

# Saint Bernard Church



## July 9, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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### Mass Schedules

#### Weekends

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:00 PM

#### Sundays

7:00 AM      8:30 AM      10:30 AM

#### Weekdays

8:00 AM Monday through Friday

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**Hours:** Mon - Tues: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Thursday & Friday: Closed

**Baptism:** Please call Angelo at the Parish Center for information about scheduling and preparation.

**Communion to the Sick:** Please notify us of those sick and in need of Communion at home.

**Marriage:** Please call 10 months in advance.

**Holy Orders:** Tel: 401-831-8011  
www.catholicpriest.com

**Project Rachel:** Post abortion counseling  
Tel: 401-421-7833, ext. 118

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Following Tuesday's 8:00 AM Mass until 11:00 AM

### Family Faith Formation Program

Our programs provide parishioners of all ages opportunities for learning, growing and living our Faith through common experiences, age-specific learning and interactive sharing. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs or email:

First Communion Grade 2:  
sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: sbc.teenff@gmail.com

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:  
stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com

## *Ponderings*

If I had to give a title to this “Ponderings” it would be “Sports and Religion: Two Very Different Approaches”. The first approach is the controversial decision by the Los Angeles Dodgers to honor a group that calls itself the “Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence” ---ridiculing Catholic religious sisters and Catholic beliefs. The second approach is that of the Oklahoma Sooners’ softball team that recently won the NCAA Women’s College World Series championship. The stories couldn’t be more different!

The Los Angeles Dodgers decision to honor a group of people who blaspheme the catholic church has been very controversial. Archbishop Jose Gomez, the Archbishop of Los Angeles, at a Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart recently stated, “The Catholic religion is a religion of love. We believe that God is love, that he has opened his heart to reveal himself to us in Jesus Christ.” He continued, “We prove our love by working for peace and justice for every person. This is why so many of us are offended by the decision to honor a group that insults Jesus and mocks Catholic believers.” The Archbishop wrote, “Religious freedom and the respect for the beliefs of others are hallmarks of our nation. When God is insulted, when the beliefs of any of our neighbors are ridiculed, it diminishes all of us.” “We are teachers and healers. We are advocates for those our society neglects: the poor, the homeless, the prisoner, the unborn, the immigrant.” “We do this because we are Catholics, and we are called to love with the heart of Jesus.” At the conclusion of the Mass, Archbishop Gomez noted the heavy presence of religious sisters and publicly thanked them for their vocation and ministry, which was followed by applause.

The Oklahoma Sooners’ softball team provides us with an example of encouragement and faith. In a media briefing following their 3-1 victory over Florida State to seal their third straight WCWS title, Sooners’ infielder Grace Lyons was quick to explain where true joy comes from. “The only way that you can have a joy that doesn’t fade away is from the Lord. And any other type of joy is actually happiness that comes from circumstances and outcomes.” That joy, Lyons told another reporter, “is really the only thing that can keep you motivated, just in a good mindset no matter the outcomes.... there’s really no other way that softball can bring you that, because of how much failure comes in it, and just how much of a roller coaster the game can be.” Another player said, “I went through that my freshman year. I was so happy that we won the college World Series, but I didn’t feel joy,” she said. “I didn’t know what to do the next day. I didn’t know what to do for that following week. I didn’t feel fulfilled, and I had to find Christ in that.” She continued, “I think that is what makes our team so strong is that we’re not afraid to lose because it’s not the end of the world if we do lose. Yes, obviously, we worked our butts off to be here and we want to win, but it’s not the end of the world, because our life is in Christ and that’s all that matters.”

Another player said, “We’re really fixing our eyes on Christ, and that’s something when, like they were saying, you can’t find a fulfillment in an outcome, whether it is good or bad. We have an eternity of joy with our Father and I’m so excited about that. Yes, I live in the moment, but I know this isn’t my home and no matter what, my sisters in Christ will be there with me in the end when we’re with our King.” Their distinctive way of giving thanks to God is to look to heaven “eyes up” and to point with their two index fingers to heaven----to give God the glory and praise.

A story of ridicule of God and story of gratitude to God.....we do see such extremes in our culture today. Let’s be on the side of those who point to heaven and give thanks!

--Fr. Gaffney

We welcome families to bring their children—our youngest parishioners—in their strollers to Mass.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, July 10**

8:00 AM – *Steven Baston*

**TUESDAY, July 11**

8:00 AM – *Br. Edward McKenery, FSC*

**WEDNESDAY, July 12**

8:00 AM – *Greyson Lee Toillion*

**THURSDAY, July 13**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, July 14**

8:00 AM – *Br. Domenic Fontaine, FSC*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, July 15**

5:00 PM – *Anthony Bronco, Jr.*

**SUNDAY, July 16**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Luis Montoya*  
by his family

10:30 AM – *Patricia Fuller*  
by Tom & Betsy Coghlin

## Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on  
**Thursday, July 13**  
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.



## Save the Date: St. Bernard Parish Feast Picnic: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have our parish picnic---hamburgers, hotdogs, water will be provided. Start time is approximately 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!



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### Parish Support

	June 18, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,082.00	\$5,592.00
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	June 25, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,317.00	\$5,592.00
ACH	\$2,859.00	\$2,763.00
YTD	\$551,414.00	\$541,922.00

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.

### While You're Away Don't Forget

If you are away this summer enjoying the beach or far-away places, please don't forget that back home in old St. Bernard's, we still have to pay our bills. If you are away and miss a few weeks of your budget contributions, please try to make them up so that we can keep going or you can use the Online Giving Option. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

### The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 6/25/2023  
 Parish Goal: \$80,750  
 Pledged: \$84,070  
 Number of donors: 197

Thank You!!  
 We have exceeded our goal!!!

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposi-tion at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

### St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023



GOLF, DINNER,  
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**RICHMOND  
 COUNTRY CLUB**

If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information and register on our website: <https://www.stbernardnk.org/golf>

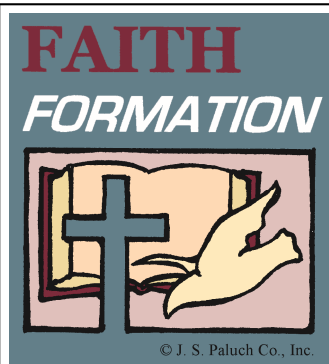
### Men's Clothing Drive

We will be collecting Men's Clothing----good, used clothing----to be donated to the **Warde-robe**. The Warde-robe is a mission of McAuley Minis-tries. They are a volunteer-supported thrift store in Central Falls offering quality used clothing, shoes and household goods to those in need. Customers are working poor families from Central Falls, Pawtucket and the Blackstone Valley area. The proceeds from the sale of the clothing go to sup-port McAuley House/soup kitchen. They also provide 'free clothing' for those in need by working with local service providers and charitable organi-zations. Since June is the month of "Father's Day" we decided to collect men's clothing. The administrator of Warde-robe also let us know that they generally get more women's clothing donated and lesser amounts of men's clothing. Learn more at: [www.mcauleyri.org](http://www.mcauleyri.org) (Mother Francis Xavier Warde was the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in America in 1843-----hence the name 'Warde-robe')

### Homebound Parishioners

Please let the parish know of any 'homebound' parishioners---those who cannot leave their homes---and might like to receive Holy Communion at home. Also, we like to 'keep in touch' with greet-ing cards for them. Call the parish office. Thank you.





**Faith Formation**  
**It's Registration**  
**Time!!!!**

Check out our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)

for all details about the changes to the program for this year. Please view Fr. Gaffney's introduction video and the informational slideshow first for an explanation of how the program will be running this year and then review the instructions on how to register your child. Also, registration and payment can be done on our website. Upon your review of the documents, should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 295-0387 or email at:

[sbreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:sbreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

**Quo Vadis Days**

Attention all Catholic high school boys! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. QVD will be held from July 30th – August 2nd at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. The cost of the camp is \$25.00. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Brian Morris at (401) 331-1316 or email [rev.brian.morris@gmail.com](mailto:rev.brian.morris@gmail.com) or visit [CatholicPriest.com](http://CatholicPriest.com) for more information.

**Grief Support Group.**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail to let us know if you want to be part of the group.

**Mission 150**

In 2024 St. Bernard Church will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary-----the parish started as a "mission" of Our Lady of Mercy in 1874. There were, at that time, many Irish and French-Canadian mill workers in the area who were Catholic and desired to have Mass and the sacraments. The parish would like to mark this milestone anniversary with a few special events and celebrations. A planning committee will be formed during the summer months. If you would like to be a part of that planning committee, please contact the parish office.

**Sacraments of Initiation for Adults?**

Yes! Adults do receive the Sacraments of Initiation. On Pentecost Sunday four adults from the parish received Sacraments of Initiation: Hayden Almeida, Jennifer Horsfield, Thomas Wilkinson, and Timothy Schartner. Two of the adults were "received into the Church"---having been baptized in a different church. Both of them received Holy Communion for the first time as Catholics. All four of them received the sacrament of Confirmation. Each has had their own unique faith journey, which, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit---brought them to ask questions like these: "How do I become Catholic?" "How do I make my Confirmation?" "How do I prepare for Holy Communion?" If you are an adult and would like more information about receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)---contact Fr. Gaffney.



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