Saint Bernard Church

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth 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

Pre-Confirmation Grades 6 & 7 and Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: sbc.teenff@gmail.com

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

Ponderings

Get ready to vote! We have such a great privilege to engage in the political process by casting our vote in local and national elections. It is an opportunity for us to make a statement, as Catholics, about issues that are important to us. It is a privilege to vote, it is an opportunity not to be missed, it is our right---so, don't be complacent or cynical, just get out to vote!

The bishops of the United States drafted a document entitled, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" which can be found on the website of the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). It provides helpful information to guide Catholics through the process of choosing who they will vote for in upcoming elections. It does not speak about specific candidates, rather, it speaks about principles of Catholic teaching with which we should evaluate candidates and issues.

Some of the issues that the bishops identify are the following:
-Addressing the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst
-Keeping our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems
-Promoting family as the foundation of society, and providing better support for family life morally, socially and economically
-Achieving comprehensive immigration reform
-Helping families and children overcome poverty
-Providing health care while respecting human life, human dignity and religious freedom in our health care system
-Continuing to oppose policies that reflect prejudice, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of unjust discrimination
-Joining with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty and advance economic justice and care for creation

Yes, we bring our faith into the voting booth! Take time in the upcoming days to reflect on these principles of Catholic teaching. Pray before voting. I do think that we need to overcome the defeatist and cynical comment, "What difference does it make anyway?" Our participation makes a difference.

Not too long ago I came upon this list of how "one vote" made a difference:
-One vote…caused Charles I to be executed (1649)
-One vote…kept Aaronn Burr—later charged with treason--from becoming President. (1800)
-One vote made Texas part of the United States (1845)
-One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. (1868)
-One vote admitted California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho into the Union. (1850, 1850, 1889, 1890)
-One vote elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency, and the man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Representative also elected by one vote. (1876)
-One vote made Adolf Hitler head of the Nazi Party (1923)
-One vote maintained the Selective Service System only 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor. (1941)
-One vote per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon, rather than John Kennedy, President (1960).

I found this listing of "one vote" episodes from history a great reminder of the "power of one". You may recall the quote, "I'm only one but I am one. I can't do everything but I can do something and what I can do I ought to do and that by the grace of God I will do."

--Fr. Gaffney

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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 26
8:00 AM – ***Paul Bailey***
25th Anniversary
by his family

TUESDAY, October 27
8:00 AM – ***Holy Souls of Purgatory***

WEDNESDAY, October 28
8:00 AM – ***Eileen C. Fitzpatrick***

THURSDAY, October 29
8:00 AM – ***Bella Grace Bartlett***
by her grandparents

FRIDAY, October 30
8:00 AM – ***Anna Keenan***

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 31
5:00 PM – ***Philip & Pauline Valliere***
by their daughter

SUNDAY, November 1
7:00 AM– ***Parishioners of St. Bernard***

8:30 AM – ***David Burdes***
by Hirsch Family

10:30 AM – ***James O'Brien***
by his family

All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On **Monday November 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 PM** there will be a special Mass for all those who have died in the parish during the past year. Please join us as we remember our parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated in our Parish since November 1, 2025. Also, if you know of someone dear to you who has died in the past year and would like them mentioned at this Mass, please call the office at 295-0387 and leave us the name before Monday, October 26.

Funeral Planning Workshop

The Month of All Souls invites to take an honest look at our journey from this life to the next. It invites to look at our own mortality with faith and trust in God. The Church, through our Funeral Rites helps us on this passage. The time of planning for the Wake, Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Prayers at the ceremony can bring us comfort. Some of you have had to do this planning for a loved one. This includes planning the Funeral Mass. We are offering parishioners (of all ages) to come to a Funeral Planning Workshop to be held on **Friday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center.** Why do this "beforehand"? A few reasons: You will select the readings and music that you would want; you will take that burden away from family members; it will ensure that you do have a Funeral Mass at your passing; it will bring you a sense of peace. Some of you have made 'pre-arrangements' with Funeral Homes. We will have a funeral home representative at this workshop to answer 'general questions' about funeral planning, especially pre-arranging a funeral.

"Red, White and Blue" for our nation's 250 Anniversary was the theme for the Quilters in planning this year's quilt---which will be raffled in November. Remember to send in your raffle tickets.

Parish Support

	October 11, 2026	2025
Basket	**$5,934.00**	**$5,022.00**
ACH	**$2,965.00**	**$2,744.00**
	October 18, 2026	**2025**
Basket	**$5,504.00**	**$7,650.00**
ACH	**$3,435.10**	**$3,634.00**
YTD	**$187,311.10**	**$199,082.00**

Fall Foliage at St. Bernard's

Tuesday SPRED Group

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the parish hall

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Parish Hall or

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in large conference room

Adult Choir

Thursday, October 29th, 6:45pm—8:15pm in the large conference room.

Grief Group

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday , December 22

6:30pm to 7:30 pm
in the large conference room.

October Young at Heart

Faith Formation

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please go to: turnto10.com/or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates.

* 11/1/26 - Grades K,1,3,4,5 : 1st In-person Gospel Weeklies Classes
**Return completed assignments to the next in-person class.

* 10/25/26- Grades 2, 6,7,8,9 : 1st Sacramental Preparation Classes
Next Class: 11/8/26

**Grade 1 through 5 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track.
For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.

Halloween Bags

The weekend of 10/24-10/25 Youth Ministry will be selling Halloween Bags for a suggested donation of $10 a bag. Bags will include glow sticks, stickers, crafts, candy and other assorted Halloween themed items. All proceeds will go to Youth Ministry for programming and towards the summer trips.

Summer Trips Informational Meeting:

At the Coffee and Donuts after the 10:30AM Mass on 11/15, Christina will be around to talk to any student or parent interested in participating in our 3 available summer trips in 2027. For more information on our summer trips please go online to https://www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/. At the meeting, Christina will be able to provide further information and answer any questions.

Annual Cleaning of our "wetlands"

Young at Heart November Luncheon

Monday, November 16th at noon (sign in at 11:30 AM) Menu: TBD
Name (s) _____

Cost: $15.00 per person. (Checks payable to St. Bernard) Please respond by **Monday, November 9th.**

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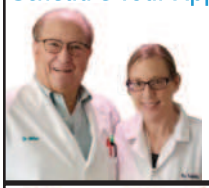

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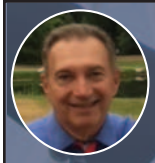

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