

St. Bernard's
Christmas Bazaar
Luncheon
Saturday Nov. 18, 2017



11:00 am - 1:00 pm
St. Bernard's School
Cologne, MN

Take Out Available

Craft Items
Baked Goods
Quilt Chances



St Bernard Church Christmas Bazaar and Casserole Salad Luncheon

Saturday November 18th 11am to 1 pm

This is an all parish event, everyone is asked to bring a craft item and/or baked goods for the craft sale. All donations for the craft sale can be brought in Friday evening or Saturday morning before 11am. If possible please price your items.

The Ladies Guild will be making the casseroles on Friday evening. Parishioners with the last name beginning with **A-K** are asked to bring a dessert; **L-Z** are asked to bring a salad.

The following people are asked to work:

Friday November 17th

6:30 pm: Monica Kooiman, Sarah Hammers, Diane Beckrich, Krista Buesgens, Rose Buesgens, Julie Clemensen, Carol Hoen

Saturday November 18th

Ticket sales 10:30: Donna Cebulla, Judy Jenkins

10am to noon: Jane Bieniek, Ann Boelke, Brenda Buckley Jones, Nancy Elke, Sarah Foley, Judy Glander, Kim Hoen, Connie Hoen, Nancy Kerber, Katie Klein, Julie Kleindl

Noon to 2pm: Vicky Arnst, Kathie Broll, Carol Dahl, Kim Dhaene, Krystie Dovenmuehler, Amanda Harris, Crystal Hoen, Rose Hoen, Becky Kerber, Sarah King, Pam Kunkel, Susie Cebulla

Please find a replacement if your unable to work your shift, if you're not scheduled to work this year and are available to help we would love extra help!

**ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR QUILT RAFFLE
\$1.00 EACH CHANCE**

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WELCOME AARON DOWNING!

Our new Teaching Parish Seminarian

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in welcoming Aaron Downing to Ascension and St. Bernard. Aaron is our new teaching parish seminarian. Aaron is in his 1st year of major seminary at the St. Paul Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. You may have seen Aaron at our parishes the past couple of months especially at faith formation where he has been interacting with students, catechists and families. This weekend Aaron will be briefly introducing himself at Mass after Communion and greet parishioners after Mass.

The Teaching Parish Program (TPP) is an integral part of the program of formation for the priesthood—and you and I are blessed to be part of it! The Church wants seminarians to have “parish” experiences as they discern the vocation to the priesthood. The TPP is one of those experiences.

Generally speaking seminarians stay with their TP throughout the 4 years of their formation for the priesthood. They spend at least 40 hours at the TP per semester and have assigned tasks to accomplish at the parish each semester. They also have a Teaching Parish Committee which is composed of members from the parish which they meet with about 7 times during the school year.

How blessed are we to have Adam Worm, Joe Lemmer & now Aaron Downing among us as young men willing to discern the giving of their lives to God, the Church and the world through the priesthood? Let's continue to pray and work to create a culture fostering these awesome vocations! Might your son/grandson, daughter/granddaughter, or the young boy or girl sitting next to you at Mass be called to the religious life or priesthood? Have you encouraged that option? I will let Aaron briefly introduce himself to you now. St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians, pray for Aaron, Adam, Joe and all seminarians! Fr. Gregory

Hello Ascension & St. Bernard Parishioners!

I am your new TP seminarian Aaron Downing and am happy to introduce myself. My parents, Edward and Theresa Downing had three children of which I am the youngest. My older brother, Tom lives at home with my parents and my middle brother, John lives in Davenport, Iowa. I grew up in Roscoe, Illinois, near Beloit, Wisconsin.

Home Parish: St. Peter, South Beloit, Illinois

Fun Facts: I played the Flute, Baritone, and trumpet in middle school.

Favorite Saints: St. John Vianney, St. John Paul II and Our Lady of Fatima

Hobbies: Bowling, archery, signing, fishing, cooking, and Golfing etc.

I came back to the Catholic faith my sophomore in high school. After graduating from Hononegah Community High School in 2011, I entered seminary for the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin and was sent to study at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. Two years later I felt God calling me to come back to the Diocese of Rockford. After I made the transfer, the Diocese of Rockford asked me to move to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 2016, I graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in Catholic Studies and a minor in Philosophy. After graduating from minor seminary, I went on a pastoral year to have a break from the academic world and to experience the priesthood first hand. My pastoral year was very fruitful and it allowed me to fall even deeper in Love with Christ and His Church.

It is a great privilege and blessing that I have been assigned to your parish for the next four years!! All of you will play an integral part in my formation as a future priest and for this I thank you in advance for helping grow into the man and hopefully the priest that God is calling me to be. I look forward to meeting all of you over the next four years. I ask that you pray for me and know that I will be praying for you all.

In Christ, Aaron Downing Seminarian for the Diocese of Rockford