

SAINT BERNARDINE PARISH

Forest Park, Illinois

By this is
my Father glorified,
that you
bear much fruit
and become
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021



At The Lord's Table
May 2, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Henry DePriest
Riley Jimenez
Cesar Nunoz
Savannah Rowan
Damian Wong

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Confirmed in Christ By
Reverend John S. Szmyd

April 11, 2021
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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.

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Baptisms are held on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

CARE OF THE SICK:

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us, and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit.

Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

Today at 10:30 Mass, our 2nd graders will receive First Communion. It is always a joyous day for the entire parish when new children are allowed to do what Jesus commanded us to do saying: "Take and eat, this is my body." We congratulate our five communicants: Henry DePriest, Riley Jimenez, Cesar Nunoz, Savannah Rowan, and Damian Wong. We will keep you in our prayers, asking God for abundant blessings to you and your loved ones.

As has been our tradition, a second collection will be taken next weekend for **Catholic Charities**. Please, be as generous as you can.

On the tables at the exits of the church, you can find copies of a decree signed by Cardinal Cupich. A decree is a pronouncement or document that formalizes a decision within the Church. In this case, the decree included here concerns the decision for our parishes to unify as a new parish after our grouping's Renew My Church discernment.

The decree states that St. Luke and St. Bernardine will form a new parish on July 1, 2021 and will formally have the name St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish.

When you read the decree, you will notice the decree states St. Luke Church will be the parish church of the new parish and that the church of St. Bernardine will be a church of the new parish. A couple of notes on this:

When two or more parishes unite as one parish, Rome requires that the united parish's sacramental records be kept in one place and for that location to be designated in the decree as the parish church. Thus, in the future the sacramental records of the new parish, as well as the past sacramental records of each of St. Luke and St. Bernardine will be maintained at the offices on the St. Luke campus. For the current time, each parish's records will remain at their current locations, and we will update everyone when the records are fully brought together at the office on the St. Luke campus.

Second, the decree states that each of the churches of St. Luke and St. Bernardine will be churches of the new parish. When a new parish is formed, all of the assets of each former parish become part of the new parish. This includes the churches. As shared at the announcement in January, both St. Luke and St. Bernardine will continue to have a regular schedule for Mass, with a future annual review beginning in 2024 regarding the sustainability of two campuses. The specific Mass schedule after July 1 is an important topic we will discuss with parish leadership in the coming months.

A Link to access the text of the decree will be available on our website tomorrow.

Let us hold fast to the Lord's promise that He is with us always, and trust in the fact that He is at work in a special way within our faith community and is creating something new for all of us. Let us also keep each other and our neighbors in prayer as we continue our journey forward.

Enjoy May!

Fr. Stan





Pray For Our Sick

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email address _____

Date: _____

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

Would you like to receive our parish newsletter via email? _____

The Chimes



MISSION STATEMENT

To minister to the spiritual needs of its faith community through worship, service and education and to provide outreach, support, and welcome in an affirming environment. All are called to evangelize and be stewards on the journey, to model the life of Jesus while striving to develop a spiritually active and financially stable faith community.



110 YEARS

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

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.

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.

MASSSES for the WEEK

May 2-9, 2021

Sunday, May 2

8:00 am † Betty Huebner
† Anita Grill

10:30 am † Peter, Virginia & Michael Doloszycki

Monday, May 3

6:30 am for our parishioners

Tuesday, May 4

6:30 am † Lawrence & Eunice Juracic

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 am no intention

Thursday, May 6

6:30 am † the Dost Family

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm † in memory of Jacob & Margaret
Kreidermacher
† George & Marie Morris

Sunday, May 9

8:00 am † Jack Lambke
† Blanche Scodius

10:30 am † Margaret & Joseph O'Brien
† Antonia Markosek

Weekly Readings



Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



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ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make contributions without writing checks. If you have any questions or would like a registration form, please call Kathy at 366-0839.

Liturgical Roles

May 8 & 9, 2021

Celebrants

5:00 pm Fr. Stan Kuca
8:00 am Fr. Stan Kuca
10:30 am Fr. Stan Kuca

Readers and Lectors

5:00 pm Nikole Drever
8:00 am Aggie Stempniak
10:30 am Kathy Plepel

Cantors

5:00 pm Peg Baumann
8:00 am Dennis Celeschi
10:30 am Julie Doloszycki



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, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me ..."

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Answer: *nothing you can do without*

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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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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Our new website is up and running! I think you will like the new look, and it is very easy to navigate. The new website address is: stbernardineforestpark.org. While we are still “building” some of the pages, the Pastor’s Letter, and Chimes pages are working. Mass Intentions are also updated and can be found under the “About” tab.

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Spring, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

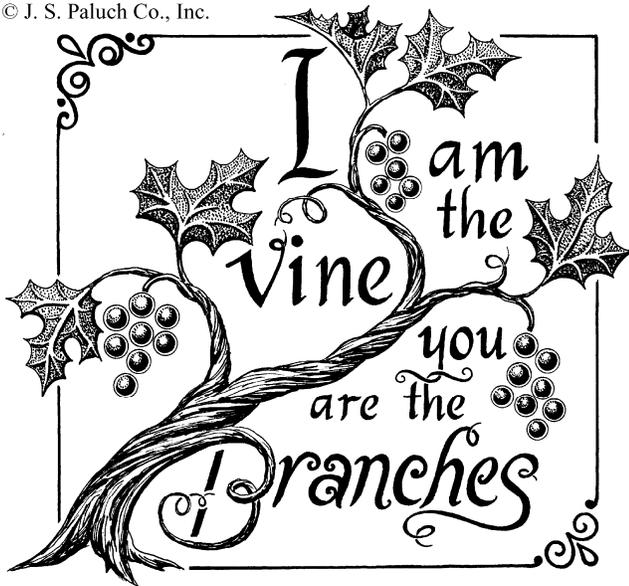
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration.

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. We Western Christians delay until “the age of reason,” but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Living in Shame?

In the reading from St. John’s first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) He is referring to the shame we feel when we do something sinful. When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, even if we feel unworthy to be forgiven, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn’t wait for us to be “worthy.” He patiently waits for us to ask for his mercy, to want his forgiveness. So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong. It may be something simple, like sneezing in the quiet part of a symphony. Or perhaps something more serious, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us.

The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, you love God, because you trust that God sent his Son to save us. So we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we know that the Lord lives in us. And as both the second reading and the gospel point out, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won’t ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. We pray as Jesus taught in the Lord’s Prayer: “Thy will be done.” Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

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