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MASS IS CELEBRATED ON THE
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5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY
SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.
(LIVE STREAMED)

PLEASE REFER TO “THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH” FOR THE TIMES
OF THE WEEKDAY MASSES

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE
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August 23, 2020

Turn your ear, O Lord
and answer me!

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

THE PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS PRAYERFUL SUPPORT to the family of Les Swanson. May the Lord grant him eternal life!

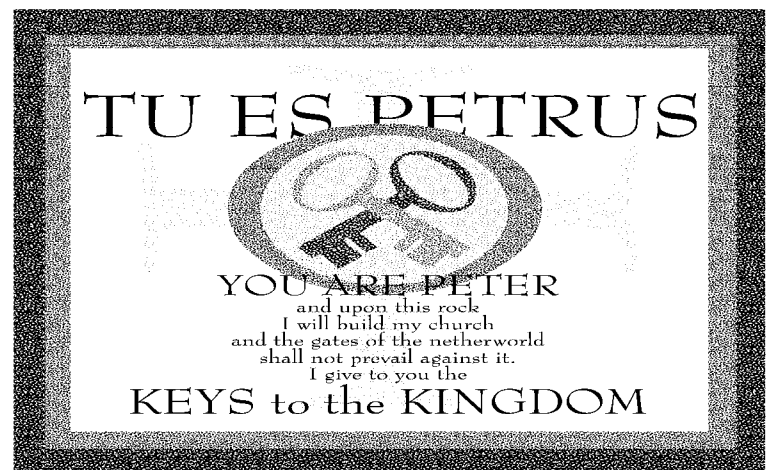
WE WELCOME THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Blaire Ann & Brooks Daniel, twins of Myles & Amber Keefe. May they always live for the Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelly LaSalle and Aaron St. George married in the Lord this weekend. May the Lord bless their commitment!

WE REJOICE WITH THE NEWLY CONFIRMED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THIS WEEKEND The newly Confirmed are listed elsewhere in this bulletin. Please pray for these young people that the Holy Spirit sustain them in our Catholic Faith!

2020 SUMMER DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Today we have taken up the summer appeal. Summer sun envelopes have been distributed in our parish and are still available on the credenza in the gathering space of the church. If you would like to support the Summer Appeal you may do so by making a gift at www.crookston.org/daa, use a Summer Appeal envelope or use the mailing many of you received in your home. It's never too late to support the community of Catholic families all of us belong to. God bless you and thank you for your faithful support.



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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

24 - Monday - Revelation 21:9-14—Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18—John 1:45-51
No Mass

25 - Tuesday - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17—Psalm 96:10-13—Matthew 23:23-26
8:00 A.M. Mass - Special Intention of JG
8:30 A.M.- 10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

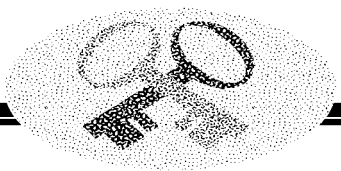
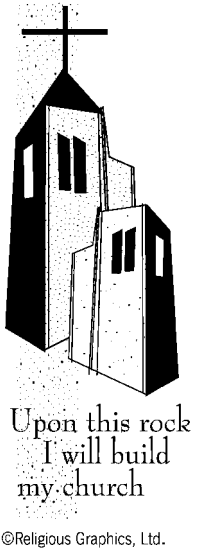
26 - Wednesday - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18—Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5—Matthew 23:27-32
7:00 A.M. Finance Council - Church Basement
5:15 P.M. Mass + Julie Kaiser
5:45 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:45 P.M. Public Rosary
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group

27 - Thursday - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9—Psalm 145:2-7—Matthew 24:42-51
8:00 A.M. Mass + Virgil Burger
8:30 A.M. -10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

28 - Friday - 1 Corinthians 1:17-25—Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11—Matthew 25:1-13
7:00 A.M. KC Rosary
8:00 A.M. Mass + Gene Janisch
8:30 A.M. Rosary

29 - Saturday - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31—Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21—Mark 6:17-29
2:00 P.M. Michelle Eidelbes & Michael Okstad Wedding
4:00 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 P.M. Rosary
5:00 P.M. Mass + Curt Geatz

30 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Jeremiah 20:7-9—Romans 12:1-2—Matthew 16:21-27
8:30 A.M. Rosary
9:00 A.M. Mass - For the People



Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Mrs. Rosalie Burda, Marguerite Barth, Brian Williamson, Tony Dorn, Sr., Lowell Arlt, Gary Arlt, Ed Walseth, Madeline Baumann, Merlin Stone, Darlene Gast, Rodney Wayne, Larry Pittman, Donna Kotaska, Timmy Nelson, Tom Miller, Elaine Radniecki, Rachael Carlson, Carlos Diaz, Tim Przybylski, Penny Radniecki Kalar, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Fern Melby, Theresa Linnertz, Randy Winter, Alayna Espeseth, Michael Andersen, Andrea Dowers, Gail Hjelle, David Carlson, Tom Miller, Kim Osowski, Larry Schaefer, Bev Oski Hayes, Mikey Hedegard, Kristi Jobe, Dave Jobe, Patrick Odette, Mae Derosier, John Parent, Anda Pretty On Top, Renee Miller, Cheryl McClenahan, Jeremy Johnson, Dan Dowers, Faye Brinkman, Lisa Swanson, Grace Rundell, Judy Langhorst, Michael Kruse, John Barry, Gary Lane, Corey Refshaw, Richard Perrault, Mary Ann Dentz, Gary Lane, Katherine Salwei, Emily Novacek, Marty Torgerson, Paul Fladland, Marion Arneson, Jane Palm, Micki Taddy, Gerald Kostrzewski, Lori Kristo, Sherrill McDonald, Dennis Srsnsky, Vernon Peterson, Sharon Kozojed, Cindi Determan, Sr. Edwine Gerou, Candace Schafer, Wanda Murphy, Doreen Dargon, Katy Seed, Mary Ann Lambert, Bonnie Audette, Kay Burkel, Lowell Burkel, Renee Omann, Jolie Martinez, Judy Taylor, Jeanette Forfang, Crosby Gerszewski, Patty Anderson, Audrey Berard, Delphine Ottesen, Nancy Gardner, Pete Christianson, Paul Burda, Leslie Swanson, Angie Kayfes, Adeline Borowicz

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen
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Blessed is She

Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.
The Lord has made everything for a purpose. -Proverbs 16:3

Are you feeling overwhelmed today? You're likely juggling even more than usual right now. Making hard decisions, learning new skill sets, and living into the unknown. And maybe you feel like you're failing in your roles. Maybe you're sighing heavily and feeling downcast. When the nemy can get a foothold in our discouragement, he loves to run with it. He likes to accuse, belittle, and shame. He likes to dog-pile on our insecurities, regrets, and resentment. If you feel like you're drowning in a whirlpool of unmet expectations and contradictory callings, you're not alone. Holy men and women throughout the history of our Church have been called to many roles throughout their lives—some expected and some surprising. If you're feeling like you are not enough for the roles God has assigned you, remember:

King David
King David was a son, a brother, a shepherd, a musician, and a king. Not always at the same time...but sometimes. He was a beloved ruler and wrote many of the Psalms that have been prayed daily for centuries. David knew what it meant to juggle a lot of responsibility. Yet he was "a man after God's own heart." None of his tasks were obstacles to his relationship with God—in fact, God used David's callings to glorify Himself. That grace is available to us, too.
Saint Therese
Saint Therese famously grew up desiring to be a missionary in a foreign land. But God called her to a cloistered convent—pretty much the exact opposite. But Therese had immense trust in the Lord's merciful love, and she rooted herself in that love wherever He called her. In the end, Therese has converted countless hearts to Christ, throughout the entire world. Because of this, she is the co-patron Saint of missions. Sometimes God's plan looks different than ours, but He fulfills the desires of our hearts. Lean into Therese's intercession when life pivots and you don't feel prepared or purposeful.

Saint Faustina
Once, the devil tried to tempt Saint Faustina to despair. She noted that total darkness surrounded her, and Satan told her, "See how contradictory everything is that Jesus gives you: He tells you to found a convent, and then He gives you sickness..." He told her that all her work was not wanted by the world, that the timing was inopportune, and that her circumstances made her calling impossible. Of course, from our vantage point, we see the devil's wiles clearly—we know that he wanted to stop the great work and feast of Divine Mercy. He took a cheap shot at Faustina. His tricks are old and played out, so he will do the same to us to try to get us to give up. In these moments, do as Faustina did in the face of that temptation. By an act of the will (her feelings were certainly not warm and fuzzy in this moment), she dwelt in God. Then she prayed, "Jesus, I ask You, give me the strength for battle. Let it be done to me according to Your most holy will."

Remember these Saints and do what they did: praise the Lord, declare His Truth, and trust in His merciful love. ✠

YOUTH NEWS
By Misty Mehrkens
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Hello Young Church!

Have you ever taken a personality test? Were they pretty spot on or rather fairly vague and not quite right? The real questions about who you are, what others think of you or what God thinks of you can't be found on a test, though. It takes time to reflect on how you define yourself. What makes you...you? Are they God-given talents and attitudes that lead you closer to Jesus?

Jesus asked his disciples who He was. He gave them an opportunity to reflect on all He was saying and doing. What was Jesus' role in the disciples lives? Peter recognized the truth that Jesus is the Son of God.

Take some time to reflect on who Jesus is in your life. Are you able to say the same as Peter? Also reflect on the characteristics that make you, you. We are always in relationship with others and when we recognize our uniqueness and who we are with the talents and gifts God has given us, we are better able to share them with others!!



Congratulations to our Confirmands who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May the Holy Spirit embrace and empower them forever.
Amen

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number).

EWTN DAILY MASS TIMES
Sunday—Saturday 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm, 11 pm

TV MASS
Viewed each Sunday on the following local Stations.
10:30 a.m. on WDAY ch.6—Fargo
10:30 a.m. on WDAZ ch. 8—Devils Lake/Grand Forks

LIVE STREAMING
Sunday Mass is livestreamed at 9:00 am from St. Bernard's Church at the following web address. <https://www.facebook.com/StBernardsChurchTRF/>



Are you unable to leave your home to get groceries or other supplies? Do you know someone who cannot get out because they are sick or they are vulnerable? If so, the Knights of Columbus wants to help you and your loved ones. During this pandemic the Knights of Columbus will gladly pick up your shopping for you and deliver to your home. For more information please call Mark Christiansen at (218)556-0037.



Like Peter. In today's Gospel, we can find that we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives. God reveals himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor, by joining our SVDP group, or donations to our fund? We pray with and find out how we can help anyone who comes to the rectory door or calls upon the Church for help in desperate times. We meet with them, or talk with them on the phone, to give them assurance that they are not lost or forgotten. Any amount of donation is welcome and anyone interested in becoming part of our group is also welcome!

Donations can be left with Fr. Rick or
mailed to the church.



St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 2,784,095.84

Received to Date: \$ 1,424,364.35



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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Beginning of new fiscal year.

Stewardship Giving for August 16, 2020

Weekly Amount Collected\$ 8,018.00



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Safe Environment for 2020-21

Certification for all Employees and Volunteers is now available online. **Component C** is our training this year, it focuses on recognizing abuse and the recommended technology guidelines.

* Please note the online training is **NOT** compatible with cell phones or iPads and will **time out after 60 minutes for security reasons**.

Instructions : Go to www.crookston.org.

Find the **Safe Environment** on top of page- under Safe Environment click on **Certification**. Scroll down to find the **gold tab** for either **New or Returning Employees & Volunteers**.

- **New Volunteers** click the "new" tab,
- **Returning Volunteers** click the "returning" tab. (If you have not completed the training for 2 years you are considered a "new" volunteer.)

New volunteers will complete the "Safe Environment Guide for New Employees and Volunteers" first and then proceed to the Acknowledgement and Consent form, Code of Conduct, training, and test. Returning volunteers will complete the Acknowledgement and Consent form and Code of Conduct, and then proceed to the training and test portion. The format is reading the information and then answering a question, with a total of 15 questions. Please note that there are a few questions that can be tricky, **so reading the information is very helpful** even if it is review! For those who do not wish to complete the certification process online, please pick of a packet at the parish office. Thank you for serving in our parish and for taking the time to do your certification.

All Parish and School Staff must be certified by August 25, 2020.

**2020
Summer Appeal**



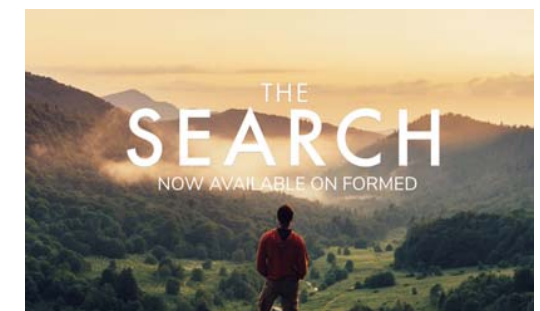
Today we have taken up the summer appeal as a second collection. Summer sun envelopes have been distributed in our parish and are still available. If you would like to support the Summer Appeal you may do so by making a gift at www.crookston.org/daa, use a summer appeal envelope available here in the parish or use the mailing many of you have received in your home. It is never too late to support the community of Catholic families all of us belong to.

God bless you and thank you for your faithful support.

MEMORIALS:

St. Bernard's Building Fund
In Memory of Jone & Munro Poole

By Jessica & James Hurst
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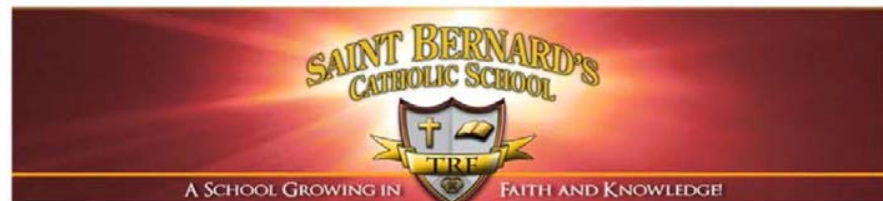


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St. Bernard's Confirmation August 23, 2020

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Jocelyn Nicole Benitt - St. Therese of Lisieux

Blake Michael Biermaier - St. Sebastian

Brooklyn Marie Brouse - St. Vincent de Paul

Max Allen Forst - St. Francis of Assisi

Paige Olivia Greene - St. Joan of Arc

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Josie Christine Kezar - St. Margaret of Clitheroe

Rachel Roberta Kloety - St. Michael

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Maizy Elizabeth Kraemer - St. Agatha of Sicily

Ashleigh Marie Kruse - St. Cecilia

Alanah Marie Mack - St. Florian

Kaylin Elise Mehrkens - St. Cecilia

Abigail Brooke Molstad - St. Jude

Dalton Grigory Philipp - St. Sebastian

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Mariah Marie Rasmussen - St. Roch

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Antonio Roger Steele - St. Anthony

Gabriella Marie Steele - St. Sebastian

Jenna Caroline Weets - St. Pauline



THE ABC'S OF ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL ABRIDGED REOPENING PLAN

Visit <https://bit.ly/StBAActionPlan> for the full plan.

Thank you for your patience and support as we put together a School Reopening Plan for St. Bernard's School. We believe we are better together, stronger together, and we are confident that we can provide an excellent education while safeguarding each member of our community including our students, staff, and family members.

Naturally, we, or any other school, cannot guarantee 100% that COVID-19 will not continue to spread. However, we can say that we will do everything in our power to keep everyone safe and protect their physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual needs. We also recognize that our unique size, structure, and ability to accommodate different approaches will allow us to mitigate the likelihood of transmission and welcome students to in-person instruction this year.



B BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Families will sign up for a slot on SignUp Genius to come to the school, acclimate to the classrooms, and bring supplies to leave in classrooms. During this time teachers will work with the students individually to gather a benchmark reading level.

St. Bernard's School Cohorts

Preschool / Prekindergarten
Kindergarten / 1 st Grade
2 nd Grade / 3 rd Grade
4 th Grade / 5 th Grade



D DISINFECTING

Classrooms will have disinfecting sprays and wipes to use when children are not present- this will be on common touch spaces. School-wide disinfecting will occur at the end of each day.



E EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Students will be separated through the entirety of Extended Day according to the school cohorts.



M MASKS

Governor Walz's current mask mandate (which does apply to St. Bernard's) requires all occupants to wear a mask who are 5 years or older. PS / PK will not be required to wear masks, but Kindergarten - 5th grades will wear masks. Students will not be expected to wear masks when in physical activity, at lunch, or if outside and apart.



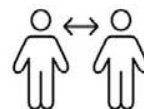
M MASS

Mass will be staggered to three separate days allowing fewer students to celebrate the Eucharist at a single time. All mass times will be at 8:35 AM
Tuesday - Kindergarten / 1st Grade
Thursday - 2nd / 3rd Grade
Friday - 4th / 5th Grade



O OFFICE CLOSED

The school office will not be open during student drop-off or end of day dismissal. Parents will be able to enter the west / playground entrance to the school office outside of student arrival and dismissal if able to affirm free of symptoms related to COVID-19.



P PHYSICAL DISTANCING

St. Bernard's has capped each class to 16 students. Teachers are organizing their classrooms to encourage students to be physically separated. Our primary goal will be to assure students in cohorts, or groupings, do not overlap.



P PICTURE DAY

Thoele Photography to host picture day:
*Tuesday, 9/8 - Preschool, K - 5th Grade, SAC, Faculty Staff
*Monday, 9/21 - Prekindergarten



S DAILY SCREENING

Individuals experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 must refrain from entering the building:
Fever | Chills | New Body Aches | Vomiting | Diarrhea | Loss of Taste or Smell | Dry Cough | Exhaustion

Health Screening will be at both the K-5 and PS / PK entrances. This will include a temperature check questions relating to above symptoms.



S SPECIAL CLASSES

For classes such as physical education, music and technology, students may experience a different style of instruction to assure separation of materials, cohorts, and disinfecting.



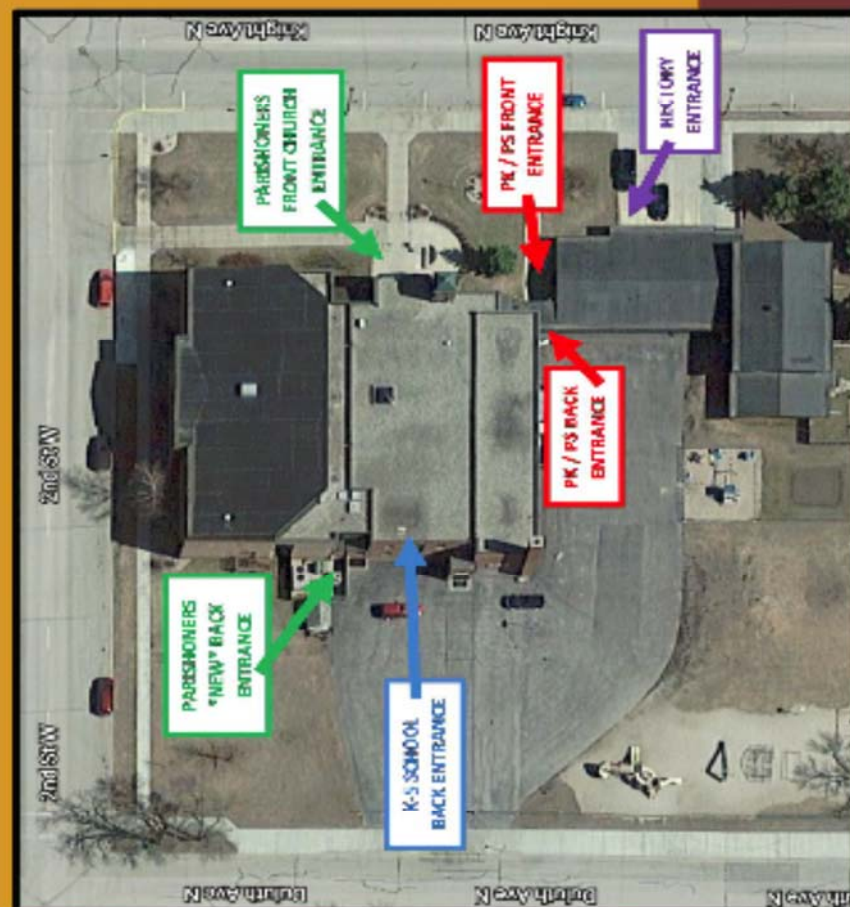
W WATER FOUNTAINS

Water fountains will be accessible, but we encourage students to bring their own water bottles to alleviate frequent use of fountains. Water bottles will be sent home frequently to be cleaned.

NEW ENTRANCES



There will be new reopening procedures for the school year. Entrances to St. Bernard's Church and School will be limited to certain people to certain doors. Please see the diagram. Thank you for your support!



STARTING SEPTEMBER 8



Arrival / Dismissal Plan

St. Bernard's School Drop Off / Arrival Procedure

Please note that each door will be restricted to different cohorts:

East / Church Door
Parishioners (green)

West / Playground Door
K – 5th Grade (blue)

West or East
Preschool / PreK Door
Preschool / PreK (red)

Students / families will have to go to the designated space to have Health Screening completed prior to entering their respective classroom or cohort.

It is imperative that families make strong efforts to arrive prior to 8:30am.

St. Bernard's School Pick Up / Dismissal Procedure