“But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

John 6:64-65
### Mass Intentions For the Week August 21 ~ August 29

#### Saturday, August 21
4:00 PM  †Joann O’Halloran  
†John Serevino

#### Sunday, August 22  Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary
11:00 AM  †Rita McCormick  
†Richard Bandera

#### Monday, August 23
9:00 AM  †Judith Drong

#### Tuesday, August 24
9:00 AM  †Rita McCormick

#### Wednesday, August 25
9:00 AM  The People of St. Bernard’s

#### Thursday, August 26
9:00 AM  Communion Service

#### Friday, August 27
9:00 AM  †Nancy Halbauer

#### Saturday, August 28
4:00 PM  †Raynold Petrocelli  
†Lois King

#### Sunday, August 29  Twenty-Second Sun Ord
8:30 AM  †Richard Sienkiewicz  
10:30 AM  †Kathleen Varnagis  
†Michael Rusco

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### Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends
†††  
"Life is precious, handle with prayer."  

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### Religious Education

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**REP SUNDAY**  
August 29th at Church after both Masses  
Pick up textbooks, teacher assignments and schedules.  
(Tuition must be previously paid in full)

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### Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

#### Sunday  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

#### Monday  
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday  
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

#### Wednesday  
Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday  
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

#### Friday  
Memorial of Saint Monica  
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday  
Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

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SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

St. Bernard’s Parish will host a Couples’ Special Anniversary Mass the weekend of September 11 & 12 at all the Masses. We invite all married couples who are celebrating their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. wedding anniversary during the year 2021 to come and receive a Special Blessing at their Mass. According to our Parish Data Base, there are 115 couples celebrating such an anniversary this year. For that reason, we have decided to celebrate at each Mass. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year and would like to be honored at a Mass, please fill out the registration form in the foyer, call the office at 708-301-3020 or email the parish office no later than September 7th with which Mass you will be attending and how many years you have been married.

After each Mass, we invite everyone to join us in the foyer for a reception in honor of the special anniversary couples.

JOB OPENINGS!

We are in need of a few more volunteers for our Religious Education Program in our afternoon session. Our afternoon session meets 2-3 times per month from September through April. Classes are from 4:30pm to 6 pm. We need:

⇒ 1st Grade – One Catechist; One Classroom Aide
⇒ 2nd Grade – Two Catechists
⇒ 3rd Grade – Two Catechists; Two Classroom Aides

Won’t you please consider volunteering your time and talents? We will supply you with all the guidance and materials that you will need. Tuition discounts are offered to our volunteers. ($100 for a Catechist and $50 for a Classroom Aide.)

We cannot run our program without our generous volunteers!

Please contact Mrs. Wilson in the REP office at 708-301-3020 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thank you!

August is National Make-A-Will Month

As Catholics, we are called to be stewards — stewards of our faith, of our loved ones, and of the things in our lives that God has blessed us with. As such, many dedicated Catholics create a legacy that upholds the charitable organizations they value, even after their earthly journey has ended.

There are many ways to be a steward of your blessings and God’s love, and one that we want to highlight is estate planning. Estate planning helps you to feel prepared for your own future, and passes the legacy of our Catholic faith onto the next generation.

This month is National Make-a-Will Month, and St. Bernard Parish, in conjunction with the Diocese of Joliet, is excited to share a free online will-writing tool with our community, courtesy of our friends at FreeWill. The Diocese has partnered with them to provide everyone in our community the opportunity to write their legal will at no personal cost.

Nearly 70% of Americans don’t have an updated estate plan, but this resource makes the process simple, affordable and takes 20 minutes or less. It is also legal in all 50 states. A few of us here at St. Bernard Parish have already personally tried FreeWill and recommend it.

Click here to get started! Begin my free will

This tool also makes it easy to support St. Bernard Parish for future generations. Through the FreeWill site, you can choose to leave a gift to St. Bernard. Making a bequest is a spiritual commitment to one’s values, faith convictions and the desire to ensure the church is around to share our faith with future generations. By including a gift in your plans, you’ll help to meet the spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of our community for years to come.

We invite you this month to act as a steward for yourself, the ministries you value, and your faith.
Rebate Amount: $0

Remember: 70% of monies collected over our goal will be returned to our parish and deposited into the Parish Improvement Fund.

Parish Finances
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

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We Give Thanks to the Lord for Your Generosity!

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PLEASE WEAR A MASK... AGAIN

We feel obliged to ask everyone to please wear a mask again indoors, specifically at our weekend Masses and other liturgies that have attendance bigger than our weekday Masses (e.g., funerals).

As of Tuesday, August 3, the transmission level of Covid 19 due to the Delta variant reached the “High” level of transmission in Will County. Research has already found at least two things about this Delta variant of the virus: 1) it is more contagious than the original virus; and 2) unlike the original virus, the Delta variant CAN be spread just as easily by vaccinated persons with few, if any, symptoms as it can by unvaccinated persons. Thus, the renewed request for EVERYONE—vaccinated or not—to wear a mask indoors until further notice.

Of course, our Church leadership encourages everyone who can to get vaccinated. However, there are people who are unable to do so...e.g. children under 12 for whom the vaccine has not yet been approved, immuno-compromised persons, persons with severe allergies, etc. Our Christian charity prompts us to be concerned enough for the well being of such persons that we all return temporarily to the inconvenience of wearing a mask indoors especially among larger gatherings where persons are near to each other for some time. The paper disposable masks will be available in the foyer for any who need one.

We all hope that this return to masks indoors will be short-lived. Sincere thanks to all for cooperating with this request.

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Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of August 28th and August 29th
(names subject to change)

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SACRED HEART FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

It is time to re-enroll, or enroll, in the “Sacred Heart First Friday Memorial” program for the year, beginning September 1st.

St. Bernard’s hosts a Holy Hour on the First Friday of each month. The Holy Hour begins with Mass followed by Eucharistic Exposition for 30 minutes of private devotion and concluding with Benediction. For this special Memorial, St. Bernard’s receives prayer intentions for the year beginning September 1st. Parishioners and friends are invited to enroll their beloved dead to have them remembered in prayer in a special way every month. The deceased who are enrolled are listed in a monthly memorial list in the parish bulletin each month from September - August. They are also remembered in the Mass intention of the First Fridays for the year.

The suggested offering for the annual enrollment of an individual or a family is $60. Special yellow envelopes for this purpose are available at the church entrances. The same envelope was included in the last batch of mailed envelopes, which you should have received.

Some August Saints

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Feast Day August 20

By words and actions, St. Bernard, the famed Abbot of Clairvaux, encouraged his monks to practice outstanding virtue. His message of peace and unity and his writings about the Lord Jesus, spirituality, the Scriptures, and the Blessed Mother, although written in the 12th century, are applicable today.

He became one of the greatest monastic leaders of all time, and greatly expanded the Cistercian order.

St. Monica
Feast Day August 27

St. Monica will be forever remembered as the mother who, by long years of persevering prayer, brought about the conversion of her wayward son. As he went on after her death to become the immortal St. Augustine, one of his chief inspirations was the memory of her holy life.

St. Augustine
Feast Day August 28

St. Augustine, a Doctor of the Church, is one of her greatest figures: certainly one of the most interesting in view of his conversion, which he tells of so tenderly in his Confessions.

Augustine not only dominated the medieval Church in the West but is still held in great esteem by Catholic and Protestant theologians alike. In his writings, of over 50 volumes, he developed the idea “believe in order that you may understand.” His Confessions are the oldest Christian spiritual autobiography in existence.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
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Sunday and Holy Day Masses celebrated at
St. Bernard’s Church Campus, 13030 W. 143rd St. (Just west of Bell Rd.)

Saturday Evening Mass.........................................................4:00 PM
Sunday Mass........................................................................8:30 and 10:30 AM
Holy Day Mass......................................................................As announced in bulletin
Weekday Mass....................................................................9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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with parish events, announcements, reminders, and more!

Religious Education Classes
Contact Office

Baptisms
Parents are expected to be registered in the parish, and are required to register for and
attend a Baptism Preparation Program before scheduling the Baptism.

Confessions
Every Saturday at 3:00pm and at any time upon request.

Marriage
Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. CHURCH
ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST.

Funerals
Arrangements for a funeral are made with the Rectory through the Funeral Director.

Sick Calls
Call the Rectory at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or
the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know.

Hospital Calls
If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know.
Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

Parish Boundaries
North: 135th Street; East: Will-Cook Road;
South: 151st Street; West: King Road and its extension.

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All new families are welcome and should be registered in the parish. This may be done by
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