SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM
Saturday: 5 PM
Tuesday: 9 AM
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM
Thursday—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: 5:20—5:50PM
Saturday: 4—4:45PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

June 18, 2023

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus says they are like sheep without a shepherd

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In remote villages and lands across the world, where agriculture is not mechanized, farmers work in groups and in solidarity in order make what is very tedious labor light, and even enjoyable. Many of us who grew up in farms know what I am talking about.

In my village, each farmer who had been blessed with a plentiful harvest of corn, beans, peanuts, coffee, or cocoa invited their friends and neighbors to help them to bring in the harvest into the barns. When I was growing up, my siblings and I would invite dozens of friends to help us to harvest and bring home, by head load, the corn our parents had out in the fields. Our friends would invite us to their parents' farms, and we would, thus, return the favor. We did the same when it came to chopping down thick forest or wild bushes in preparation for farming. Girls and women, who generally ploughed the fields, did the same – inviting their friends to help till one farm at a time and then returning the favor until all farms were ready.

In our gospel passage this weekend, Jesus Christ, with a sense of urgency, invites us all to join Him in a similar exercise of making the plentiful harvest of God's vineyard light. "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few," Christ says, calling each of us to service: "so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest". There's a certain degree of restlessness in Jesus based on a burning concern for the people before him. Seeing this need in the crowd, He picked from the ranks of his many disciples, twelve leaders and called them apostles to whom He entrust this delicate task. Looking at the authorization he gave the twelve, "… Cure the sick, raise the dead, …, drive out demons" we may feel that it is not given to everyone to enlist in the army with which Jesus wanted to march out to arrest the pathetic situation he saw before Him. Is Christ's invitation directed exclusively to those who have the gift of working miracles?

I am sure Christ wanted and wished as many as possible would enlist in his army to liberate the people from kinds of hunger. Our job, as Christians, does not necessarily involve working miracles. How do we know this? Good question! I am glad you are asking yourself that question. We know because God our Father is a caring God and He sent Christ on a mission of compassion into our world: to preach the Good News of the Kingdom, to die for sinners; to set captives free; to bring hope to the hopeless; to cure the sick. It is to this ministry of compassion that we have been called by Christ of whom today's gospel passage records: "Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them (the crowds to which He preached) because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd". Christ is no longer walking around physically in this world. We, Christians, his disciples are his hands, voice, and feet in our world today. His invitation remains an urgent appeal to us because the situation has not changed even in our own time. There are still many burdens on our fellow men which we can help to remove, burdens imposed on them by ignorance and poverty.

As with the twelve disciples in our gospel passage, Christ has sent us to our brothers and sisters to be the miracle within our community and within our own parish, through the amazing works we are doing in our various ministries. That is why I can never thank you enough for the service you render in God's Vineyard here at Saint Bernadette. Thank you for serving in our Social Concerns ministry. Thank you everyone who serves as an usher, lector, altar server, in our bereavement and hospitality ministries, in our liturgy committee, in our parish council, in the choir, in the religious aid education program, in setting up for Mass, in decorating and keeping our church clean, in cleaning vestments, as eucharistic ministers, etc. These ministries help all of us to extend Christ's ministry of compassion and love to our brothers and sisters. It is this ministry of compassion and love that UNBOUND is responding to and that brings Fr Martin Holler to St Bernadette this weekend.

I would also like to thank those of you who are still thinking and praying for discernment before choosing a ministry in which to serve. The truth is that God has blessed us at Saint Bernadette with such an abundant harvest that our duty is to do what the Psalmist demands of us: "serve the Lord with gladness".

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome! A special welcome to Fr Martin Holler and all those who are worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you, Father, for coming to celebrate with us this weekend and to share the goal of UNBOUND with us. We're delighted to have you have come to worship with us this morning. If you are new in the area and are looking for a parish you can call home, Saint Bernadette is the place. Talk to any usher or call the parish office at 304-754-7830. Again, thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	$	2783.00
Online Giving	$	1262.02
Capital Improvements	$	225.00
Diocesan Collections	$	247.00
Outreach	$	123.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is Father's Day. We acknowledge and thank all the dads in our parish, and we remember fathers who have died for all the many sacrifices you make for your families and all the joy you bring into their lives. May God richly bless you all and grant eternal rest to those who have died! Happy Father's Day.

10th National Eucharist Revival Congress in Indianapolis. From July 17 to 21, 2024, the church will gather as one American family in Indianapolis. This will be a pivotal moment in the life of the Church in America. Will you be there? Don't miss this momentous gathering of the Church in the United States. We are grateful to our Bishop Mark for providing our parish with two entry tickets.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

There will be a **Hospitality Ministry Meeting** on Wednesday, June 21st, after the 9 AM Mass.

Join us next weekend for our **Grand Re-Opening Breakfast** in McFadden Hall after the 9 AM Mass. A lot of planning and work has gone into the update of McFadden Hall and we want to take the time to show it off to our parishioners. Thank you to all who were involved in this fabulous transformation.

There will be **a Parish Council meeting** on Tuesday, June 27th at 6 PM. We will be discussing the Parish Eucharistic Revival. This meeting is open to any parishioner who would like to attend.

Call the office today (304-754-7830) to reserve your spot for our July 8th, **Parish Yard Sale**.

SAVE THE DATE! August 10th, 4—8 PM. **Crab Feast Fundraiser** here at St. Bernadette's. All you can eat Maryland crabs, fried chicken, cole slaw, corn on the cob, and baked potato bar for just $65. Tickets will be for sale the weekends of July 8, 15, and 22.

For those that made their confirmation on May 20th, a flash drive with the **pictures taken by Jeff McCoy is available in the narthex**.

Please register your children for **Religious Education** for the 2023 –2024 school year to begin in September as soon as possible so that arrangements for teachers can be made.

If you know of someone who is **sick or homebound**, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 so that we can bring them communion and send them a bulletin.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter, Bob Baker

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, June 18th
8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Martin
Intention for the People of the Parish
11 AM Mass—Fr. Martin

Tuesday, June 20th
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, June 21st
9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry Meeting
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, June 22nd
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Pearl Brumbaugh

Friday, June 23rd
9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, June 24th
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Christine D'Angelo

Sunday, June 25th
8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Sue Comer
10—11 AM Grand Re-Opening Breakfast & Sacred Heart of Jesus craft
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Lydia Francisco

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and must have regular attendance at Sunday Mass for at least six months and are required to attend a Preparation Class 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, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 19th—2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 20th—2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 21st—St. Aloysius Ganzaga, Religious; 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 22nd—2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111; Mt 6:7-15

Friday 23rd—2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 24th—Nativity of St. John the Baptist; Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Sunday 25th—Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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.

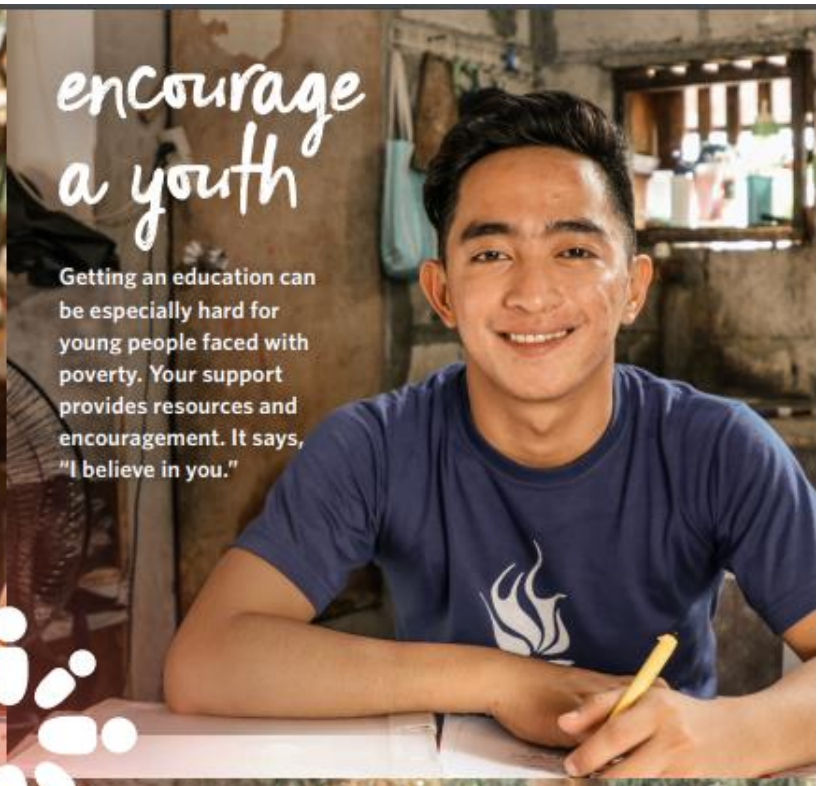
Join us for Breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 25th

Also happening that morning:

Don't forget to sign up to attend the Sacred Heart of Jesus craft and rosary-making session!

help a child

When you sponsor through Unbound, you help a child and family achieve their God-given potential. You walk with them on their path to change.



encourage a youth

Getting an education can be especially hard for young people faced with poverty. Your support provides resources and encouragement. It says, "I believe in you."

befriend an elder

Elders often experience difficulties related to nutrition, health care and social isolation. Your support helps an elder with needs like food, health care, home visits and group activities.

sponsor today

We're all part of one human family created in God's image. As a sponsor with Unbound, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're living out your faith as part of a caring and inclusive global community. You'll also learn about your new friend from letters and photos, and you can write and send photos, too!

I want to sponsor:

☐ Any child ☐ Girl ☐ Boy ☐ Youth ☐ Elder

☐ I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).

☐ Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of $40.
(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (____) _____ Email _____

Parish _____

MAIL TO:
Unbound
P.O. Box 219114
Kansas City, MO 64121-9114

You can also sponsor online at **unbound.org** or call (800) 875-6564.

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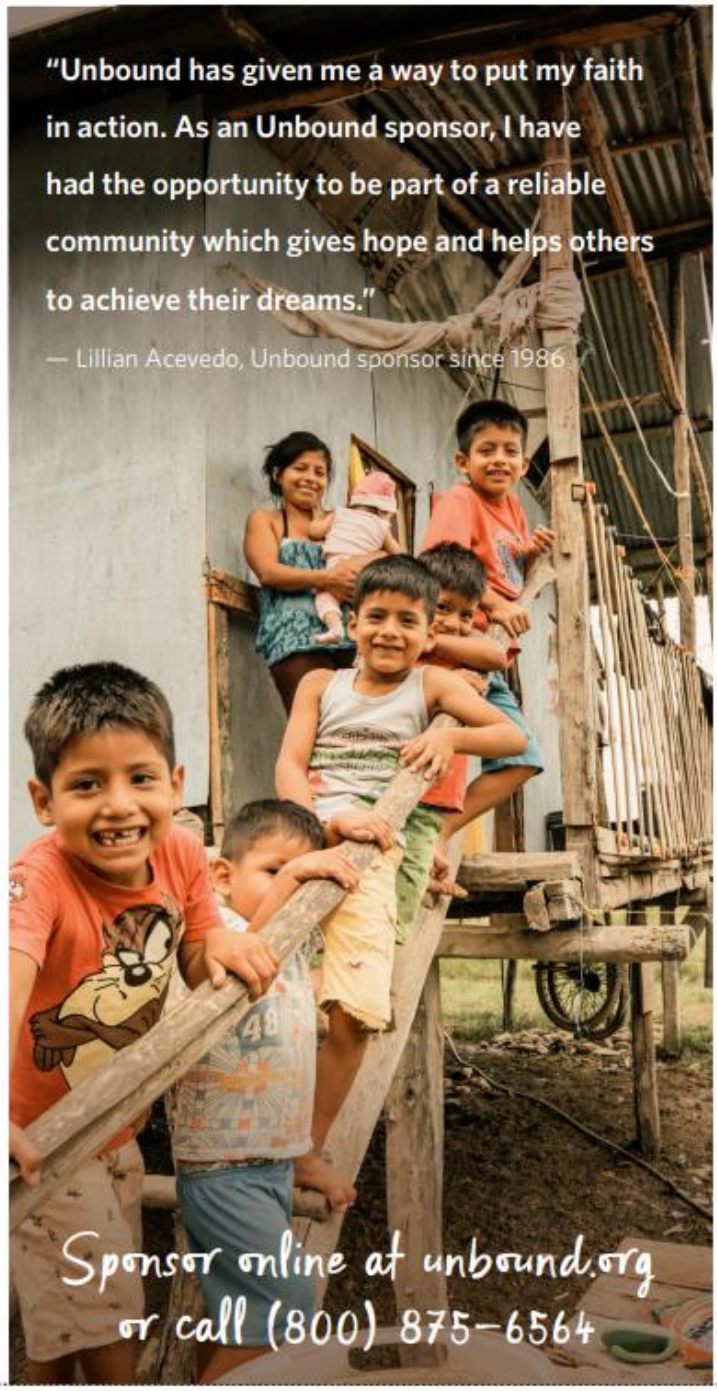

WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

HOW WE WORK

We believe the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods. Mothers lead the way in our programs through active participation in small groups. From accessing microloans to starting small businesses and forming their own credit cooperatives, mothers are creating paths to self-sufficiency for their families.

HIGHLY RATED STEWARDSHIP

Unbound receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. This demonstrates the work we put into solid financial stewardship. Visit unbound.org/financials for details.

4% fundraising
3.4% administration
SOURCE: 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHARITY WATCH TOP-RATED

BBB ACCREDITED CHARITY
bbb.org/charity

CHARITY NAVIGATOR ★★★★ Four Star Charity

SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY PLATINUM

AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize a direct debit from my checking account each month for payment to Unbound. (Please attach voided check.)

Routing # ⑆ _____ ⑆

Account #_____

Amount $_____.00

Authorized Signature_____ Date_____

You may cancel this agreement anytime by contacting Unbound at (800) 875-6564 or 1 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66103. Please allow 2 business days to cancel.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Unbound to charge my credit card in the amount of:

☐ $40 Monthly ☐ $120 Quarterly ☐ $240 Semi-annually ☐ $480 Annually

Card #_____

Expiration date _____/_____

Cardholder name_____

Signature_____ Date_____

So that we may process and provide a receipt for your contribution, please complete the contact information section on the front of this form.

Please print clearly.

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