

SAINT LUKE AND SAINT BERNARDINE PARISH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021



*Many who heard Jesus were astonished.
They said,
“Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?”*

Mark 6:2,3

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish,

The date of July 1, 2021 will certainly go down in the parish chronicles as the day the united parish of St. Luke and St. Bernardine was established. I realize that this may cause some mixed feelings. However, as the first pastor of this parish, I am excited to begin this new journey with you! A journey created by uniting these two parishes. We are challenged now to discover who we are and how we can enrich each other with our gifts, and to create a community where our parish can grow. I see this as a great opportunity for both St. Luke and St. Bernardine.

All will undertake this journey: parishioners, priests serving this community, parish staff, and St. Luke School. The purpose is not just to unify two parishes, but to strengthen each other. I invite you to join me on this journey, and I believe that together we can create a community where we can share our faith with others who are seeking a spiritual home.

I have been thinking about the gospel passage we heard a few Sundays ago. St. Mark tells the story of Jesus' disciples who are crossing by boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm came up and they were all in danger of drowning. What did Jesus do? He slept in the stern of the boat. I asked myself, "*Why did Jesus sleep? Why did he not help his disciples? Did he really care about them?*" After deeper reflection, I see this story differently. Jesus not only cared about his disciples but trusted them; he believed they could handle the situation themselves. The Church is oftentimes

described as a boat crossing storms in her long history. However, God calls people who lead the Church through the storms of history to a safe haven.

I believe that God entrusted the future of this new parish to us because we are the people of faith, and we have the gifts needed to keep going toward a better future and to be successful. The gospel also reminds us that, in every circumstance, we can call to Jesus and he can help us in our needs, sometimes in miraculous ways.

Since our parishes were activated in the Renew My Church initiative, I have heard new ideas from so many parishioners and I've had time to talk with Father John Szmyd. I am grateful for the harmonious collaboration we have shared over the last six years as pastors of neighboring parishes, but especially for the generous support and information he has given me in the past several months.

Now as we move forward together, I ask you to consider three things: First, please pray to the Lord. Our boat is not sinking, but we need wisdom and blessings to discern the best ways to move forward. I also ask you to reactivate your dedication to the ministries you cherished before COVID. In the coming months, please consider becoming involved in one new ministry or project in our parish. Finally, I ask that all of us be understanding of one another and know that we may make some mistakes along the way. I truly believe that if we stand together as disciples of Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, our future will be bright and fruitful.

May God bless all of us on this journey!

Fr. Stan



Pray For Our Sick

Betty Cunningham, Sr. Colleen Nolan, OP, Al Ronan, Mary Richie, Gary Marcantonio, Gary Gould, Kay Duff, Jelyn Vargas, Eugene Scheuring, Yolanda Fonville, Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Dan O'Brien, Teofilo Limosnero, Patty Marino, Pat McKinley, Peter M. McDonnell, Adam Bielawski, Bob Mullin, Celeste Arnold, Stephen Sonneveld, Janet Berka, Christine Jumaoas, Paula Coonen, Marion Venetucci, Claire Coonen, Doris Keating, Manza Fiori, Sam, Margo Karr, Isaac Beal, George Drucker, Martin & Eileen Hudik, Carmella Bielawski, June Murray, Ann Stauffer, Frank Martone, Ann Messerschmidt, Rita Daniello, Vince Pusateri, Mary Sladek, Rich Murphy, Sr., Teresa Meyer, Shirley Hamilton, Helen Kreidermacher, Dan Martone and Betty Maslauskas. Please pray for these parishioners, their families and caregivers. Please call the parish secretary to add or delete names on the list. ***Names will automatically be removed after 3 months unless renewed.***



Welcome New Parishioners

Are You Registered?

All Catholics who worship at our parish or who are a part of our parish services are requested to register. In registering, you are becoming an active member of St. Bernardine Parish.

If you have not registered, please complete the following and give the slip to one of the Church Ministers of Hospitality (ushers), priests, or put it in the collection basket and registration forms will be mailed to you. If you would like to phone for these forms, call 708-366-0839. You are not considered registered until the Pastor receives your completed registration form.

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Address: _____

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Date: _____

How long have you been coming to St. Bernardine Church? _____

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Golden Wedding September 19, 2021

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate. Please note, this Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on site. With the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 virus will be this Fall, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. More details on the Mass, including location and relevant COVID-19 precautions, will be available in early summer 2021. Couples interested in participating can register at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>. Please contact familyministries@archchicago.org with any questions.

Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Health care workers in particular are encouraged to reach out. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

CALLING ALL ST. BERNARDINE MEN ...

... to join St. Luke Men's Club at their Saturday morning workouts followed by coffee and donuts. About two Saturday mornings a month the guys meet at 7am in the St. Luke's parking lot. They warm up and do a short run and body weight exercises before returning to the parking lot around 7:45 for their much deserved coffee and donuts. Call or text Ben at 312-203-2502 for upcoming dates, more information, and to get on the reminder list.

Call to daily prayer for COVID-19

All are invited to join St. Luke's virtual prayer group, uniting our prayers with the Cardinal's for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We meet once a day on zoom for about 15 minutes at the following times:

- Mondays at 2:45 p.m. for first responders and essential workers
- Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. for people of every nation and their leaders
- Wednesdays at 8:45 p.m. for those who have died this day
- Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. for all those infected with the virus
- Fridays at 11:45 a.m. for healthcare workers and those attending to the sick

Daily attendance is not required - come when it works best with your schedule!

To join the group and receive the codes necessary to join each day, send an email to Irene Wolinski at irenewolinski@yahoo.com or call her at 773-544-9740.



Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to his disciples, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin ..."

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A _____"

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Weekly Readings

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Masses for the Week July 4-July 11, 2021

St. Bernardine Church

Sunday, July 4

8:00 am † Rosita Lambke and Carolyn Brown
10:30 am health of Tessa Aguirre

Monday, July 5

6:30 am † Deceased members of Winchell & Welch Family

Tuesday, July 6

6:30 am for our parishioners

Wednesday, July 7

6:30 am † Robert Coleman

Thursday, July 8

6:30 am † Ernest Dost

Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm † Teresa & Mark Finch
† Dennis P. Ryan, Sr.

Sunday, July 11

8:00 am health of Tessa Aguirre
† Carolyn Brown
10:30 am † John R. Largen
health of Lauren Fuentes

St. Luke Church

Sunday, July 4

9:00 am mass for the people
11:00 am parishioner special intention
† Williams, Karasis and Kurr Families

Monday, July 5

9:00 am † Rev. Pat Henry

Tuesday, July 6

6:30 am † Ron Lewinski
8:30 am † Anderson and Froelich Families

Wednesday, July 7

6:30 am † Robert Barder
8:30 am poor souls in purgatory

Thursday, July 8

6:30 am † Helen & Shirley O'Leary
8:30 am † Maura Hurless

Friday, July 9

6:30 am † Thomas Kenney and Helene Ditrich
Kenney
8:30 am † Les Brettman

Saturday, July 10

8:30 am † Kenneth Blake
5:00 pm † Kenneth Darre
† Bernice Chance
† Teri Kolaski

Sunday, July 11

9:00 am mass for the people
11:00 am † Alice Szymid

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ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

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Liturgical Roles

July 10 & 11, 2021
St. Bernardine Church

Celebrants

5:00 pm Fr. Krzystof Swierczynski
8:00 am Fr. Ed Fialkowski
10:30 am Fr. Stan Kuca

Readers and Lectors

5:00 pm Helen Kreidermacher
8:00 am Donna Gawlas
10:30 am Mary Beth Beal

Cantors

5:00 pm Peg Baumann
8:00 am Mary Johnson
10:30 am Julie Doloszycki

St. Luke Church

Celebrants

5:00 pm Fr. Stan Kuca
9:00 am Fr. Leroy Wickowski
11:00 am Fr. Ed Fialkowski

ARTICLES FOR THE CHIMES

It is recommended that articles are submitted by Thursday, for the following week's submission. In other words, articles should be in at least 10 days before you would like them to appear in the CHIMES.

ST. BERNARDINE MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday 6:30 AM

HOLY DAY: Check Mass Schedule

CIVIC HOLIDAY: Check Mass Schedule

HOLY SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

WEDDINGS:

Please call the rectory and make arrangements with a priest at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. mass

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A PRAYER FOR "RENEW MY CHURCH"



Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly

to listen to each other attentively

to imagine our future boldly

to discern your direction wisely

to persevere in your holy will courageously

to stay together in charity

to surrender our own plans readily

to embrace the greater good

to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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PARISH UNIFICATION

Our Catholic community will start a new era this Thursday, July 1, as the parishes of St. Luke and St. Bernardine unify into one new parish. Aside from the new parish name most functions will continue exactly the same for the first few months until our combined community sets a new direction for the future.

The Mass schedule will remain the same (and you are welcome to attend at St. Luke Church too). You can still contact the Parish Office at the same phone number and email address to request a Mass, or register for a baptism or wedding, or schedule an appointment to see a priest. If you need to write a check, you still make it payable St. Bernardine Church until a bank account is set up for the new parish. And if you have been using Vanco for electronic contributions or donating directly to the Archdiocese bank, this will continue. Please know that any contributions you have set up will continue to be made.

A Unification Committee is being formed with representatives from both parishes to study the workings of both churches and determine how things can best be combined or streamlined in the months ahead. This phase will take several months to a year, so we ask for your patience as we work through hundreds of decisions that lie ahead of us to become the new St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish. As best as we can, we will keep you informed through the Sunday bulletin of changes that affect you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

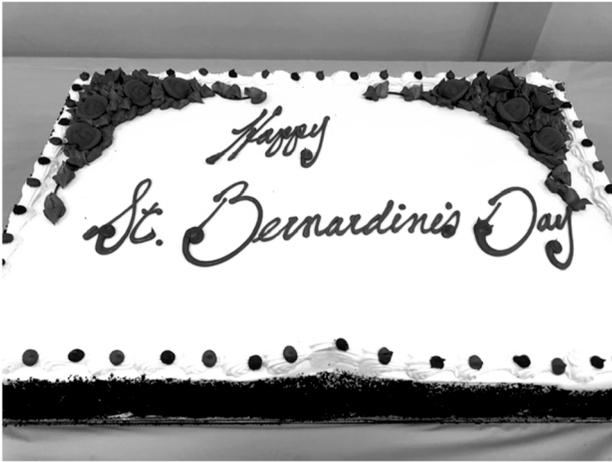
The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus' visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the *bema*, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the *bema*, the ambo, almost an "altar of the Word of God." Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is "ambone"!) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**Happy 4th
of
July!**

ST. BERNARDINE DAY, JUNE 27, 2021



More photos in next week's bulletin.

NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEAST OF FAITH

Little Mysteries

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, "little mysteries"—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ's divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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