

## STBAFF MEAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM St Bernard/Ascension Faith Formation



STBAFF program has 78 children in grades pre-K through grade 5, and 60 enrolled in grades 6 through 10.

Each week at faith formation, we feed 75-80 people a healthy meal. As a combined faith formation program, the meal is an opportunity for our families to gather, get to know each other and help with the hustle and bustle of Wednesday nights. It has been a great success. Parents enrolled in the meal program, and are paying a small fee to eat. Our dependable weekly volunteers/catechists are given a FREE meal. They greatly appreciate it!

Please read the feedback from some of our parents and children who participate--

- ***The weekly meal is a blessing. It lessens the stress of Wednesday night. We are in the early 4:15 class. The snack is wonderful and the kids can learn without being hungry. The dinner to follow is easy on us parents and the kids love the meals! Lastly, each Wednesday, the girls can eat with their cousins and that is fun as well. Great Job!***
- ***My son loves eating at Faith Formation. He looks forward to the entire night as the meal has made this into more of a faith formation event than just class. The food is always good and the company is great.***
- ***I love eating at faith formation. Yummy options and great community!***
- ***Yummy food. I like the options. I rate 5 stars. Suggestion: soup day***
- ***The weekly meals are fun. I get to spend dinner with my cousins and my family. There is always a good meal.***
- ***This is wonderful! It really helps our family, since we're always on the run. We really appreciate it!***
- ***Thank you for the meals. They are great. "Yum. Yum."***

**SPONSORSHIP DETAILS** We are seeking meal sponsorships as a way to help meet our budgets and continue to build a strong faith formation program.

Sponsors will receive a thank you note, a tax deduction statement, and an invitation to come and share a meal with our families. Each sponsorship donation will be applied at the parish that the benefactor is a registered member. For business/organizations, we will promote your group through flyers at our meals, mention your support in the bulletin and in our faith formation newsletters.

**Our GOAL is to secure 20 Meal sponsorships--which is \$5000.  
Before launching this at the parishes, we already have THREE full meal sponsors.  
God is good!**

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS-----Circle the level of sponsorship**

- Full Meal                   \$250
- ¾ Meal                     \$187.50
- ½ Meal                     \$125
- ¼ Meal                     \$62.5
- Other Amount             \_\_\_\_\_

As a retail business owner, if your business is unable to give money, consider meal item donations, i.e bread products, hamburger, chips, cheese sticks, granola bars, water bottles, or cookies. Our food safety codes prevent us from taking individual/personal food donations.

**TIMEFRAME OF THE PROGRAM---- December 17, 2016 2016-February 19, 2017**

**If you would like to be a STBAFF MEAL SPONSOR**

**Please fill out the information below and return this page to either parish office, in the collection basket, or in the mail to either parish. Be sure to label it MEAL SPONSORSHIP & make the check payable to your parish.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Church of the Ascension  
323 Reform Street N  
NYA, MN 55368**

**St Bernard's Catholic Church  
210 Church Street E.  
Cologne, MN 55322**

# THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

—FEBRUARY 2017—

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>For subsequent months or extra copies call or write:</i>	Mert Lassonde 20953 Junco Trail Lakeville MN 55044	Phone: 952-683-9294 Email: mertlass@ usfamily.net	<u>1</u> POPE FRANCIS	<u>2</u> REV. GREGORY ABBOTT OUR PASTOR	<u>3</u> REV. SCOTT CARL	<u>4</u> REV. ALEX CARLSON
<u>5</u> REV. ROGER CARROLL	<u>6</u> REV. JOSE GUTIERREZ	<u>7</u> REV. PATRICK CASEY	<u>8</u> REV. JAMES CASSIDY	<u>9</u> REV. EDUARDO CASTILLO	<u>10</u> REV. JOHN CLAY	<u>11</u> REV. KEVIN CLINTON
<u>12</u> REV. TIMOTHY CLOUTIER	<u>13</u> REV. PAUL COELHO	<u>14</u> REV. MICHAEL CREAGAN	<u>15</u> REV.. LUIA CURBELO	<u>16</u> REV. RINALDO CUSTODIO	<u>17</u> REV. MICHAEL DALY	<u>18</u> REV. DOUGLAS DANDUR- AND
<u>19</u> REV. DENIS DEASE	<u>20</u> REV. JAMES DEBRUCKER	<u>21</u> REV. JAMES DEEGAN	<u>22</u> REV. DONALD DEGROOD	<u>23</u> REV. DENNIS DEMPSEY	<u>24</u> REV. RONALD DESRO- SIERS	<u>25</u> REV. MARVIN DEUTSCH
<u>26</u> REV. JAMES DEVORAK	<u>27</u> REV. WILLIAM DEZIEL	<u>28</u> ABP. BERNARD HEBDA				

## WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

### PRAYER SUGGESTION

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you priests dearest to me. The priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially...). Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest), Amen

**FOR VOCATIONS:** Father we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Archdiocese

# St. Bernard Church—February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PARTICIPATION AT MASS IS NOT ONLY SHOWING UP, BUT TO ALSO ANSWER ALL THE	PRAYERS. THE PEOPLES PARTS OF THE MASS IS IN BOLD LETTERS IN THE MISSALET.	THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE.	1 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER THE 8AM MASS UNTIL 8PM Parish Council Mtg. 6:15pm	2 NO MASS	3 NO MASS	4 Church: Pam Walter & Linda Rannow. Narthex: Kooiman, Storms, Hammers
5 ADULT CHOIR LEADS SINGING AT THE 10AM MASS	6	7 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascension-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	8	9 NO MASS	10 NO MASS	11 Church: Roger & JoAnn Schmitz. Narthex: Hammers
12	13	14 <i>Out Reach Mass &amp; Light supper- At Ascension-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35pm with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	15 Evening of Reconciliation 5:30pm-8:30pm. At St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting 6:15 pm.	16 NO MASS	17 NO MASS	18 Church: Sharon Willems & Donna Cebulla. Narthex: Victoria Arnst Julie Clemensen
19 FREE SPIRIT CHOIR LEADS SINGING AT THE 10 AM MASS	20	21 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascension-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	22 Coffee Social after 8am Mass in the narthex of the church. All are invited to attend.	23 NO MASS	24 NO MASS	25 Church: Jim & Carol Wickenhauser. Narthex: Kelli Starky
26	27	28 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascension-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	If you are interested in helping to clean the church or the narthex, please contact Sarah Hammers	612-385-5096 for more information and/or volunteer.	February 11th Catholic Watchman meeting at St. Bernard 8am—9:15 am	February 18th—9am Altar Server Training at St. Bernard.

# St. Bernard Church

2016-2017 Fiscal Mid-Year Review

Dec. 2016

## Income

### General Operations

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budg. Less YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	103,196	110,569	-7,373	208,400
Other Operations Income	5,746	10,277	-4,532	20,555
<b>General Operations Totals:</b>	<b>108,941</b>	<b>120,846</b>	<b>-11,905</b>	<b>228,955</b>
Festivals Totals:	3,670	9,000	-5,330	18,000
Liturgy Totals:	62	675	-613	1,350
Youth Formation Totals:	15,206	3,625	11,581	7,250
Women's Group Totals:	2,037	0	2,037	0
Chior Group Totals:	525	0	525	0
<b>Income Totals:</b>	<b>130,440</b>	<b>134,146</b>	<b>-3,707</b>	<b>255,555</b>

## Expense

### General Operations

Salaries/Benefits totals	21,645	26,456	4,811	52,911
Other Operations Expenses	35,695	45,142	9,447	90,284
<b>General Operations Totals:</b>	<b>57,340</b>	<b>71,598</b>	<b>14,258</b>	<b>143,195</b>
Festivals Expenses	3,615	0	-3,615	0
Church Building Totals:	4,137	5,015	878	10,030
Grounds Totals:	2,473	2,500	28	5,000
Rectory Building Totals:	481	750	269	1,500
Convent Building Totals:	281	775	494	1,550
School Building Totals:	12,248	9,200	-3,048	18,400
Liturgy Totals:	1,527	2,042	516	4,085
Clergy Services Totals:	16,664	16,919	255	33,837
Youth Formation Totals:	10,550	11,918	1,367	23,835
Women's Group Totals:	1,339	0	-1,339	0
Chior Group Totals:	297	0	-297	0
<b>Expense Totals:</b>	<b>110,950</b>	<b>120,716</b>	<b>9,766</b>	<b>241,432</b>
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>14,123</b>

### Mid-Year Comments

Collection revenue is below budget by \$11,905, however we have been able to control most expenses, so income over expenses is favorable by just over \$19,000. Snow removal and expenses in the School building are our unknowns. So far this year, we have spent a little over \$12,000 on the school heating system repair. Say a prayer that will be all.

Thanks to several donations to our Faith Formation program we are closing the projected gap we had in that area. So far, the projected shortfall of \$16,585 has been cut in half. Just another \$8000 to go for the program expenses to be completely covered.

Our bright spot this year has been with the Windows Project. Inside window finishing will add about \$4000 to the cost for the first half. However, response to the fund raising campaign was a blessing and with actual money received and pledged, we will be able to complete the full project next year. Thank you to the Windows Committee for your dedicated commitment to this project! This fund raising campaign also included the addition of air conditioning for this spring and an additional \$10,000 towards paying down our roof loan principal leaving a remaining balance of about \$25,000. Thank you all for your generosity!!

May your 2017 be a blessed and joyous year.

For more detailed information, please contact the parish office (952-466-2031)

*It was powerful to be with this huge group of men....and to hear the testimonies of the men who presented the retreat.* Parishioner Dale Lemmer about the Men on Fire Retreat

Sunday January 29, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

*"Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 1:31). In our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for today's Mass St. Paul says boasting should be in the Lord. Mary, the mother of Jesus agrees as she says: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior"* (Luke 1:46).

Humbly sharing with others the great things God has done in our lives is how our Catholic faith is handed on from one person to another and from one generation to the next. On the opposite side of this paper is our 2016-17 mid-year financial report. As we review this report let's do so in the context on what we're all about: the handing on of our life-giving, life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ in His Church. How can we as a parish learn to do this better?

Thirteen men from St. Bernard/Ascension parishes witnessed how this was done in a retreat context at the Men on Fire Retreat we attended on January 21-22 at St. Hubert in Chanhassen. The 3 retreat presenters and even some of the retreatants shared with us how their faith became real for them in the midst of the sorrows and joys of their lives and how God looked upon them in their lowliness and did great things for them.

For some time now a small group of men from our parishes have been gathering every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8-9:15am to support one another in living our faith and to share how we see God working in our lives. The group is called "Catholic Watchmen" and I invite all men from our parishes to join us in the narthex basement of St. Bernard Church for our meetings. Additionally, a group of men will be attending the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference on March 18, 2017. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Finally, all parishioners are invited to our upcoming Lenten Friday Evenings of prayers. As we did last year, we hope to have parishioners humbly boast a little at these evenings of how God has worked in their lives.

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

Fr. Gregory