a class to help them understand and embrace the fact that God calls each of us to serve him and others in a particular way through our personal vocation. Faithfulness to this vocation is our path to holiness and happiness.

We begin to live out our vocation

Grade 9-11 Students



now by listening to God's voice in our day-to-day lives and seeking to serve others.

Happenings Elsewhere

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives *presents*

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MONDAY | FEB 2, 2026 | 7 PM

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SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION(S) IN ADVANCE

It's easy! Email them to ciafmo@gmail.com.

Here's your chance! Ask about anything –
sacraments, Mary, the Church, liturgy, moral
questions, current events, the Bible, etc.
(Questions can also be asked on event night.)

- Put **ASK A PRIEST** in email subject line.
- Send questions by Jan. 31. If you wish to remain anonymous, note that in your email.

2.21.26

ESTO VIR MEN'S CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY @ 7AM—3PM
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APPLETON WISCONSIN**

**SEE THE FLYER IN THE NARTHEX
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND FOR REGISTERING**



Join us for an evening of Faith, Food, Fellowship, Family and Fun Saturday, February 14, 2026.

The Global Outreach Catholic Exchange Program
is hosting its

17th Annual "Taste of Europe" Fundraising for Scholarships

St. Patrick Catholic Community, 320 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha.

The evening begins with 4:00PM Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Ripley, GO Spiritual Director with Music Ministry provided by Global Outreach Students from Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

Mass is followed by GO Student Entertainment, Dinner Buffet including European-Style Foods, Cash Bar, GO Student Crafted European Dessert Shoppe, and MORE!! Evening concludes at 8:30PM.

Cost: \$40.00 age 13 years & older; \$10.00 age 5-12 years old; Free to children under 5 years old.

NEW this Year: Be a Table Sponsor (7 guests / \$250.00).

Please **RSVP no later than Friday, Feb 6**

or send your check to Dorothy Flees, 9522
County Road T, Marshfield, WI 54449.
Thank You for your Support!



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.**

We are looking for Altar Servers to assist
at weekend Masses.



This ministry is open to all
parishioners age 10 and older.
If you, or your son/daughter are
interested in this ministry, contact
Sherry Zwicky—a training
will be happening soon.

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