



March 15, 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 March 14-20 2026

Weekend Mass		Intention
Saturday	4:30 pm	Clarence Molden*
Sunday	8:00 am	Magna Selig*
	10:00 am**	Members of St. Bernard

Weekday Liturgies 8:00 am

Monday	Liturgy of The Word	
Tuesday	Liturgy of The Word	
Wednesday	Mass	James & Rebeca Maher
Thursday	Liturgy of The Word	
Friday	Liturgy of The Word	

**Will be livestreamed

*In memory of



SANCTUARY CANDLE

March 15 - March 21, 2026

In memory of: MIKE TASSOUL

Sponsored by: Gaye Tassoul



IN SYMPATHY

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

The mother of Joe (Sandy) Meulemans
The sister of David Emanuel

And for the repose of there souls:

"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."

PARISH OFFICE HOURS*

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

*Other times by appointment

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Live your Discipleship

In this past Tuesday's Gospel reading (Matthew 18:21-35), Peter asks how many times he must forgive his brother. Jesus answers him that there is no limit to the number of times; you must always forgive.

The Lord then tells the story of the king who forgave a servant a debt so large that the servant would never be able to repay it. This servant then had another servant thrown into prison over a much smaller debt owed to the 1st servant. The 1st servant refused to forgive the 2nd. When the king heard of this, he had the 1st servant handed over to the torturers. "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Jesus tells us that the Father will withdraw his forgiveness if we refuse to forgive those who have harmed us. Since our debt to the Father is so great as to be unpayable, the punishment will be endless. God is calling on us to imitate him and forgive. In the prayer Jesus taught us it says, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" This is hard, yet it is a vitally important part of this prayer.

This Lent, search your heart for any grudges or hurts you are holding onto, and ask for God's help in letting them go. God Bless.



Deacon Dave Denby, Pastoral Leader

Parish Happenings

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	March 15 9:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip Sale 11:00 am Diaconate Inquirer Event 11:00 am Coffee & Rolls, Scrip Sale
Monday	March 16 8:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Cursillo - 4th Day
Tuesday	March 17 9:00 am Craft Club 6:00 pm Finance Council 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday	March 18 12:05 pm Angelus & Mary's Way of the Cross 6:00 pm Connect Night Dcn. Dan Wagnitz 6:00 pm Family Faith Formation K-5 6:00 pm Middle School/High School Life Teen and Edge Nights
Thursday	March 19 10:00 am Women's Rosary Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday	March 20 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 21 7:30 am Men's 4th Day Cursillo 9:00 am Adoration 9:00 am Small Group Leader Formation Workshop 3:45 pm Reconciliation

Financial Stewardship Week 36

Weekly Giving through 3/13/2026

Envelope Collections	\$ 11,340
Budget Envelope.....	\$ 15,673
Loose Collections	\$ 790
Budget Loose	\$ 385

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Actual Env.	\$ 520,154
Budget Env.	564,228
Env. Over/(Under).	\$ (44,074)
Loose	\$ 35,901
Budget Loose	13,860
Loose Over/(Under)	\$ 22,041

Brokerage Direct (including IRA Distributions) and Donor Advised Fund Donations

In keeping with updated Diocesan guidelines, we will no longer designate Brokerage Direct (including IRA distributions) or Donor Advised Fund donations as "nondeductible" or "deductible."

These donations will be included on your year-end statement as "Brokerage Direct" or "Donor Advised Funds." If you have questions concerning these donations or the tax consequences thereof, please consult with your tax advisor.

IRA donations from your required minimum distribution should be sent directly to St. Bernard Catholic Parish and include who it is from, that it is an IRA Distribution, and what it is for (church support or another designated purpose); otherwise, the donation will be reflected as an unrestricted donation to the parish.

Please contact Barb Hoffman at bhoffman@stbernardappleton.org or 920.739-0331 with any questions.

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish
– your generosity is very much appreciated!**

DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY VOCATIONS

Answer God's Call Discern Religious Life

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
Saturdays 3:45-4:15pm**

Parish Happenings

Thank You!

From the St Bernard
Social Justice Committee

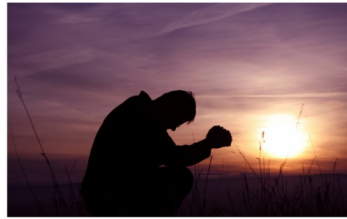
Thank you to all who generously supported the homeless in Appleton over the past several months. 64 sleeping bags were donated to St Joseph's in February for their major efforts to aid the homeless on an ongoing basis. What an outpouring of warmth and love!

In addition, two meals were delivered from St. Bernard's to feed the homeless this winter and individuals responded to this critical need by contacting St. Joseph's directly from our bulletin announcement.

We thank each and every one of you for responding to a real need in our community. If you feel moved to aid St Joseph's ongoing efforts,



Men's Prayer Group



Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Janssen Activity Center on Monday mornings



Monday, March 30th

Smart Investing for this Economy

How much do I need for retirement? Best ways for charitable giving? How to manage for inflation? Social Concerns in investing. How much risk is for me?

Emil Hague and Drew Krepline from North Star Asset Management will speak to our parish and answer your questions.

This is an important topic for all of us!

Speaker: 9-9:45am, Coffee served at 8:30am

COMMUNITY CLOTHESCLOSET

The Great Undie Giveback - April 1 to 13

Donate Now



That feeling when you have new, well-fitting underwear.

Underwear is something many of us take for granted - until we don't have it. For the 11,900 individuals served by Community Clothes Closet, fresh, well-fitting underwear is often out of reach. When budgets are tight, essentials like new undies fall by the wayside.

Your Support Can Make a Difference!

Community Clothes Closet has been serving individuals and families in need since 1980. By providing free clothing and essential items, we help people face life's challenges with dignity and confidence. Many of our clients are children, making your support especially impactful.

VIA Fox Valley Young Adults SPRING EVENTS



- Thurs, March 5th- Cor Jesu
- Sun, March 8th- Sunday Brunch
- Tues, March 10th- Spirits and Brews
- Thursday, April 2nd: Seven Churches Pilgrimage
- Thursday, April 9th: Cor Jesu
- Sunday, April 12th: Sunday Brunch
- Saturday, April 18th: Karaoke Night
- Saturday, May 2nd: Walk To Mary
- Thursday, May 7th: Cor Jesu
- Friday, May 15th: Roller Blading
- Sunday, May 17th: Sunday Brunch
- Saturday, May 30th: May Hike
- Thursday, June 4th: Cor Jesu

Events subject to change



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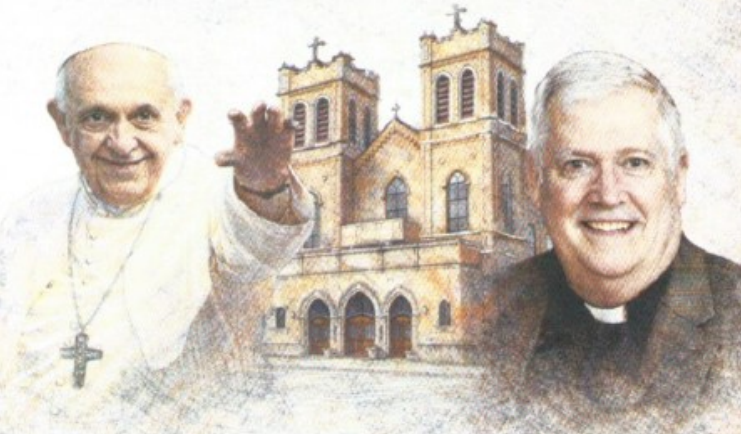


Happenings Elsewhere

"Walking Together" The Vision of Pope Francis in Appleton

Pope Francis invited 300 priests
from around the world to Rome...

One of them was
from Appleton



Fr. Bill Swichtenberg (St. Mary Catholic Church)
shares his experience at this global gathering
and what it means for communities like Appleton



March 26, 6-7pm @ Appleton Public Library

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ENCOUNTER

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SUN., MARCH 29 AT 6:00PM
FREE ADMISSION

The three most important virtues are
humility, humility, and humility.

St Bernard of Clairvaux

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Special Holy Week program

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 7 PM

ENCOUNTERING GOD on Death's Doorstep - PART 2

Crushed and trapped for hours after a
car accident, Ed Jozsa experienced
both terror and a glimpse of Heaven.

In **PART 2**, Ed shares how his mystical
journey showed him what it means to
pick up your cross to follow Jesus.

*"In that third vision, the Lord allowed me a
taste of what His physical pain was in the
Passion. A lot of my injuries mimicked his –
piercings, scourging, blood loss, suffocation. ...
I never realized the physical pain He endured."*

Watch **PART 1** of Ed's story:

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JANSSEN FORUM



TOMMY NELSON
Hospice Chaplain



THURSDAY, MARCH 19
MOUNT TABOR CENTER

11:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Lunch
12:10 PM Speaker

Cost: \$10 per person

Tommy, a former SPIRITUS missionary
from Team 1, will reflect on his journey of
faith and how it guided him from serving in
youth ministry to his current role as a
hospice chaplain.

Parish Happenings

BE the LIGHT

Creating A Faith-Filled Culture in our Parishes



The Lord has blessed us in so many ways! Our parish family continues to reach out and be with people through the joys and challenges of life.

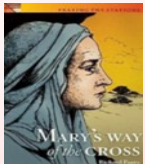
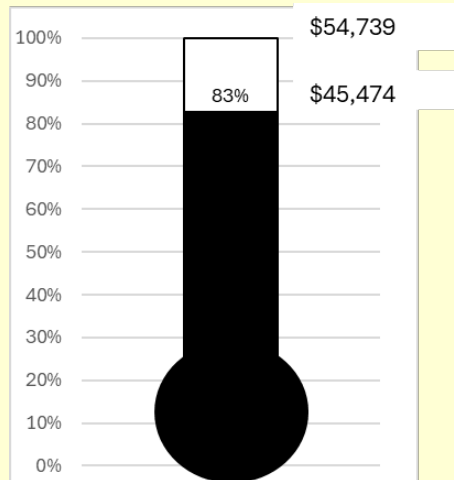
Thanks to the support of the Bishop's Appeal, the Church has found innovative and effective ways to connect with people and share gifts.



Please give generously at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

We are closing in on our goal!

Five weeks into the 2026 Bishop's Appeal, 123 family units have given. If you haven't contributed yet, please prayerfully consider how you can support the Bishop's Appeal.

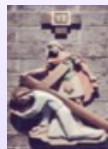


Wednesdays during Lent - 12:05 pm in church

Join us on your lunchbreak to pray the "Angelus" and "Mary's Way of the Cross."

Fridays during Lent - 5:30 pm in church

Join us for prayer & meditation with the Stations of the Cross



LENT CONNECT NIGHT

March 18, 6:00pm

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: DEACON DAN WAGNITZ
Saint Faustina Divine Mercy Reflection

Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks & Fellowship Follow Speaker



Young Family & Youth Group Happenings



Our 1st communicants took a look at the true meaning of Lent & what it really means to them personally! They made a personal Lenten calendar so they are able to look at what they plan on 'doing' for Lent and to track how they do. Each day, they can add a cross for extra prayers, a heart for fasting, or a hand for helping out (almsgiving). It is an aid for their daily journey through the Lenten season!



The goal of a session our Middle School youth had recently was for the youth to recognize that their **identity** is centered in God and his promises. This realization leads them toward peace and a sense of purpose. Main teaching points included:

1) God created us. We are created in his image, adopted as his children, and destined for heaven. 2) Jesus shows us how to live a holy, peaceful life that we can imitate. 3) God loves us as we are, so we do not have to pretend to be someone we are not. God wants us to grow closer to him through an honest relationship.



A recent High School youth night taught why we believe that the Catholic Church is the Church instituted by Christ, and encouraged them to fully embrace and live their identity as Catholics. Main teaching points included:

1) Jesus founded the Church, built on the Apostles, to continue his mission in the world. 2) The Catholic Church has guarded the fullness of the Christian faith found in both Scripture and Tradition. The sacraments of the Church make present Jesus' saving work in our lives today. 3) Being an active member of the Catholic Church leads us to experience the salvation and new life Jesus desires for us in all its fullness.





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