

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 18, 2022

Mass Intentions

December	19	8:00 AM	NO Mass
December	20	8:00 AM	Father Darius Moss requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
December	21	8:00 AM	Intentions of Randy McCauley requested by Mary Ellen Thorpe
December	22	8:00 AM	Intentions of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
December	23	8:00 AM	Intentions of Sheila Lebkicher requested by The Pray Family
December	24	4:00 PM	Deceased Of The King & Sharman Families
		6:00 PM	People Of The Parish
December	25	9:00 AM	Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family

Liturgical Ministries December 24-25

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
4:00 PM	Noah Jenkins	Mark Ticehurst	The Hoffman Family
6:00 PM	Bill Davies	Pat Pray	The Robinson Family
9:00 AM	Joe DeFrancesco	Scott Dunkelberger	Pat Pray

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 25

Robin & Mike Chiccini

January 1

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 62:11-12

Tituss 3:4-7

Luke 2: 15-20

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,859.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,218.99

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 18th (Advent Sunday IV)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

(Mitten Tree gifts due back today)

Monday, December 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, December 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, December 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, December 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Church Decorating for Christmas, 6:00PM

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

No Confessions

Masses at 4:00PM and 6:00PM

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

Mass at 9:00AM

No CCD

Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
a name that means "God is with us."

From the Pastor's Desk



Advent is a time to live in joyful expectation at the coming of the Lord Jesus. One may presume that this kind of expectation anticipates a large momentous event.

Today's scriptures tell us that it is to the smallest and humblest that Jesus will come. Today you are given the opportunity to become the very dwelling place of God by listening to God's living Word and receiving the sacred Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. In the town of Bethlehem, the world was changed forever. In the womb of the

Blessed Virgin Mary grew the One Who would save the world from sin and death. And within you lies the potential to bring justice and peace to all you meet. Too insignificant you ask? So was Bethlehem!! During the busyness of this coming week, let us not forget the very reason for this holy season: to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, Terry Woods, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Hospitality Apostolate: This group would like to offer meals on a short term basis to parishioners just released from the hospital, new mothers, and shut-ins who need temporary care. If you can use their services or know someone who can, please contact Phyllis Krieger (kriegerkrew@aol.com/717-834-9433).

Memorial/Commemorative Bricks: Parishioners have asked to have additional bricks memorialized on the walkway that leads to the parish pavilion. As part of our 75th Anniversary year celebration, you can memorialize a brick on the walkway. The bricks are 6"x 9" with a maximum 4 lines of 15 characters each. Engraved bricks are \$50 and will be placed in the walkway in the spring. To order a brick, please complete the order form (found on the bulletin board) and return it to the parish office with your payment. Checks are payable to "St. Bernard Catholic Church."

“Come, Come, Emmanuel.”

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 100 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag!! Your gifts should be returned by December 18th.



Church Decorating for Christmas will take place after Mass on Friday, December 23rd at 6:00 PM. Your gracious assistance is needed to help with the Christmas trees and poinsettias that beautify our sanctuary. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can assist us.



March for Life January 2023: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 20th. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the love of Christ at Christmas and the blessings of God for the New Year. You have blessed our lives at Saint Bernard's with your friendship and prayerful support. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be your Pastoral Shepherds and journey with you to God's kingdom.

Let us rightly remember the birth of Jesus, that with the angels we may sing of His glory and share the joy of the shepherds who came to

worship him. With the Wise Men, let us share with Him the special gifts and talents we possess as if treasures of gold, frankincense, and Myrrh. In Christ we can close the doors of our hearts to hate and open wide the doors of our hearts to love God and our neighbor.

On Christmas morning relive the joy of your childhood and thank God our Father for sending us His most precious gift – His Son – our Savior!

Blessings in the Lord!
Father Sharman
Deacon Robinson

“Magnify, my soul, her who is more honorable and glorious than the hosts above. I beheld a mystery strange and wondrous. The cave is heaven, the Virgin is the throne of the cherubim, the manger is the place where the Incomprehensible is laid, Christ our God, Whom we magnify with song.” This day the Christ is born: this day the Savior is appeared: this day the angels sing praise in the earth and the archangels rejoice: this day the righteous are glad and say: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!”

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24th
4:00PM and 6:00PM

Mass on Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th
9:00 AM

Masses for December 31st and
January 1st

Saturday, December 31st
5:00PM
Sunday, January 1st
9:00AM