

ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, November 22**

- 10:00 a.m. +Neal Ports
 12:00 p.m. In the Memory of Cynthia Mernaugh & Deceased members of the Mernaugh & Gorbach families
 8:00 p.m. For the people of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parish

Monday, November 23

- 12:10 p.m. Intentions of Stephanie Rogers

Tuesday, November 24

- 12:10 p.m. +Richard Frank

Wednesday, November 25

- 12:10 p.m. +Arnold & Marion Clark
 8:30 p.m. +Mike Bucy

Thursday, November 26

- 9:30 a.m. Priests and Staff of St. Bernard's

Friday, November 27

- 12:10 p.m. +Robert Lucas

Saturday, November 28

- 4:30 p.m. Volunteers of the Hunger Program

Sunday, November 29

- 10:00 a.m. +Fritz & Manda Hoffman
 12:00 p.m. For the people of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parish
 8:00 p.m. +Ted & Genie Richardson

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rv 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4; Ps 24:1-6
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11; Ps 96:10-13
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19; Ps 145:2-11
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33; Ps 84:3-6,8
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36; Ps 95:1-7
Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, November 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Kathleen Considine Ostroski Family

Sunday, November 29

- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary HS Class of 1965

SUNDAY OFFERING

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
November 15, 2020	\$ 7,074.00	\$ 682.00

**Wedding Banns**

III – Ingrid Lopes & Ivan Garcia Cruz

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Delores Abbott, John Conti, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Constance Crace, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Domingo Abarzua Daza, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Lee Freund, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, Stephanie Hollinger, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Ann Miller, Rosalie Morhidge, Paula Muehlbauer, Diane O'Connor, Helen Oreskovich, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard & Ruth Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Renee Schillinger, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams, Dave Wojcik

The Parish Office will be closed November 26 & 27**Catholic Movie Night**

Friday, November 27th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall "Romero". Please bring your own drink and snack. Call the office to RSVP. We are keeping it to 25 people max.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Saturday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m. we will be celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mariachi Band and the option to have traditional food to-go for \$10.00 per plate.

#WeGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday!

You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, right? How about Giving Tuesday? Yes, it is a thing! St. Bernard's is participating in #WeGiveCatholic. It is an online giving event that takes place on December 1st, midnight to midnight. Catholic organizations across Northeast Ohio participate. They have a leaderboard with prizes awarded throughout the day. It is a fun way to donate to your favorite Catholic organization! The beauty of this is that no donation is too small and you can share this with friends and family across the country through social media. Just go to <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/> and search for St. Bernard – Akron. Donations can be made beginning December 1st at midnight. Log on, donate and watch us rise up the leaderboard!

St. Bernard Parish

Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign

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PLEDGES REACH \$1 MILLION!

We are very pleased to announce that our *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign* has reached an important milestone. On Wednesday, November 18, the campaign office reported that pledges have reached \$1,003,800. This has been generated through the sacrificial generosity of over 118 households. Father Chris and the campaign committee are most grateful to our donors for their commitment and sacrifice to St. Bernard, and they ask that the remainder of our parish family join them in this very important project. **At this time, we are asking all parishioners to return their completed pledge forms by placing them in the offertory collection box, or by mailing it back to the parish office during the week.**

A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Rooted deeply and firmly within Scripture and our Catholic Tradition, is the vision that *we are expected to be faithful stewards of all we are and all we have*. God has always had faithful stewards down through the ages who made the best use of their talents, the time allotted to them and the treasures they possessed in His service. All of them have their own place in the wonderful plan of salvation. The names of some of them have been preserved for posterity. Most of them are unknown, except by God - Whom they so faithfully served! One does stand forth. Jesus is the outstanding Steward in Salvation History.

It is the life and mission of Jesus which gives the stewardship concept its deepest and fullest meaning. The Lord not only serves as the best example for all other stewards, but by being faithful in His Stewardship, He has made it possible for us, in Grace and Fellowship, to be faithful stewards. It is for this reason that Jesus' disciples, the Apostles and the spiritual leaders of the Christian Communities of Faith that followed them are all described, time and time again, in stewardship terminology.

As Christian stewards, we realize that we are blessed and gifted by God, as individuals and as members of St. Bernard Parish. We do not stand alone. *We are not, nor can we be, sufficient unto ourselves*. We are members of the Church to share and support our belief and life in Jesus, Who is Lord. Practical, realistic stewardship asks for freewill sacrifice of OUR TIME, OUR TALENTS AND OUR TREASURES as a personal response to the needs of St. Bernard Parish.

St. Bernard Parish Presents... The ST. BERNARD CAMPAIGN CONCERT SERIES will raise awareness and funds for the restoration of our historic church. We have a \$1.5 Million goal to fund building restoration efforts and are more than halfway there! We will host a concert once per week from November 15 until January 2 at St. Bernard as a way to increase awareness of our campaign and earn contributions and pledges.

Visit <https://www.stbernardakron.org/moving-forward-in-faith-campaign-events> to see the whole story and make a contribution. We hope you will enjoy these performances streamed live, previously recorded or in person. The first 100 attendees will be given in-person seating. The cost is only that a donation is requested. Thanks for your help!

Campaign Concert Series

November 15 at 3:00-4:30 p.m. – *Ad Rem* Vocal Quartet with Phil Mernagh, Organ. Featuring the premieres of the Vocal Quartet *Ad Rem* and “Psalm 4:8” by Madelyn Hasebein.

November 21 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Classical Piano Concert with Konrad Binienda and Jiana Peng playing Fryderyk Chopin

November 28 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Collaborative Voice Recitals from Rising Stars in Music with Emarii Lopes, Mezzo-Soprano; Lexi Johnson, Soprano; Michelle Mahklouf, Piano

December 4 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Historical Concert: A Hybrid Performance of Remote and Live Musicians and a Lecture on the History of St. Bernard by Father Dave Halaiko, Author of [Akron Area Catholic and Orthodox Churches: A Photographic Pilgrimage](#); True Historical Covid Togetherness!

December 12 at 4:30 p.m. – Our Lady Guadalupe Mass and Mariachi Concert. Mariachi Santa Cecilia will lead 4:30 p.m. Mass and play Mariachi music from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (May not be much live seating available due to it starting immediately after Mass.)

December 18 and 19 – Summit Choral Society Christmas Candlelight Series 2020– Visit <https://www.summitchoralsociety.org/season-events.html>. There will be no live seats available for sale for these concerts, but please watch them online and show SCS your support!

December 27 – St. Bernard Choirs and Schola, POSSIBLY with Special Guests from a Special Certain Derby Chorus. (A Christmas Concert) Time TBA.

January 2nd Celebration Event! 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Contemporary Christian Worship Concert and Holy Hour of Thanksgiving and Praise with Jaime Masetta and Matt Fafrak (<https://jaimemasetta.com/> <http://www.mattfafrak.com/>)

Knights of Columbus Council 547

Psalm 16:1-3 (A Psalm of David)
*Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.
 I say to the Lord, "Thou art my Lord,
 I have no good apart from thee."
 As for the saints in the land, they are the noble,
 in whom is all my delight.*

Council 547 of the Knights of Columbus take delight in honoring the Keith and Susan Novak family as the Family of the Month for November, 2020. We see their witness to Christ in many ways. Keith and Susan serve as eucharistic ministers, and two of their children also serve in the liturgy as altar servers. Both parents are physicians but have adjusted their medical ministry so as to maintain care and support of their children as a priority while continuing to provide excellent and compassionate service to a specially vulnerable portion of our community struggling with a cancer diagnosis. We can see the faithful, caring character of the Novak family in all three of their children, Mia, Nathan, and Joshua, and in generous works of mercy the Novaks have shown to our parish family. Thank you, Novaks, for your many faceted witness to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Coming This Week

- 11/22 Hot Meals at St Bernard Social Hall 4:30 p.m.
 11/23 Knights of Columbus Meeting at
 St. Bernard Church 7:00 p.m.
 St. Bernard College Age Parishioners Men's Group,
 8:00 p.m. Virtual
 11/24 St. Bernard College Age Parishioners Thanksgiving
 Mass at St. Bernard Church 6:00 p.m.
 11/25 Hot Meals at St. Bernard Social Hall 4:30 p.m.
 Bilingual Confessions at St. Bernard Church 7:30 p.m.
 Bilingual Mass at St. Bernard Church 8:30 p.m.
 11/26 Thanksgiving Mass at St. Bernard Church 9:30 a.m.
 11/27 Catholic Movie Night at
 St. Bernard Social Hall 7:00 p.m.
 11/29 Catholic Movie Night Spanish Edition at
 St. Bernard Social Hall 1:00 p.m.
 Hot Meals at St. Bernard Social Hall 4:30 p.m.

Coffee & Donuts

Coffee Hour after 10:00 a.m. Mass has resumed. All COVID-19 protocols are being practiced. There will be no coffee hour November 29 or December 27th.

Gennesaret's 29th Annual Home Run for the Homeless

Gennesaret's 29th annual Home Run for the Homeless benefit run/walk is being held virtually (because of Covid-19) throughout November 2020. Register via www.gennesaret.net. We are making an URGENT PLEA for your heartfelt consideration of supporting the Home Run for the Homeless once again. This is our only fundraiser. The per-person registration fees for the virtual events are: 5K, \$25.00 (including finisher medals for the first 500 registered) or \$15.00, and one-mile run/walk, \$15.00 or \$10.00. For more info, call 330-858-6777. Proceeds benefit **all-volunteer** Gennesaret, which serves poor families and individuals approx. 500 hot meals weekly and provides bags of groceries in the area of Akron where there is the greatest need.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:**

Here is an invitation to join the Arts & Environment Ministry to clean the church and/or decorate for the Liturgical seasons. Cleaning is every other Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Decorating times vary with the seasons of the church. Contact Ruth Klein or the Parish Office at 330-253-5161.

Keep Christ in Christmas and help raise money for Knights of Columbus Charities! Share your faith with beautiful yard displays available on sale from our parish's Knights of Columbus Council 547. An example display can be seen in the back of the St. Bernard Church vestibule where you can pick up an information flyer. For more information or to order online visit: www.nativitytree.com//kofc-547-st-bernard/ or you may call the St. Bernard office, or call Howard Carter at 234-738-6463.

Jesus is the reason for the season!

From the Permanent Deacon Candidate Mike Costantini:

This Sunday, the last of the liturgical year, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We are reminded that as Christians we look forward in hope to the coming of the Kingdom of God, when all sorrow, sin and division will be wiped away. What's more, the Kingdom of God is not just something we hope for as yet to come, but it is also already here! God became man not just to open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers, but to inaugurate His Kingdom on Earth. What a privilege for us to be citizens of His Kingdom!

In this difficult year of 2020, this is good news indeed! The reality that Christ is the true King of the Universe should both give us comfort and be a reminder of our mission as His disciples. As St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God." St. Paul did not say that everything that happens in this life IS good, but that God can make all things "work for good." As King of the Universe we trust and hope that, in spite of how bleak things may look, Christ will make lemonade out of the lemons that this year has given us.

We all have a role in building up the Kingdom. By our Baptism we are made citizens in Christ's Kingdom, with the duty to spread the Gospel to the whole world. At the end of every Mass we are sent forth on a mission to do just that. In carrying out that mission, we experience the Joy of the Gospel while bringing it to others!

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, let us approach them with a sense of mission, with joy in our hearts, and with the goal of emerging as a stronger faith community. This may be a difficult holiday season for many of our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and fellow parishioners unless we go out of our way to be Christ to each other - especially those among us who are isolated by COVID-19. This year especially, showing our love and thankfulness for each other might be best done through simple acts of human kindness like phone calls, Christmas cards, and letters.

By keeping our baptismal mission in mind and making an effort, every day, to live it out, each of us has the privilege to be the Body of Christ for one another. In doing so we will do our part in helping Christ, Our King, make "all things work for good for those who love God."

God Bless You and Happy Thanksgiving!
 Sincerely, Mike Costantini