

Message from Father Tom:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Down through the centuries people have read these words and have been shaken to their core. Sure, we could live life in such a way as to "gain the whole world"--amassing wealth, or at least comfort and pleasure. But where would that leave us? What good would that do us? We can stomp all over people to get to the top of the hill, only to find out that we just climbed the wrong hill. At the top of that hill is comfort and (limited) control, but also death. What hill is worth climbing? The one Christ climbs. The one where God resides.

In order to do so, our Lord gives us three instructions. (1) Deny yourself (2) Take up your cross (3) Follow Christ. Perhaps these three instructions could help us in choosing our Lenten observance.

- (1) **Deny yourself.** Something cannot be filled with good until the bad is emptied out. There are many things in our lives that clutter. They keep us from living fully with the Lord. What do we need to empty out of our lives? Playing games or watching videos? That extra sport/hobby/group that keeps us 'too busy'? That thing/person that always leads us to sin. Whatever that is...consider giving it up.
- (2) **Take up your cross.** Jesus asks you to bear your burdens, your difficulties. Smile when you don't feel like it. Be forgiving to those who don't deserve it. Be patient with those who are annoying. Perhaps the Lenten observance that might come out of this injunction: thank God every day, not just for the gifts, but also for the struggles of your life. Consider committing to thanksgiving every day of lent.
- (3) **Follow Christ.** Once we have emptied our life of things that keep us from proceeding, then we have more time and energy to devote to Jesus. Think about committing to praying more, or getting to daily mass/worship service a few times a week, or visiting the sick/suffering. In each of these places we hope to follow Jesus our Lord.

Meet Bishop DeGroot: There will be opportunities in our area for parishioners to meet Bishop DeGroot following his ordination. Tuesday, March 3 at Holy Name in Watertown; Wednesday, March 4th at Sacred Heart in Aberdeen. Each of the Masses start at 5:30pm with an open house reception for one hour following each Mass.

Daily Readings:

Monday, February 24, 2020

Jas 3:13-18
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Jas 4:1-10
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 28, 2020

Is 58:1-9a
Mk 9:14-15
Day of Abstinence

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11

Religious Education News:

Tracey Millar, Director of Religious Education
Office 472-1482 Cell 450-8868

Grades K – 6th: Class 3:30-5pm

Grades 7th – 9th: Class 7-8:30pm

No Class on February 26th - Ash Wednesday – Attend Mass w/ Family
11th & 12th Grade: Lector, Eucharist Minister, Usher Training Mar 4 at 7pm. Father would like all the students to attend and understand how much this benefits not only our church, but them as they move into their adult life in the church!

Next **Family Formation** is April 1st.

Totus Tuus (VBS) will be July 26 – Aug 1 this year. Grades 1-8, please mark your calendars for these dates!!

Mentors for next year needed! Please prayerfully consider this in the next months and let Tracey know!



**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

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time February 23, 2020



Prayer of St. Teresa of Kolkata

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light for others. Amen.

Lent begins THIS week on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer and fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All those who are ages 18 to 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

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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: February 24th – March 1st

Monday	Prayer Study at 7pm	Feb 24	**No Mass – Father’s Sabbath Day of Rest		
Tuesday		Feb 25	5:30 PM	Mellette	† Griffith O’Neill
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Masses	Feb 26	7:15 AM	Redfield	† Richard Baus
Wednesday		Feb 26	5:30 PM	Mellette	Mass for the People
Wednesday		Feb 26	7:30 PM	Redfield	† Earl Wiedeman Family
Thursday	Adoration 9am-9pm	Feb 27	8:30 AM	Redfield	† Maxine Pfister-Schmidt
Friday		Feb 28	8:30 AM	Redfield	† Rose Nuhsbaumer
Saturday		Feb 29	8:30 AM	Redfield	† Mark Muellenberg
SATURDAY		Feb 29	5:00 PM	Redfield	† Rose Nuhsbaumer
SUNDAY		Mar 01	8:30 AM	Mellette	† Maxine Pfister-Schmidt
SUNDAY		Mar 01	10:30 AM	Redfield	Mass for the People

Liturgical Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - February 29th & March 1st

	GREETER/USHER	LECTOR	SERVERS	GIFTS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	COUNTERS/HOMEBOUND
7:15 AM 2/26 ST BERNARD	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteers	None Needed	Paul Hodges – Ashes and Body	
5:30 PM 2/26 ALL SAINTS		Laura Melius	Nathan Melius Abby Schnell Troy Nickeson	No Collection or Gifts	Jeanne Fischbach – Ashes and Body	None Needed
7:30PM 2/26 ST BERNARD	Dallas Jungwirth David Jungwirth	Mary Schwartz	Alex Shottenkirk Nick Shottenkirk Isaac Suchor	Elmer & Jane Burggraff	Val Suchor – EM Elmer Burggraff – Ashes	
5:00 PM ST BERNARD	David Jungwirth Dallas Jungwirth	Brooke Edgar	Alex Shottenkirk Nick Shottenkirk Cecilia Suchor	Simon Appel Family	Mike Jungwirth Sandy Jungwirth Paul Hodges	Homebound 9am Sunday: Bryon Anderson
8:30 AM ALL SAINTS	Dave & Judy Ortmeier	Hailey Boekelheide	Jessica Boekelheide Teresa Melius Brynn Hill	Bill & Denise Clemens Family	Denise Clemens Mark Fischbach	Tyler Bisbee Garrett Ortmeier
10:30 AM ST. BERNARD	Bill Esser Kevin Meyer	Monte Mason	Conner Zens Simon Burdick Easton Millar	David Holt Family	Kelly Hyke James Logan Tracey Millar	Team 1 Sharon, Lucille, Marilyn

Lector, Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers: Thank you to those who attended training. If you missed the training, but would like to help out, please contact Angela or Fr. Tom.

Ash Wednesday Masses: Schedule for Masses is 7:15am at St. Bernard, 5:30pm at All Saints, and 7:30pm at St. Bernard. The All Saints Mass is followed by their annual soup & sandwich supper.

Men: “That Man Is You” is prepping for a Lenten Journey that is going to make this a very inspiring Lent. Now is a great entry point to get involved for that experience! Session are Tuesday mornings 5:45-7:00 at St Bernard parish hall. Contact Elmer B @ 460-0828 or elmerbs@gmail.com.

Bible Study: Cari Mack will be holding a new 10-week bible study on Thursdays. The study is *Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life* from Ascension. This a great study to get involved with during Lent! **Small scheduling change for this – the books did not arrive, so the 4pm Study will start THIS Thursday, February 27th and the 7pm Study will begin on Thursday, March 5th.** Contact Cari Mack to sign up.

Prayer Study: Father Tom will be conducting a prayer study called *Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer* on Monday evenings at 7pm beginning February 24th. Please sign up in the back of church if you are planning on attending so we can make sure we have enough books. There is a fee of \$10 for the study book.

CFSA 2020: St. Bernard Goal is \$46,000. All Saints Goal is \$15,100. We will continue to collect pledge cards for the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal – 2020. Please turn in your pledge cards, as we would like 100% participation from our parishioners, even if you are unable to financially contribute, please continue to pray.

Celebrate Spring: We are trying something new and would love to have an “Easter Garden” for Easter. We can order Easter Lilies from Country Classics at a cost of \$21.50 per plant or you are welcome to furnish your own, either lilies or blooming plants. Please have you Easter Memorial Names to the office by Wednesday of Holy Week and the plant to the church Parish Hall by Holy Saturday morning.

Thank You for your generosity!

St. Bernard

Weekly Budget: \$3,712;
Last Week: \$2,896
Collect YTD: \$133,723
Reg-\$2,413; Child-\$42;
Loose-\$341; Fuel-\$50
Ash Wed-\$50
CFSA: \$6,525 paid
\$7,835 pledged of \$46,000 goal
Capital Campaign-\$1,410

All Saints

Regular-\$854; Child-\$6;
Loose-\$94 CFSA: \$4,257
\$4,507 pledge of \$15,100 goal

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

Next CDA Meeting: is Wed, March 18th at 5:15pm in the Parish Library. Come and bring a friend who may be interested in joining.

Prayer Chain: Contact Deborah at 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, March 12th at 8pm in KC Hall.

KC Fish Fry: March 6th and March 27th – serving from 5:30-7:30pm.

Contact Matt Weller if you are willing to help either of those days!

Vocation: As a contrast to people declaring war, condemning and holding grudges, we need people speaking of peace, being less judgmental, and offering forgiveness. Follow Jesus and allow his forgiving nature to be you!

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

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.” ~USCCB Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

Stewardship Snippets: “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” (Matthew 5:44) Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy.” When we pray for others, even “our enemies,” maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Blessed Items for Burial: We are collecting blessed/holy items for burial. See the note in the entrance.

All Saints News:

* Please join us for the annual Soup & Sandwich supper following Ash Wednesday Mass. Free will donations will help support youth activities in our parish.

* There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance for those who would be willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent.

* CFSA contributions or pledges can be put in with the regular Sunday collection or mailed to All Saints in the envelope provided in your CFSA mailing. Even if you are not able to pledge we would like to have your pledge card returned.

* Cleaning group members for March are: Amy Heim, Tamara Rahm, Kris Boekelheide, & Sheena Hill.

* **LENTEN PROJECT** - We will begin our annual collection of non-perishable food items for the food pantry at the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield on Ash Wednesday. Items needed at this time are: tuna, tomato & chicken noodle soups, pasta & spaghetti sauce, but any non-perishable food items are welcome. Please deposit your donation in the tub in the entrance during Lent.

* New Map in parish hall. We want to see where you attend Mass when they are traveling away from our parish. Simply bring a bulletin from the parish you attended and you can put a magnetic pin on the location of the church. All ages are welcome to participate---let’s see how many states we can reach!

* Additional copies of our parish directory are available for parish members who were not pictured in the directory. If you would like a copy please contact Jeanne.

Upcoming Events:

* **Bishop DeGrood will be saying Mass at Sacred Heart in Aberdeen on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30pm. Plans are for Confirmation and Youth Group from All Saints to attend. Laura will be sending out an email to those involved.**

* **SCHEDULE CHANGE** - Dave Ortmeier will be leading a Lenten study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at All Saints Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. This study will be held on **March 11th, 18th, & 25th**. This is to accommodate those who wish to attend Mass in Aberdeen with Bishop DeGrood on Mar 4.