

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM
Tuesday: 9 AM
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM
Thursday: 9 AM
Friday: 9 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

July 14, 2024

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

He Sent them out Two by Two



Mission Statement:

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is a Christian community in the Catholic tradition following the direction of the Holy Spirit in building the kingdom of God and the church in Hedgesville and beyond. Through Word, Worship, Ministry, and Service we celebrate our common faith given in baptism. Grateful for our faith, we seek to grow in love toward all. "It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples." —John 13:35

REFLECTION

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. ... He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick”.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus gives missionary instructions to His first disciples on how to conduct themselves in their endeavor to spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Firstly, we are told that Christ summoned all Twelve; not just a few of the Apostles. None was excluded from the task at hand. Secondly, Jesus sent “them out two by two”; not one by one. He did not send each of them to go all alone. Thirdly, Christ instructed them to “take nothing for the journey but a walking stick”; insisting that they travel light and rely on the generosity of the townspeople to whom they were sent for food and shelter.

To better understand and contrast what Jesus is teaching versus what so many of us like to do, let us consider the following. It is very common to see people at the airport, trashing some of their belongings because they found out that their check-in or carry-on bags are over the weight authorized by the airliner they are boarding. We are constantly packing and finding places to store our possessions. It is most certainly a profitable business to build and rent out the many self-storage facilities in our neighborhoods. Drive around during any weekend and there is a great chance one of your neighbors is holding a yard sale in their driveway. All of us like to clean out from time to time and to dispose of whatever we no longer need. Yet, in the consumer economy in which we live, we are not only selling; we are also constantly buying up and amassing new possessions.

Functioning well in life requires a good lot of self-denial. It requires letting go of some or all the ‘excess luggage’ we carry about, overburdening ourselves with possessions we do not need.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is summoning us in the same way He summoned the Twelve. He is sending us out “two by two” or in teams. In the same way as Jesus sent all the Apostles, He is sending all of us – not only some of us – out today on the task of proclaiming the gospel. In other words, the job of evangelization is best done in teams; and not confined to or abandoned in the hands of only a few members of our Christian community or parish. All of us, the baptized are part of this great mission. We are to work as a team to accomplish this task.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all members of St. Bernadette who have signed up to and worked to advance the activities of the various ministries we have here in the parish. Let me also encourage those who have not yet joined a ministry to seriously consider joining one of our many ministries. Christ, our

Savior, and Master is clear that we need each other. We are a communal people. We need to support each other and work as a team if we are to accomplish the task that God has given us here at St. Bernadette.

On this mission, Jesus instructs us to “Take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no haversack, no coppers for the purses... Do not take a spare tunic”. In other words, we are not to rely on our possessions or our power, but on the power of God and on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom we have been sent to preach the Good News. “Take nothing ... except a walking stick”, Jesus instructs them. The walking stick represents the power of God. “With that (supposedly) fragile piece of wood, God wrought mighty deeds before Pharaoh (Ex. 4:2); with it, God divided the Red Sea” (Ex. 14:16); and with it, God got water out of a rock” (Ex. 17:5) for His people as they crossed the desert. (cf. Celebrating the Word, Year B, by Fernando Armellini)

Let us pray, dear friends, that we will rely on the power of God and heed Christ’s instructions in fulfilling our role in proclaiming the Kingdom of God on earth. May we never forget that we cannot do it all alone and we cannot do it by our might. Just as everyone in a household or a family plays their role, so too, must all of us play our role in Christ’s Church here at St. Bernadette. Are you on board?

God bless You!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

During this week, our focus will be in Indianapolis, Indiana where the National Eucharistic Congress will be held from Wednesday, July 17th through Sunday, July 21st. This is a historic gathering that will draw “Catholics from every corner of our nation together to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith”. Our parish, St. Bernadette, will be represented by Kevin Ferrell, Eric and Dianna Colliflower, Bill and Sara Struemke, Hillary Ware, and Wayne Montano. We wish you well. We cannot all be there; however, we can make our Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, July 19th, from 9:30 AM to 12 NOON, our peak moment of the National Eucharistic

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 4195.00
Online Giving	\$ 1630.65
Maintenance	\$ 755.00
Outreach	\$ 322.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

Congress.

Next week we shall be taking up a special collection to support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

ALL VOLUNTEERS must complete their VIRTUS training and background check immediately. Those who are not in compliance will not be allowed to volunteer until they are compliant with the current guidelines. The Bishop has instituted yearly Safe Environment training to include the Protecting God's Children Module and monthly bulletins for all employees and volunteers. If you completed the training before 2023, you must now complete the module Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0.



Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. Just 3 weeks away!

SCUBA dive into a friendship with God. August 5—9th from 5—8 PM. Spots are still available! Fill out a registration form (in the narthex) and drop



it off at the office or fill out the online form. **This is a FREE event and dinner is provided.**

Save the Date: **Crab Feast...coming August 23rd.** Tickets go on sale next week after all Masses.

The **Social Concerns Ministry** is collecting items to fill Blessing Bags for the homeless. A flyer is available for ideas for items needed. Travel size toiletry items and small snacks are preferred. Monetary donations are always welcome. Items can be left in the marked bin in the narthex.

The next **Hedersville Loaves and Fishes** distribution is scheduled for Saturday July 26th. A flyer is available noting needed items to fill the pantry. As always, items can be left on the shelves in the McFadden Hall closet as you enter on your left. Please do not leave clothing.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Theresa Comer, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Eric Heartley, Michael Huey, Patricia Baker, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Chris McCusker

Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers. You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, July 14th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Tuesday, July 16th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Colliflower children

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 17th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, July 18th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, July 19th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Kao family

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 20th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 21st

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

2:30 PM African Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session before the Baptism can be scheduled. To register for the Preparation Class, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be held Wednesday evening from 5:20—5:50 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. Confession is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Bernadette Catholic Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least six months notice is required. No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a Parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and Communally as scheduled.

Parish Membership: We give a heartfelt welcome to all new people moving into our Parish. You can get a registration form from the Parish Office or you can register on our website at www.stbernadettewv.org. Those who plan to move from our Parish Community are asked to inform us.

St. Bernadette Pastoral Council: Pat Winkelman, Chairperson; Cindy Lathwell, Secretary; Members: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, and Jeff Ferrell

Ministries: If you are interested in training for any of the following ministries: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher, please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits: Because of the HIPPA regulations, we are not notified when someone from our Parish is in the hospital. If you want a Priest to visit you, please contact the Parish Office yourself, have a close family member contact us, or ask someone at the hospital to contact us. Friends and neighbors do not make the decision for a Priest to visit the sick. It must be at the request of the family. If you are local, we can make the visit. If you are in Winchester, please let the hospital know that you want a priest or contact the local parish.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 15th—St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Is 1:10-17; Ps 50; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 16th—Is 7:1-9; Ps 48; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 17th—Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 18th—Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 19th—Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8(Ps) Is 38; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 20th—Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday 21st—Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Blessing Bags



St. Bernadette Social Concerns Ministry

Blessing bags are care packages filled with essential items that are distributed to those experiencing homelessness. They are important because they provide necessities and comfort to those in need, showing compassion and support for the homeless community.

Ideas of Items Needed:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Wet Wipes
- Comb
- Chapstick
- Bottled Water
- Gum
- Mints
- Canned soup (with pull top)
- Fruit Cup
- Granola Bars
- Beef Jerky
- Trail Mix
- Hand Sanitizer
- Socks
- Other ideas ----->

Collecting donated items until August 11th. Please leave items in the labeled collection bin in the narthex. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Blessing Bag assembly will happen at a later date.





Vacation Bible School registration form

(One per child)

August 5 - 9th 5 - 8 PM



Or register online

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home parish: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for parish use only): _____

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Call or Text Sara Struemke with Questions: 307-712-0001



Help Fill the Pantry 2024

June

Hot Dogs *Ground Beef* *Bread*
Condiments *Chips*

July

Children's Snacks *Drink Boxes*
Toiletries *Toilet Paper*

August

Backpacks *School Supplies*

**** Monetary donations for
Hot Dogs and Ground Beef are preferred***

Additional Pantry items are always needed:

*Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Soup, Peanut Butter,
Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice, Syrup,
Pancake Mix, Cereal, Hamburger Helper*

**Monetary donations can be made to Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes
P.O. Box 35, Hedgesville, WV 25427**

**For more information contact:
Karen - 301-992-1368 or Bill - 571-216-9320**