

**Daily Readings:**

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Lk 1:5-25

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Is 7:10-14  
Rom 1:1-7  
Mt 1:18-24

**Religious Education News:**

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**Grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>:** Class 3:30-5pm

**Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>:** Class 7-8:30pm

**Children's Mass:** December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The K-6<sup>th</sup> children will be doing the Mass Ministries for this Mass. \*\*Change: During the regular class time (3:30-5pm) the K-6<sup>th</sup> grade kids will be decorating a tree, making ornaments, and having a birthday party for Pope Francis. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the food pantry.

Reminder that there will not be Religious Education on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the regular times.

Enjoy the blessings of Advent!

**Message from Father Tom:**

*One moment yet, a little while  
And I will shake the heavens and the earth,  
The sea and the dry land.  
- Haggai 2:6*

*Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the  
Lord, for he comes. ~ Psalm 96:12*

One of the strange qualities of the Advent season is its perpetual use of the future tense. We hear scripture passages like *I will come to you. I have promised, and I will do it. The lion will lie down with lamb.* We are looking to the future—to a time where things will be incredible. We do not yet experience it: but it is only a matter of time. So we anticipate.

Pope Emeritus Benedict pointed out years ago that many of the traditions that we have at Christmas are an embodiment of these hopeful scripture passages. Psalm 96 says, "Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes." Someone years ago may have asked himself, "how can we help the trees to rejoice like scripture says?" and he decorated the tree with such beauty that it seemed almost to sing and dance with light. The trees themselves give voice to the fact that the Lord is here and we should go out to meet him.

Pope Benedict wrote, "The same certainty of faith led them to make the words about the singing mountains and hills a reality. They gave voice to the mountains, and their singing resounds down through the centuries into our own days, letting us sense something of the nearness of the Lord—for it is only he who could give men such melodies."

Even the custom of baking all sorts of goodies and giving away treats seems to echo the Old Testament scriptures when they say, "In that day, the mountains will drip sweetness, and the rivers will flow with milk and honey."

Finally, there is the idea of goodwill and peace among nations. The smiles and laughter of the season are a way of anticipating an incredible future. When the Lord comes, justice and peace shall reign on the earth forever. Advent is a time for us to permit this peace and justice into every corner of our hearts. The promises are exciting and we can't wait for them to be fulfilled: so we anticipate a little.

If the signs of the future coming are this wonderful, what must the reality be like? If Christ can bring about so much beauty before the second coming, what will it be like when we experience Him in all His glory? Pope Benedict concludes: "Warmed by these signs, we can then receive in full confidence the immeasurable kindness of this child who alone had the power to make the mountains sing and to transform the trees of the wood into a praise of God."



**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF:  
SAINT BERNARD, REDFIELD & ALL SAINTS, MELLETT**

St. Bernard Office Hours: Mon 8am-5pm; Tues 10am-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm (summer 8am-5pm); Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4pm

# Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019



Lord Jesus Christ, We long for your coming. We reach out to you in all our longing. The world in all its beauty reminds us of you, the beautiful One.

In all our sin and failing, we reach out to you, our only God. In this Advent Season, teach us to unite our longing to that of all those who suffer and are lost so that we can bring them to you, the One who is to come, and the fulfillment of every desire. Amen.

**St. Bernard Campus Plan:** Thank you to everyone who have responded to our pledge campaign for our campus renewal! Our goal is to raise \$400,000 over the course of the next 5 years in order to make our whole campus more accessible to those with lower mobility—for the priests serving us, and for our elderly.

**Current Pledges of St. Bernard:** \$391,596 pledged with 109 pledge cards returned.

**Current Pledges of All Saints:** \$38,372 pledged with 16 pledge cards returned.

**Total Pledged of both Parishes:** \$429,968 pledges with 125 cards returned.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
St. Bernard: Sat. 3:30 to 4:30 PM  
All Saints: 8:00 to 8:20 AM Sunday  
Daily: Beginning ½ hour before and ending 10 minutes prior to Mass

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Contact pastor 6 to 12 months prior.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
May be celebrated during Sunday Mass or midday on Sunday outside Mass. A class is required prior to the Baptism of your child.

Daily Mass will be said, even if there is a funeral.

**Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: December 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday	RCIA at 7pm	Dec 16	5:30 PM	Redfield	† Lou Aspen
Tuesday		Dec 17	5:30 PM	Mellette	† Clara Barondeau
Wednesday		Dec 18	9:30 AM	Lakeside	† Irene Amundson
Wednesday	Children's Mass	Dec 18	5:30 PM	Redfield	Religious Education youth & adults
Thursday	Adoration 9am-9pm	Dec 19	8:30 AM	Redfield	† CJ & Tom Fink
Friday		Dec 20	8:30 AM	Redfield	† Clarence & Josephine Schmidtgal
Saturday		Dec 21	8:30 AM	Redfield	† Mark Muellenberg
SATURDAY		Dec 21	5:00 PM	Redfield	† Catherine & Sebastian Deibert
SUNDAY		Dec 22	8:30 AM	Mellette	† Marian Fischbach
SUNDAY		Dec 22	10:30 AM	Redfield	Mass for the People

**Liturgy Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

	GREETER/USHER	LECTOR	SERVERS	GIFTS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	COUNTERS/HOMEBOUND
5:00 PM ST BERNARD	Brendan Roth Mike Jungwirth	John Roos	Alex Shottenkirk Nick Shottenkirk Isaac Suchor	Gerry & Penney Robinson	Mike Jungwirth John Roos Sandy Jungwirth	Homebound 9am Sunday: Joe Keller
8:30 AM ALL SAINTS	Dolores Morgan Evans	Jeanne Fischbach	Landen Melius Tristan Nickeson	Garrett & Rachel Ortmeier Family	Garrett Ortmeier Denise Clemens	Dave Kramp Garrett Ortmeier
10:30 AM ST. BERNARD	Jim Millar Bill Esser	Jim Burdick	Jayce Logan Kyla Logan Autumn Olsen	Jaime Osborn Family	Jim Burdick Elmer Burggraff Rich Gruenwald	Team 2 Sharon, Lucille, Marilyn

**Mass Ministries for Christmas:** Please sign up for ministries! We need many more people to help!

**Confessions this week:** See the back of the bulletin for all the confession times this week. There are several options to get the whole family to confession, including a RE & Family Penance Service on Wednesday.

**RCIA Topic for Monday:** Sacraments of Initiation

**Community Christmas Cantata** This Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Free-will BBQ Meal served following the Cantata. Attend and enjoy the wonderful music of so many in our community.

**Christmas at the Cathedral** will be performed with six concerts December 19-22 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This year's theme, "Light of the World" was inspired by the writings of St. John, experiencing God's immense love for each of us as His Light came into the darkness of our world through the birth of the Christ child. "God is Light. In Him there is no darkness." Purchase your tickets by email [events@ccfesd.org](mailto:events@ccfesd.org).

**CDA Advent Baby Shower:** CDA is collecting new items up to size 12 months through January 5<sup>th</sup>. All items are put together into layettes and donated to the Spink Country Health Office and given to families in need.

**St. Bernard Choir Practice:** Monday, December 16 at 6:15pm; Tuesday, December 24 at 4:45pm and sing at 6pm Mass; Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am and sing at 9am Mass.

**Ornaments:** Right to Life handed out ornaments after Mass today to help remind all of us that life is a gift from God. Please hang these ornaments up and pray for all life from conception until natural death.

**Poinsettia Memorials:** Bob Schultz, Paulette Cleberg, Heim & Keller Families, Arlen Rude, Sharon Lawrence, Carol Klocek, John Gruenwald, Autumn Jungwirth-3, Alice Carr-2, Stan Filipek, Vince Jungwirth-2, Michael Schwab, Roman & Theresa Esser, Mark Muellenberg, Bill, Joe, David, and Jon Waldner, Trisha Whitley, Arthur Schaffer-2, Eulalia Leesch-2, Joe & Lena Schaffer-2, Ernest Leesch Sr-2, Dean Robinson, Seth Robinson, Salomo Waldner, Mary Kay Waldner, Chris & Anna Esser, Leo & Pat Haider, John & Emma Haider, Virgil & Eva Holm, Frank & Mary Jandel, Bill Hixon-2, Joe Hinker-2, Dick Harris-2, Steve Robinson-2, Chuck & Mary Hurst-2, Lorraine &

Mayme Robinson-2, Leon & Mamie Osborn, James & Ruby Gruenwald, Shirley & Kaylunn Rude, Dick & Mary Angela Edgar.

\*\*\*Thank you all for your donations for the poinsettias!\*\*\*

**Confession Times:** Regular Confession: 8am prior to daily Masses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on Saturday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:45pm. Additional confession are:  
Wed, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside at 8:50am  
Wed, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard 11:30am-1pm, 4:30-5:15pm  
St. Bernard Religious Ed & Family Penance Service - 7pm  
Thu, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at St Bernard 11:30am-1pm, 5-6pm, 8-9pm  
Sun, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Bernard Penance Service at 1:30pm  
Faulkton Penance Service at 4pm

**Thank You for your generosity!**

**St. Bernard**

Weekly Budget: \$3,712;  
Last Week: \$4,977  
Collect YTD: \$94,096  
Reg-\$3,601; Child-\$32;  
Loose-\$201; Fuel-\$145;  
Thank-\$165; Holy Day-\$526;  
Mass-\$30; Flowers-\$245;  
Rel Art-\$32 CFSA-\$350  
November Online-\$2,640  
Capital Campaign-\$13,250  
Goal of Capital Campaign:  
\$400,000, Pledged: \$429,968  
(125 pledge cards returned)

**All Saints**

Child-\$6; Loose-\$119.01  
Reg-\$1,020; Imm Con-\$215  
CFSA \$12,000 of \$14,000  
goal collected to date

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:** Mary Lou Schwartz, Regent – 460-1554

**Next CDA Meeting:** is Wed, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in the Library.

**Nativity Picture Raffle:** Thank you to all who purchased tickets, the drawing was not held before the bulletin was printed. Winners next week.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Deborah at [bbi@abe.midco.net](mailto:bbi@abe.midco.net) or 460-1123.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** Doug Lemmer, Gr Knight, 612-201-8165

If you would like to rent the KC Hall – Contact Joe Keller at 460-3017

**Monthly meeting** is Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in KC Hall.

**Gun Raffle Tickets** Please turn in your gun raffle tickets by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Drawing will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup> following Mass at 5:30pm.

**Vocation:** "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God. Everyone has a vocation.

**RIGHT TO LIFE:** Shirley Holt –first Wed of each month at 5pm

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

**Stewardship Snippets:** "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8) Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own. **The Church Year for donations runs until Dec 31.**

**All Saints News:** If the church is locked, call Cindy at 887-3175 or Dolores at 887-3320.

\* Volunteers will decorate church for Christmas on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. Contact Kris Boekelheide or Denise Clemens for details.

\* In lieu of a Christmas program this year the Religious Ed program will be hosting a Family Fun Night with Caroling. Everyone is welcome to attend on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm.

\* Please help support our annual Advent Baby Shower. New items for babies are being collected in the bassinet in the entrance of the church through Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

\* All Saints Religious Ed students are collecting full size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) through Dec. 18. We will put the items together in personal care kits at our Family Fun Night for the Spink County Food Pantry, to be donated to local individuals. Please bring donations to RE on Wednesday nights or leave in the church entry. If you have any questions about this project, contact Ashley Schnell or Laura Melius. Thank you for your generosity!

\* Denise Clemens and Robyn Morgan are new members to the Parish Council. They were selected by a drawing of lots at the Council meeting. They will start their 3 year terms in January. Special thanks to Terri Fischbach and Sara Peterson for their service to the Parish Council over the past 3 years.

\* Cleaning group members for December are: Joy Braun, Korie Braun, & Jeanne Fischbach. Please contact Robyn Morgan to set up the cleaning schedule for the month.

**Upcoming Events:**

\* Christmas Eve Mass at All Saints will be at 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Overflow will be available in the parish hall with video feed.

\* The All Saints Choir will begin singing at 3:30pm prior to Christmas Eve Mass.

\* Holy Day Mass-Mary Mother of God will be at 10:00 am Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at All Saints.