

ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, March 8**

10:00 Intention of Gretchen Banks
 12:00 The People of St. Bernard
 & St. Mary Parish
 8:00 The Deceased members
 of the Grande Family

Monday, March 9

12:10 Living & Deceased Members
 of the Moore &
 Andrews Family

Tuesday, March 10

12:10 +Margaret Rogers

Wednesday, March 11

12:10 Intention of
 Margaret Williams

Thursday, March 12

12:10 +Marilyn Fischer &
 Joan Marie Scherer

Friday, March 13

12:10 +Henry M. Bartkowski

Saturday, March 14

4:30 +John Fergus

Sunday, March 15

10:00 +Willie Orr
 12:00 All Souls
 8:00 The People of St. Bernard
 & St. Mary Parish

Save the Date: Walking the Passion with Mary

April 4! Women's Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's. Walk the Passion with Mary. 8:00 a.m. until Noon. More information to come.

Baby Bottle Drive for Life Give Local

The St Bernard/St. Mary Respect Life Team and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Lenten almsgiving opportunity for the entire family. Help support the Pro-Life movement locally with a concrete act of love by supporting the Embrace Clinic and Care Center located in Barberton and serving the entire Akron area. Embrace is a nonprofit, Christian pregnancy center offering spiritual, material, medical, and compassionate emotional support to not only moms, dads and babies, but to the entire family. Pick up a baby bottle after Mass beginning this weekend, March 7-8, fill it with coins, bills or checks made payable to Embrace – no amount is too small when done with love; "God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind" (Heb 13:16). Return your baby bottle after Mass on the weekend of March 28-29 or bring it to the St. Bernard Parish office. May God Bless your Lenten Journey!

Message From the Facilities Manager

Last Sunday morning, FirstEnergy shut down the electrical grid to perform routine maintenance in the downtown area. They did not realize that St. Bernard was part of that particular grid. We notified them immediately, but the scheduled work had already begun and could not be reversed. Sorry for the inconvenience. Let there be light!

– Will Jendrisak

Our Lady of the Elms Open House | Sunday, March 29

At the Elms, our doors are open to you! Our Lady of the Elms is the only all-girls, faith-based school grades 1-12 with a co-ed preschool and kindergarten in Northeast Ohio. You're welcome to drop in during our all-school Open House on Sunday, March 29, 12:00-2:00 p.m. There you will have the chance to meet faculty, staff, and students and tour our park-like 33-acre campus. While here, you will see classrooms, explore the history and philosophy of our school, and learn what an Elms education is all about! Learn more at www.theelms.org or call us at 330-836-9384.

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9:00 +Donald Ruquet

Friday, March 13

8:45 Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 15

9:00 Thanksgiving for
 Fr. Chris & Fr. Frank

MERCY is a particular kind of love which aims to lessen the hurt or suffering of another. To live the message of Divine Mercy:

A – Ask for God's mercy:
 B – Be merciful to others:
 C – Completely trust in Jesus.

DIVINE MERCY says, "I am Love and Mercy Itself."

This Lent embrace Divine Mercy personally and lovingly in a deeper way. Speak with Manena at 330-762-1959; Linda at 330-864-3840; or Ana Maria at 330-281-8332 of the Rays of Mercy Cenacle.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
March 1st	N/A	\$1,225.00
Ash Wednesday		\$ 81.55

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38;

Ps 79:8-9,11,13

Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12;

Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28,

Ps 31:5-6, 14-16

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31;

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46; Ps 105:16-21

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;

Lk 15:1-3,11-32; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42; Ps 95:1-2,6-9

Free Movie Screening of "Unplanned"

Sunday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

At St. Sebastian Parish, Zwisler Hall, 500 Mull Avenue, Akron, 44320. The recent theatrical movie "**Unplanned,**" is the true story of Abby Johnson, who was a Planned Parenthood clinic director when she unexpectedly discovered what really happens to an unborn baby during an abortion. Abby, who had believed she was helping women in crisis, was faced with a serious moral dilemma to resolve in her own life. Now the mother of eight children and an international speaker, Abby focuses on providing support and resources to help abortion clinic workers leave their jobs in favor of other careers. Due to the **R** rating and portrayal of abortion, this movie may not be suitable for children. For more information, contact Pat Clark-Varga at patcv1984@yahoo.com or 330-322-9512.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

The third quarter ended Thursday, March 5 and hopefully the weather will become more spring-like. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary School.

Special congratulations to our eighth-grade students who have been accepted to their high schools:

- Six of our students have been accepted to **Archbishop Hoban High School.**
- Eleven of our students have been accepted to **St. Vincent-St. Mary High School**
- Two of our students have been accepted to **Walsh Jesuit High School.**

Good luck to the following students who have entered the National Handwriting Competition: Darnajeh Gable, Antonio Goodwin, Ja'Vin Jones, Jaicee Wallace and Darion Walters.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Delores Abbott, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Bob & Lee Freund, Ada Gelpi, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Ann Miller, Helen Oreskovich, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Tilman Thurman, Margaret Williams, Dave Wojcik

Names will be left on the prayer list for 90 days unless an additional 90-day period or cancellation is requested.

PASTOR'S NOTE

FASTING is a great faith practice that we share with our older brothers and sisters in faith in the Jewish religion. It has been an age-old way to focus, as our liturgical prayers this season talk about, "on the things that last forever instead of the things of this passing world." Tom Perna, a Catholic Blogger, put together a nice set of information on the practice of fasting in his blog, www.TomPerna.org. Tobit 12:8: "Prayer is good when accompanied by fasting, almsgiving, and righteousness." Daniel 9:3: "Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." And Psalm 69:10, "When I humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach." Fasting is something we can do to unite ourselves in solidarity with our fellow Christians who are being persecuted and killed for being believers of Jesus Christ... Although we may never meet them, at least not on this side of Heaven, we can be in complete solidarity for their anguish now. Fasting is a very important element for us as Christians, for it unites our suffering to that of Jesus Christ as well as to what (or who) the fast is being offered for... Jesus Himself fasted before He began His public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11)...The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1434: The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Church Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification bought about by Baptism or martyrdom, they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: efforts at reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins."

CCC 2043: The fourth precept ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepares us for the liturgical feasts and helps us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart. (Asceticism is the technical term for doing things that get us past the things of the passing world and into the things that last forever.) The Wilderness Group also put some thoughts together in speaking about our parish Fast for Peace: *Before we can speak of peace, we must truly have it in our hearts (St. Francis of Assisi). Peace seems a daunting task, but if we each live the peace we desire, a peace greater than what we find on hallmark cards, we will bring about the change we desire. If we want true peace, then Transformation and Transfiguration are required. Lent is a time for us to learn and develop authenticity; to confront our external attitudes, open ourselves to the truth and take the first steps of transformation, looking honestly at the interior of our hearts. A peaceful person is an authentic, credible person.* Thanks, Wilderness Group! Hopefully, now it is clearer how and why we fast. Even if you did not sign up for a day to fast for peace, please feel free to do so on your own, knowing it is something someone in our parish is doing each day of Lent. Here's to Asceticism with Jesus!

😊 – Father Chris

AVISOS PARA LA COMUNIDAD

MISERICORDIA es una clase de amor muy particular que apunta a aliviar el dolor o sufrimiento de otro. Para vivir el mensaje de la Divina Misericordia debemos:

- A – Rogar a Dios por su misericordia
- B – Ser misericordioso con otros
- C – Confiar completamente en Jesús

JESUS dice, "YO soy el Amor y la Misericordia misma" esta Cuaresma .abrace amorosa y personalmente la Divina Misericordia de manera profunda. Hable con Manena 330 762'1959 Linda 330-864-3840 o Ana Maria 330-281-8332 del Cenaculo Rayos de Misericordia

LAS ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ EN ESPAÑOL – Será el 13 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. Todos estan invitados a rezar, en la iglesia de San Bernardo más información comuníquese a la oficina 330-253-5161, ext. 1009 o al teléfono 330-322-4452.

CAPACITAR FAMILIAS – Programa para las familias de nuestra comunidad, nos enseña a como meditar, como relajarse mediante el uso de técnicas de ejercicios. Información valiosa que se puede utilizar para cuando se está pasando por tiempos difíciles en el hogar. Enseñamos diferentes tipos de manualidades, recetas caseras, etc. La próxima reunión será el 28 de marzo 10:00-2:00 p.m. En el Salón Histórico de San Bernardo. Más Información hable con Nancy 330-322-4452.

THE TOLLE LEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE AT BORROMEO SEMINARY – invita a jóvenes adultos del grado 11 que tienen un deseo profundo de relacionarse con Cristo y entender la enseñanza Católica. Estos 5 días de campamento se enfocaran en filosofía, teología, oración y diversión. Seminaristas y miembros de la facultad de los dos Borromeo y Santa María enseñaran, daran conferencias, y compartiran su fe. Seminario Borromeo 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH, 44092. Junio 14 al 19 (Sesion I) Junio 21 al 26 (Sesion II) Costo: \$300.00, hay becas para los interesados. Más información llame al 440-943-7890. – Fr. Pat Anderson

REUNIÓN DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO y DE LAS GUADALUPANAS – Les recordamos que la próxima reunión del Ministerio Hispano es el 22 de marzo a la 1:00 p.m., en el Salón Histórico, agradecemos a todos los que se pudieron quedar a la reunión y les damos las gracias por todo su trabajo y esfuerzo durante todos estos años. Dios los bendiga. Más información llame a la Oficina 330-253-5161, ext. 1009. La reunión de mes pasado se cancelo.