

CWC Monthly Committees

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June Social

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Spend Time with Our Lord

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament begins Friday mornings at 8:30am until 6:00pm. **Benediction follows at 6:00pm.** There must be at least one person present in the church for each hour of adoration. Usually, each person spends one hour in adoration and prayer. It is a time to talk, and listen, to Our Lord. He has blessed, and is blessing, each of us and our parish. Call Carolyn Plummer, 740.984.0011, if you are willing to volunteer.

*I believe though I do not comprehend,
and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with
the mind.*

- St. Bernard

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Confessions
30 minutes before weekend Masses
and by appointment.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 April 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass with First Communion 10:45am-CCD	27 8:00am-Mass 7:00pm-Men's Group	28 9:00am-Mass (McC)	29 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	30 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	1 May 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	2 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass
						May Crowning
3 5th Easter 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass 10:45am-Last CCD 	4 8:00am-Mass 6:00pm-CCD Teachers' Dinner at The Cornerstone	5 9:00am-Mass (McC)	6 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	7 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	8 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	9 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass
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10 6th Easter Mother's Day 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass	11 6:00pm-Mass 6:30pm-CWC Meal at The Riverbend 7:00pm-Men's Group	12 9:00am-Mass (McC)	13 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	14 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	15 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	16 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass
17 Ascension 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass 	18 10:00am-Appletree Mass 7:00pm-Parish Council	19 9:00am-Mass (McC)	20 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	21 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	22 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	23 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass
24 Pentecost 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass 	25 Memorial Day 8:00am-Mass 7:00pm-Men's Group	26 9:00am-Mass (McC)	27 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	28 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	29 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	30 11:00am-Ordination in Marietta 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass
						Youth Group Yard Sale
31 Holy Trinity 7:30am-Mass 9:30am-Mass 	1 June 8:00am-Mass	2 9:00am-Mass (McC)	3 6:10pm-Evening Prayer 6:30pm-Mass	4 8:00am-Mass 7:30pm-Prayer Group 	5 8:00am-Mass 8:30am-6:00pm-Adoration 6:00pm-Benediction	6 4:00pm-Mass (McC) 7:00pm-Mass

St. Bernard Ministry Schedule

		Servers	Lector	EMHC* <small>See Note Below</small>	Offertory Procession	Ushers
May 2/3	7:00pm	Bo Schaad	Brenda Duffy	Carolyn Miller Brenda Duffy Janice Schaad	TBA	TBA
	7:30am	TBA	Steve Littler	Roger Huck Melissa Hesson	Michael & Susan West	Matt Brooker Bill Dunn
	9:30am	Brooklyn Cooper Quentin Henry	Mark Rauch	Debbie Minton Mitch Schott Eric Cooper	Joanna Baldwin Family	Cody Coleman Dean Lang
May 9/10	7:00pm	Bo Schaad	Lucy Klintworth	Lois Ellis Carolyn Miller Brenda Duffy	TBA	TBA
	7:30am	TBA	Roger Huck	Randy Schilling Kathy Huck	Chuck & Diane Hicks	Ed Huck Matt Brooker
	9:30am	Maggie Baldwin Austin Seamen	Rachel Miller	JoAnn Welch Cris Baker Tyler Antill	Shaila Perry Family	Anthony Coleman Charlie Schilling
May 16/17	7:00pm	Bo Schaad	Brenda Duffy	Janice Schaad Lois Ellis Carolyn Miller	TBA	TBA
	7:30am	TBA	Juwan Hollins	Lisa Campbell Roger Huck	Ronald & Dolores Kelby	Matt Brooker Bill Dunn
	9:30am	Miles Schaad	Kim Cooper	Teresa Coleman Debbie Minton Mitch Schott	Andy & Judy Miller	Luke Coleman Layton Coleman
May 23/24	7:00pm	Bo Schaad	Lucy Klintworth	Brenda Duffy Janice Schaad Lois Ellis	TBA	TBA
	7:30am	TBA	Steve Littler	Melissa Hesson Randy Schilling	Steve & Freda Neill	Ed Huck Jeff Bauerbach
	9:30am	Colby Roberts Layton Coleman	Teresa Coleman	Kim Smrek Bill Smrek Eric Cooper	Jeff & Joanne Welch	Joe Schott Mitch Schott
May 30/31	7:00pm	Bo Schaad	Brenda Duffy	Carolyn Miller Brenda Duffy Janice Schaad	TBA	TBA
	7:30am	TBA	Roger Huck	Kathy Huck Lisa Campbell	Todd & Monica Hilverding	Matt Brooker Bill Dunn
	9:30am	Ella Schweikert Kayla Schwendeman	Jocelyn Gale	Cris Baker Tyler Antill JoAnn Welch	Dean & Paula Lang	Cody Coleman Dean Lang

*The first EMHC will distribute the Body and the other two EMHCs will distribute the Blood.

St. James Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Altar Server	EMHC	Greeter
May 2	Sue Roberts	Mary Jane Drobina	Kelly Fisher	John Corcoran
May 9	Sharon Staib	Mary Jane Drobina	Sue Roberts	John Corcoran
May 16	Holly Schaad	Mary Jane Drobina	Leo Schaad	John Corcoran
May 23	Kelly Fisher	Mary Jane Drobina	Sharon Staib	John Corcoran
May 30	Sue Roberts	Mary Jane Drobina	Leo Schaad	John Corcoran

Your ministry is important. If you are not able to do it, please find a substitute.

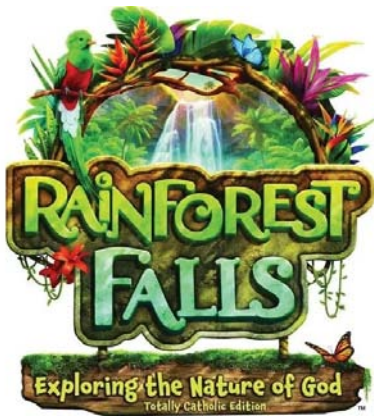
Two New Priests this Month

The Diocese has recently announced that both **Deacon Peter Stetson** and **Deacon Ryan Budd** will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Edward Lohse on **Saturday, May 30th, at 11:00am at the Basilica in Marietta.** This is a tremendous blessing for the Diocese and a long time coming for both of them. Deacon Budd studied for Wheeling-Charleston Diocese but was released several years ago for not taking the COVID vaccine. Deacon Stetson should have been ordained two years ago, but was delayed until now because of the possible merger with the Diocese of Columbus. Both of them have persevered through difficult times. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare themselves to serve the Diocese for many years to come.

Places Available at the Youth Conference

This can be a life changing event that will turn your lukewarm faith into a spiritually fulfilling source of joy and meaning. The Franciscan Youth Conference is an opportunity to spend the weekend connecting with other Catholic youth, hear dynamic speakers telling their personal stories, spend time worshipping with your friends and take your faith to the next level. **We have a few spots open, with deposits already paid,** for any youth in grades 9-12 who want to attend the Conference on **June 19th-21st.** You can contact Yvonne Huck at 740.516.0737.

Vacation Bible School



St. Bernard is pleased to announce that this year's theme for Vacation Bible School is *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.* This program is the work of Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) and is billed as *Totally Catholic.* OSV also offers a "watered down" version of this to Protestant churches. So even if you see another church advertising this VBS, it's not the same thing. The program runs from **Sunday, July 19th until Thursday, July 23rd.** It is open to ages 3 and up. It meets from 6:00pm until 8:40pm. There are registration forms on the parish Facebook page and near the entrance of St. Bernard and **there is no cost,**

but you have to register. There are forms on the parish Facebook page.

Get a Free Catholic Education with EdChoice

If you have been letting the cost of sending your children to St. John Central hold you back, it's time to think again. Ohio has a tuition assistance program called EdChoice. Almost all families that apply to EdChoice qualify for help, and most of them get the full amount. **Chances are excellent that you can send your children to St. John for nothing.** Although it requires filling out some forms, St. John can even help you with that.

There are some things that only a Catholic education can provide. The firm foundation in the faith will last your children a lifetime and help to keep them in Church. St. John Central in Churchtown has been diligently upgrading the facilities and working hard to provide a safe and healthy environment where you children can excel academically, socially and spiritually. You can give them a call at 740.896.2697.

Cheerful Cherubs Thursday School Signup

Now is the time to get your children registered for Cheerful Cherubs at St. Bernard. This is an opportunity for children aged 3 to 5 years to socialize, prepare for Kindergarten, learn about Christ and have some fun. Cheerful Cherubs meets on Thursdays from 9:00am until noon in the St. Bernard Parish Hall. Classes start in September and finish up in April with a presentation by the students for their families. There are always three or four adults present at every class. The teachings about Christ are general, so it's not a problem for non-Catholics. Signup sheets are available near the entrance of the church and on the parish Facebook page. **There will be an orientation meeting for parents in September.**

Donations for St. Bernard June Social

The June Social will be on Wednesday, June 24th, and we are looking for donations for the raffle. Items, services and cash donations are gladly accepted. This is a major operation and is also the big fundraiser for the St. Bernard CWC. The main attraction is the meal. Typically almost 800 meals are served. Another popular attraction is the Bingo. It will be held in the church basement and the AC will be on. In addition to the raffle there will also be a bunch of Take-A-Chances, games for the kids and maybe even the Country Store. The CWC will also be putting out a signup sheet for people to help. Please contact Pat Brooker at 740.984.4083 about donations.

\$750 Scholarship

St. Bernard parish is offering two \$750 scholarships, one male and one female, to high school seniors or anyone attending a post-secondary institution. To qualify for the scholarship you have to be a registered member of St. Bernard, have high moral standards and show academic ability for entrance into and completion of a degree at a technical college or an academic institution. An application is available on the parish Facebook page, at the entrance to the church or can be obtained from the parish office. **The application must be turned in by July 1st.**

Please Pray for Our Seminarians

The Diocese is blessed to have eight men studying for the priesthood. **Samuel Ivkovich, John Paul Gan** and **Christopher McGurn** are in theology (major seminary) and are a year or two away from being ordained deacons. **Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Maximilian Kolbe Gan** and **William Gugala** are in college (minor seminary) working on their bachelor degrees. Our man **Caleb Baker** is finishing up his pastoral year in Cambridge and should be back in the minor seminary this fall. The seminary can be a rough ride and they need your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays

Every Friday at St. Bernard you have the opportunity of spending some quality time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed **immediately after the 8:00am Mass**. You can also go to Confession at this time. Adoration continues **until Benediction at 6:00pm**. Feel free to come down for just a quick visit or to stay for a Holy Hour.

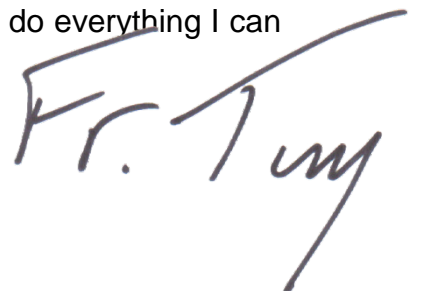
Why Pray for the Dead?

While we are alive in this world, we have the ability to choose our actions. One of the most important things we can do is to pray. But once we die, that option is taken away from us. If we are less than pure in the sight of the Lord then we need to be purified before we can share in Christ's divinity in heaven. This purification happens in Purgatory.

Although purgatory is not a place of punishment, the process of purification is very painful. But the primary torment is the soul's all consuming desire to be with Christ. The Church has a long tradition for praying for the poor souls in Purgatory who cannot pray for themselves. When we pray for them, their time in Purgatory is shortened. And when they are finally released to heaven, they can now pray for us. **Things that help them are Masses, plenary indulgences, rosaries and offering our own sufferings for their benefit.**

Notes from the Pastor

What I've Been Reading: I just finished reading *Hungry Souls: Supernatural Visits, Messages, and Warnings from Purgatory* by Gerard J. M. van den Aardweg. The book talks about the souls from Purgatory who have visited the saints down through the ages asking for prayers to release them from their torment. Sometimes the souls are permitted to talk about their experiences. One of them gave the following warning: "If a person could but once visit purgatory he would never more commit the least sin, so rigorously are the souls punished." After reading this book I want to do everything I can to purify myself to avoid Purgatory.



St. James Parish Council – April 20th

Church Roof Paid Off: There was discussion that the church roof is finished and has been completely paid off. The final cost was much higher than originally expected, but it was noted that many anonymous donations were made such that the cost to the parish was pretty much the original quote. The St. James Parish Council would like to thank everyone who donated towards the roof.

Paying Towards Fr. Tim's Expenses: There was discussion that while St. James was saving money to pay for the church roof that they did not pay anything toward Fr. Tim's expenses. Now that the roof has been paid off it is time for St. James to make monthly payments toward Fr. Tim's expenses. When Fr. Tim first took over the two parishes he spoke with both Parish Councils and it was agreed that St. James would pay about one-third of Fr. Tim's expenses, which came out to \$1,300 per month. At the previous Parish Council meeting there was discussion that Fr. Tim spends the majority of his time at St. Bernard and that maybe we should reconsider how much St. James should pay. At the last meeting of the St. Bernard Finance Committee on April 8th there was discussion about St. James paying toward Fr. Tim's expenses. Fr. Tim mentioned that before he brought up the concerns of the St. James Parish Council that a member of the Finance Committee recommended that St. James should only have to pay \$650 per month. This was agreeable to all members of the Finance Committee. It was also decided that St. James should start paying starting the end of April. The St. James Parish Council would like to thank St. Bernard for being so thoughtful and generous to its sister parish.

CWC Report: The Soup Supper was well attended and flowed smoothly. Thanks to everyone who brought soup or desserts and helped with the setup and the cleanup. St. James Feast day will be Saturday, July 25th.

Social Concerns: There was discussion about how the funds in the Social Concerns account should be distributed. Kelly Fisher is in charge of Social Concerns and expressed her confusion about how to do this. She mentioned that she was approached by a parishioner who was asking for help on behalf of a non-parishioner. Kelly was unsure what to do. There was discussion that in the past that all funds had been distributed to parishioners in need. It was noted that we should probably continue this. There was discussion and a vote was taken. It was unanimous that the funds from the Social Concerns account should only be for parishioners in need.

Outreach Committee: There was discussion that the Outreach Committee paid for the meal at the funeral for William Pratt. It was noted that there is enough money in the account to pay for any meals in the future. It was recommended that we do not need to ask for further donations at this time.

St. Bernard Maintenance

Hall Furnace: Back in the fall during normal maintenance one of the furnaces in the basement of the Hall was malfunctioning. The combustion chamber is damaged and is a potential source of carbon monoxide. RW Miller has looked at the item and recommended that it is actually cheaper to replace the entire furnace. The furnace was replaced and is working well. This item is finished.

Phone in Hall: During a recent check on the fire alarm system in the Hall it was noted that the Hall phone was not working. Frontier was contacted and immediately looked into the problem. They were able to track down the problem to a disconnected cable on a telephone pole on Center St. The phone is working fine and the fire alarm system has passed inspection. This item is finished.

Internet in Hall: Frontier has recently decided to upgrade the internet and phone in the Hall to fiber. The current copper wire internet is 7 megabit download and 0.8 megabit upload. The fiber internet will be 2 gigabit up and down. This will fix the problem with the live streaming of the Sunday Mass.

Water in CCD Room: After a heavy rain it was noticed that there was some water in one of the CCD rooms on the east side of the Hall. The ceiling tiles were dry, which means that it is probably coming up through the floor. The caulking where the ramp meets the Hall that is in bad shape. The caulking was done back in 2018 and needs to be redone.

Lights in Church Choir Loft: One of the fluorescent lights in the loft is not working. New bulbs were installed but there is still a problem. RW Miller has been called.