

# SAINT BERNARD PARISH

*A Small Place Where God's Love Is Made Big!*



## DECEMBER 30, 2018

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Sacramental Minister: Fr. Robert Thesing, S.J.  
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Office Staff: Dave Evans, Linda Rook

Parish Office Hours:  
9 – 1 Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Friday

MASSSES: Saturday 5 pm,  
Sunday 9:30 am

Tues & Thurs 8 AM - Wednesday: Noon

CONFESSIONS: Sat: 4:30 - 4:50pm  
Sun: 9:00 - 9:20am

Interested in our parish? Call the Parish Office

### ST. BERNARD'S PRAYER LINE ~

Members of our parish who pray for anyone in need of spiritual support.

Call **MELANIE DRAKE (681-1335)** or  
**JAN SUNDERHAUS (738-4967)** or  
e-mail the Parish Office & we will forward your prayer request to the prayer line.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.stbernardcincy.org](http://www.stbernardcincy.org)

### Please Pray for these Parishioners:

Anita Maria Thierry Allen	Bernard Duncan
Jim Fitzpatrick	Jeff Rexhausen
Paul Thierry	Ron Friedl
Helen Zellner	Barb Limke
Ginny Cook	Joanne Cafferky
Joan Schuler	Nancy Schiele
Mae Smith	Charlene Riesenberger
Phil Schweri	Don & Pat Benzing

**December 23<sup>h</sup> - Collection - \$2,062**  
**Christmas Collection - \$2,119**  
**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

### Birthday Blessings To:

Dec. 30 Katie Sprengard Wayne Burton  
Jan. 01 Betty Ventura

### Parish Events

Dec. 31 5 pm Mass New Year's Eve  
Jan. 01 10 am Mass New Year's Day  
Jan. 02 6:45 SVDP Meeting  
Jan. 03 8:30 – 9:30am Holy Hour  
7pm Liturgy Meeting  
Jan. 04 8 am IVC Mass  
7pm Movie - Christopher Robin

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	Jeannette Pangallo (+)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Dan Burnett (+)
Holy Family			
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12/31</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Home bound Parishioners
New Year's Eve			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>01/01</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	St. Bernard Parishioners
New Year's Day			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>01/02</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Jim & Kathy Cress
St. Basil the Great			
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>01/03</b>	<b>8 AM</b>	Andrew Braun & Chelsea Parr
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>01/05</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	Parishioners on the prayer line
St. John Newman			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/06</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Elizabeth McNulty (+)
Epiphany of the Lord			

### A Message from Sister Margie...

Thanks to Bobby, Diane, Sue Ivory, and John Rader for decorating the church so beautifully for all of us to enjoy! Rahn's Greenhouses donate our poinsettias so you might patronize them when you are looking for plants or flowers.

January 1 is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is a Holy Day. Masses are on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Let's begin this new year in prayer together!

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> is the first class of our RCIA program for those interested in joining the Catholic Church and have already been baptized in any faith denomination. We'll begin at 2:00pm in the rectory building and would appreciate knowing who is coming so we have enough materials ready. People will only know of this opportunity if you tell them!

I am very grateful to Bob Ivory for all the help he has provided in the months I have been here and helping this transition to go smoothly. Bob will be retired as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. As a parishioner, Bob has decided that his volunteer work will be to continue to facilitate the Men's Group and the Tuesday Bible Study, as well as being a member of the liturgy committee. As a parish we will have a Thanks and God's Blessings Party for Bob on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the monthly breakfast. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be here to wish Bob well.

May all in the St. Bernard Family receive blessings in abundance in 2019!

### For the Road

How has God helped you realize your membership in the household of God's Kingdom?

## 2019 PARISH RAFFLE with MORE PRIZES!

The 2019 Raffle is better than ever with even more chances to win \$100 or additional prizes such as restaurant gift cards, sports tickets, gifts, and more! We will be selling tickets for our 2019 Parish Raffle this Sunday and every Sunday after Mass for the next few weeks. The first drawing is January 20th. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100 and are good for the entire year! Each month a ticket will be drawn and the winner gets \$100 or other great prizes. Winning tickets are returned to the drum and can win again all year long. Sellers of winning tickets receive \$20. These raffle tickets make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers! The only rule for sellers is that you can't sell to each other in the parish to win the extra \$20, but you can give them as gifts. **We can now accept credit cards for your payment.**

## Celebrating National Migration Week, 2019 with "Immigration 101"

How are the refugee and asylum processes alike and/or different? What is Temporary Protected Status? A visa or a green card? St. Bernard's will host a presentation by Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center after our 9:30 liturgy on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Staff from IJPC will answer the above questions and more; facilitate a small group activity simulating the undocumented and documented experience of immigrating to the United States; and update us about current events and challenges facing the immigrant population in our area. Join the crowd in the Annex on January 13, and bring/invite your friends!

## Friday movie: CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

Who doesn't love Winnie the Pooh! Join us in the annex on Friday, Jan 4th at 7pm. Christopher Robin (Ewan McGregor) is all grown up and feeling the stress of a stifling white collar job that takes him away from his wife and young daughter. As he ponders "what to do, what to do...", Winnie the Pooh is dealing with his own crisis. Christopher and Pooh are magically reunited in London and work to help each other out. A. A. Milne's best loved characters are walking and talking stuffed animals in this delightful film for adults and kids alike.

Popcorn and beverages will be available and all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend for a lighthearted return to your childhood!

## Reflection on Growing in Faith

"Once their anxiety lessened, Mary and Joseph must have felt proud that Jesus was so serious about God at such a young age. They knew before he was born that He was going to be special and this glimpse of Him as a child illustrates what type of man he would eventually become. He was born to do wondrous things and this would be the beginning of His path to serving God and others." Insights: A Reflection Booklet for Small Christian Groups. Fall 2018. Pg 79

## Actions of Parish Council

The St. Bernard Parish Council met on December 18 and took the following actions:

- Celebrated the Christmas season with a family meal
- Received an update on possible purchase of the parish school building
- Accepted the parishioners taking leadership for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities
- Discussed parish's role in support of bilingual Masses
- Received a report on plans for faith formation activities for the year ahead
- Received a report on achievements and plans for parish fund raising

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SERVERS (Chuck Heil)		
01/05	5 PM	Chuck Heil
01/06	9:30 AM	Fernando & Chuck Heil
LECTORS		
12/31	5 PM	John & Mary Metz
01/01	10 am	Mary Jane Hack Katie Shuter
01/05	5 PM	John & Mary Metz
01/06	9:30 AM	Bob Mierenfeld Diane Mushaben
OFFERTORY PROCESSION (Margie Koehler)		
01/06	9:30 AM	Rudemiller Family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS (Mary Jane Hack)		
01/01	10 AM	Barb & Bob Saal
01/05	5 PM	Mary & John Metz
01/06	9:30 AM	Chuck Heil Sue Hagedorn Sr. Margie Efke Reyna Torres Kathy Hunt
USHERS (Pat Orsary)		
01/06	9:30 AM	Steve Amann & Lois Fisher
SUNDAY HOST (Bob Ivory)		
01/06	9:30 AM	Linda Wihl

**SVDP** - Today is the fest of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of SVDP was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor, by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and help with utility and rent bills. **Thank you!**

**Collection Envelopes** Sunday collection envelopes are in back of church. Please take your envelopes. If you would like envelopes and they are not in back of church, please contact the office.

**Live Nativity** – St. Francis Seraph on Liberty Street from Nov. 25-Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1-7pm daily

**World Day of Peace Mass** – New Year's Day Mass on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am, at the Cathedral.

**National Migration Week**- Join Catholic Charities to hear how we can build Communities of Welcome. Learn what life is like as a refugee. This event will be held on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, Good Shepherd Parish (on Kemper Road).

**Retrouvaille**- Jan 11-13 Helps couples restore and rebuild loving relationships. For more information, call 456-5413.

**Marriage encounter weekend** – Jan 25-27 St. Michaels in Sharonville. For information, call Rhonda at 859-801-0311

**Grief Support Group** – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 25<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd on Kemper Rd. For Information call Kathy 891-9494

## New Year's Prayer

God thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.