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

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED DATE OF THE CELEBRATION

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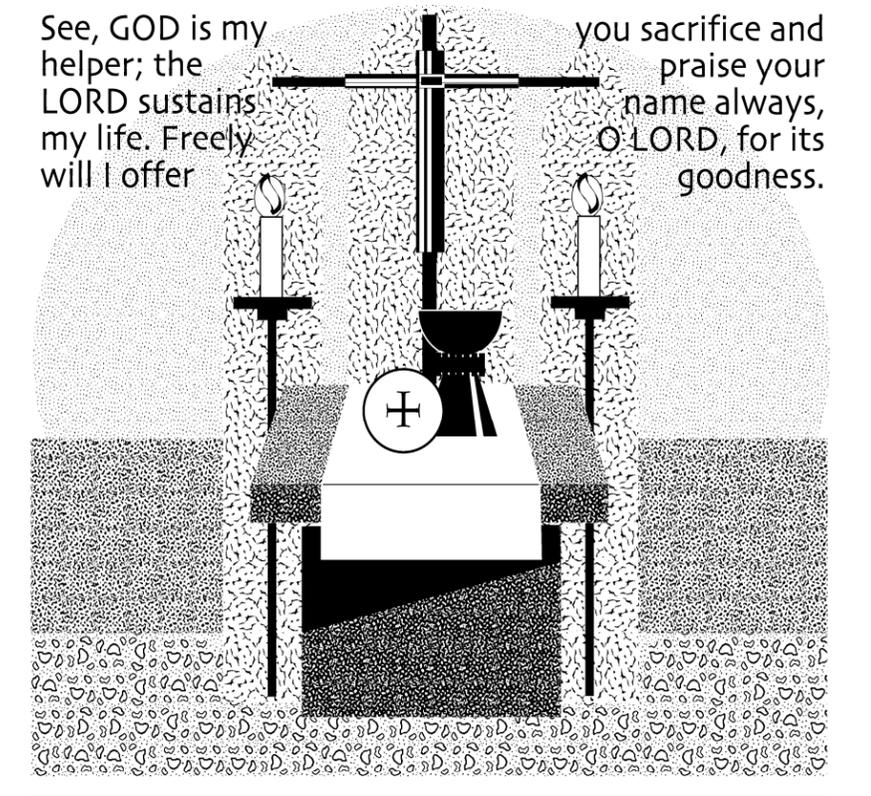
Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
September 19, 2021

The Lord upholds my life!

**NOTES FROM FR. RICK:**

**WE WELCOME THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM** Max William Schaefer, son of Nicholas & Rachel (Benedict) Schaefer; Lottie Ruth Yaggie, daughter of Alex & Hannah (Berg) Yaggie. May they always live for the Lord!

**SEPTEMBER ST. BERNARD'S FISH FRY RE-SCHEDULED** Due to some uncontrollable situations, the St. Bernard's Fish Fry scheduled for September 24th is being re-scheduled for Friday, November 19th. Also, we need more volunteers to step forward and help with the Fish Fry. Please consider getting involved. For more information, or to volunteer, please call Margaret or Misty at: 681-3571, or Margaret.Rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com, Misty.Mehrken@stbernardstrf.com. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**20 Monday — Ezra 1:1-6—Psalm 126:1-6—Luke 8:16-18**  
No Mass today

**21 Tuesday— Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13—Psalm 19:2-5— Matthew 9:9-13**  
8:00 A.M. Mass + Robert Johnson  
8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

**22 Wednesday— Ezra 9:5-9—Tobit 13:2-4,7-8—Luke 9:1-6**  
1:00 P.M. Prayer at Skylite  
5:15 P.M. Mass + Pat Gaffaney  
5:45 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:45 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Tenth Grade RE Registration and Safe Environment  
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group

**23 Thursday – Haggai 1:1-8—Psalm 149:1-6,9– Luke 9:7-9**  
8:00 A.M. Mass + Fernando Comia  
8:30 A.M.—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**24 Friday – Haggai 2:1-9– Psalm 43:1-4—Luke 9:18-22**  
7:00 A.M. KC Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Rosary  
8:30 A.M. Mass + Alice Balstad  
10:30 A.M. Prayer Service at Valley Home

**25 Saturday– Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a—Jeremiah 31:10-13– Luke 9:43b-45**  
4:00 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 P.M. Rosary  
5:00 P.M. Mass +Leroy Irlbeck

**26 Sunday— Numbers 11:25-29– Psalm 19:8,10,12-14—James 5:1-6—Mark 9:38-43,47-48**  
8:00 A.M. Rosary  
8:30 A.M. Mass + Larae Kaushagen  
10:30 A.M. Mass - For the People

### Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Mrs. Rosalie Burda, Marguerite Barth, Brian Williamson, Lowell Arlt, Gary Arlt, Danielle Weckwerth, Ed Walseth, Madeline Baumann, Merlin Stone, Donna Kotaska, David Carlson, Timmy Nelson, Tom Miller, Elaine Radniecki, Rachael Carlson, Carlos Diaz, Tim Przybylski, Jane Palm, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Fern Melby, Renee Omann, Theresa Linnertz, Randy Winter, Alayna Espeseth, Michael Andersen, Andrea Dowers, Gail Hjelle, Gary Lane, Linda Otteson Brown, Kim Osowski, Bev Oski Hayes, Mikey Hedegard, Kristi & Dave Jobe, Patrick Odette, Matthew Kaiser, John Parent, Renee Miller, Cheryl McClenahan, Jeremy Johnson, Dan Dowers, Faye Brinkman, Lisa Swanson, Grace Rundell, Judy Langhorst, Michael Kruse, Corey Refshaw, Marion Arneson, Larry Schaefer, Mark Amundson, Hensley Chapin, Emily Novacek, Marty Torgerson, Paul Fladland, Micki Taddy, Katy Seed, Gerald Kostrzewski, Lori Kristo, Sherrill McDonald, Dennis Srnsky, Evie Huot, Doreen Dargon, Bonnie Audette, Sharon Kozojed, Cindi Determan, Sr. Edwine Gerou, Candace Schafer, Wanda Murphy, Darrel Janisch, Donna Radeke, Roger Amundson, Jerry Holmaas, Pete Christianson, Patty Anderson, John Barry, Kaelyn Diaz, Audrey Berard, Delphine Ottesen, Nancy Gardner, Angie Kayfes, Adeline Borowicz, Manzy Peralta, Vivian & Bruce Linander, Arnie Schmitz, Jim Legg, Shelly Legg, Richard Perreault,

If you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list OR would like a name removed, phone the parish office (681.3571).



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## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen  
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*Religious Ed. Registrations were sent out, please contact me if you did not receive it.*

*September 22—6:30 pm Tenth Grade Registration, Safe E Mtg. Parents & Students*

*September 29—7:00 pm Ninth Grade Registration, Safe E Mtg. Parents & Students*

*What St. Joseph Taught Us—Catholic Link*

*Things rarely go according to plan. Even if you have the greatest project manager in the world, there are still factors and elements that cannot be controlled. St. Joseph teaches us to place our trust in God, especially when things do not go as expected.*

*St. Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin Mary, found himself in a difficult situation. He was betrothed to a young woman from Nazareth who was pregnant, though he knew that they had not had relations. At this stage in their relationship, Mary and Joseph were promised to one another in a solemnized way by Jewish custom. Certainly, St. Joseph did not expect the situation and did not know what to do.*

*He had decided that he would divorce Mary and send her away quietly to spare her from being stoned to death for adultery. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary was not guilty of this or any crime or sin, but St. Joseph knew that did not matter to those in the town. Instead of this course of action, the angel Gabriel appeared to him in dream, told him not to be afraid, and to continue with Mary.*

*St. Joseph, a good and righteous man, held the course in faith and became the most chaste spouse of the Virgin, the foster father of the Son of God, and a powerful figure for trusting in God. He did not allow the plan of the Evil One to triumph over the plan of Almighty God. His perseverance in grace is terror of the demons and a model for us.*

*St. Joseph shows us the model of resisting temptation by acknowledging what is right and then persevering in virtue! Whereas the diabolical creature fell from God's favor to eternal restlessness, in opposition to that pattern the creature St. Joseph was a man of righteousness and enduring faith in God's plan for his life.*

*St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death because he persevered in righteousness and intercedes for us now. Pope Pius XII declared him the universal patron of the Church and protector of the Church. Blessed Bartolo Longo, a former Satanic priest said, "It is a great blessing for souls to be under the protection of the saint [Joseph] whose name makes demons tremble and flee." It is to this point that the Church refers to St. Joseph under the title "Terror of Demons."*

*An Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph*

*"O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage.*

*O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.*

*St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us.*

## YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens  
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Hello Young Church!

Have you ever been driving or riding in a car and accidentally cut someone off? Perhaps you didn't check the mirror or were talking on the phone or texting (that's dangerous, by the way). Usually the person that you cut off is less than enthused. They might hit the horn, speed up and stare or, worse yet, practice some "sign language". If you've ever been on the receiving end of the middle finger, you know how it makes you feel. Its so random isn't it? A person takes one of the fingers on their hand and simply raises it and your peace is shattered. That gesture makes a huge statement. Little issues become big issues all from the extension of one pudgy, little digit. We communicate with our bodies. Exterior expressions and gestures say a lot about our interior thoughts and feelings. In a similar but obviously less offensive way, we can use our hands and bodies to communicate in prayer and in worship as well.

Kneeling, for instance, is a common sign of humility and respect but is far more than an action. Often at Mass we might just kneel because everyone else is kneeling and we want to be consistent. The reality is that our kneeling should be an external expression of the posture of our heart. When we fall on our knees it is a silent, but visible statement about what is transpiring and about whom we are worshipping.

You'll find at other times during the Mass we sit or stand. Standing is seen in a light of urgency and preparedness. At the time for the Gospel acclamation we stand, ready and willing to receive Christ's words. We're not saying that the other readings that preceded the Gospel aren't important, only that the Gospel holds an even greater importance.

Our posture changes depending upon what we are doing during specific parts of the Mass. It should not be seen in comparison, like "this part is more important than that part" since the entire liturgy is important. Rather it should signal to us to focus and help us stay attentive to what is happening at all times.

Always consider what you are saying intentionally, unintentionally, verbally or non-verbally by your body language. If you are sitting in the pew with your arms crossed and a nasty look on your face, it communicates something doesn't it? Even if you don't mean to look angry or bored, your body language says something different. You don't have to be in traffic to hinder someone else's faith walk. Be conscious of what your body is saying in action (and in dress). Self-awareness is the foundation of true holiness. ~100 Things Every Catholic Teen Should Know by Hart & Lemieux

### UPCOMING EVENTS –

Open to all 6th – 12th grade students

**F.A.I.T.H. (Fully Accepted In Truth and Hope) Nights:** Our first one of the year is on Wednesday, October 6th with Mass at 5:45, Supper at 6:15 and Activity at 7:00. Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to the date!

**Middle School Youth Rally – “CREATED”:** Thursday, October 21st, from 9:30 am – 7:00 pm at Lincoln High School, TRF, featuring Joe Melendrez and Hannah Schaefer.

The rally includes praise and worship, human foosball tournament, art projects, inflatable course and other games! The event is \$45 per youth and you can use your youth account to cover the fees. All 6th-8th graders have to attend at least ONE youth rally in the middle school years. I will be sending out the information and registration forms to all middle school families in the beginning of October, but if you'd like to grab them now, please go to <https://bit.ly/stbernardsyouth>

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The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 23-26, 2021 and a Men's weekend October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. Applications are at [crookstonscursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstonscursillo.weebly.com). For more information contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706 or [bmercil@holynosarycc.org](mailto:bmercil@holynosarycc.org)

In today's Gospel

Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them,

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last

of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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**I will never leave you or forsake you ... Hebrews 13:5**

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**Prayer for a New Bishop**

*Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your love, grant the Diocese of Crookston a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen*



**TO BEGIN THIS FALL!**

## **Adult Faith Enrichment Opportunity through RCIA!**

Would you like to:

- explore the wonderful treasures within the Catholic faith
- enrich your prayer-life
- prepare to receive Baptism into the Christian faith
- prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
  
- grow in your relationship with God in becoming an intentional disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Growing in faith is a lifelong process!!!**

**All are welcome!** Whether you are a person desiring to explore or enter into the Catholic faith through Baptism or full-communion (for those already baptized), an already Confirmed Catholic desiring to grow in faith and understanding, a convert to the Catholic faith, or an adult Catholic desiring Confirmation, you are welcome to begin a wonderful journey of faith through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) sessions beginning in October. We meet weekly from October through May (the day of the week will be determined by the needs of the group).

**Experience God's tremendous love** as you build a close relationship with Jesus Christ as you discover the richness of the Catholic Church in learning various forms of prayer including praying through Sacred Scripture, heart-moving traditional Catholic prayers, and Christian meditation.

**Come and learn** about the Holy Mass, the Sacraments, and how to live out the Christian faith. When our weekly sessions begin, they will be held in person, or over the internet through Zoom when necessary.

**To arrange an INDIVIDUAL INQUIRY MEETING** please contact Carolyn Holecek 218-686-0811 (cell) or for more information. Also, Fr. Rick is available to guide you at the parish office 218-681-3571.



## **St. Bernard's will be participating in a parish-wide survey!**

St. Bernard's will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **October 3rd - November 1st**, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper copies will also be available on hand if preferred.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Rick and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

For more information or any questions please contact the Parish Office at (218) 681-3571. Thank you for helping with this important project!



### Youth Mass Information



Hello faithful Saint Bernard's families! In October, we will be starting a monthly youth centered Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month. These Masses will be a time to showcase our students and youth within our parish community. The children of our parish and school will be able to take part in the service by doing jobs such as greeters, readers, commentator, petition readers, altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, or singers in the choir. Watch each month for information regarding sign up for each Mass. Grades K and up are welcome to participate. We'd love to have you!

Our practice will always be held the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Mass from 3:30-5:00. (except Oct.) We work on the songs and any reading ministries for that weekend.

The dates for the Masses and choir practices are as follows:

#### Mass

#### Choir Practice

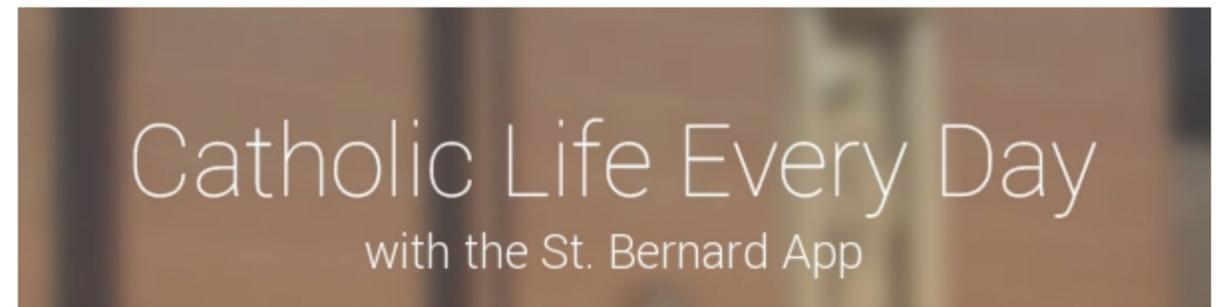
Sunday, October 3 @10:30 a.m.	**Monday, Sept. 27 @3:30-5:00
Saturday, November 6 @ 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Nov. 3 @3:30-5:00
Sunday, December 5 @8:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 1 @3:30-5:00
Sunday, January 9 @10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Jan. 5 @3:30-5:00
Saturday, February 5 @5:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 2 @3:30-5:00
Sunday, March 6 @8:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Mar. 2 @3:30-5:00
Sunday, April 3 @10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Mar. 30 @3:30-5:00
Saturday, April 30 @ 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Apr. 27 @3:30-5:00

If you are interested in helping or signing up your child for any of the Youth Masses, please don't hesitate to contact Cindy Dallmann or Beth Zerr, through the SignUpGenius link or emails listed below. Thank you for all your support of our parish and school youth. Our faith will only continue to grow through continued support!!

SignUpGenius: <https://bit.ly/2BWoQK9>

Email: [cindy.dallmann@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:cindy.dallmann@stbernardstrf.com)

[beth.zerr@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:beth.zerr@stbernardstrf.com)



We expect the features and capabilities of our app to foster a stronger sense of community and faith in the daily lives of all parishioners. St. Bernard's will be able to communicate quick and easy with all parishioners via messages and notifications to keep you in the loop with what is going on in our church. You will then be able to quickly reply to messages or RSVP for upcoming events.

Other features will include:

- parish contact information and Mass times for the week
- the daily readings read at Mass,
- quick and convenient access to online giving
- the latest Catholic news from around the world,
- an easy-to-reference list of Catholic prayers with prayer requests,
- a helpful examination of conscience and next confession reminder,
- a reminder feature called "Mass Mode," for Mass and confession. This includes phone silencing notification to help encourage us all to be more present while at St. Bernard's.
- Reflections on Sunday Mass Readings with commentary from Scott Hahn
- Real Life Catholic with video commentary from Chris Stefanick
- and much more!

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Bernard's and better engage the New Evangelization. Our St. Bernard's myParish app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Download it today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com), search your phone's app store for myParish or simply scan the QR code below for easy downloading.



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# St. Bernard's School News

~SEPTEMBER 19, 2021~

*"START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD, THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT." - PROVERBS 22*



## **SPREAD THE WORD! JOB OPENING: FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Announcing! St. Bernard's School is now searching for a Food Service Director. This position would have the benefit of being directly trained in by our former Food Service Director Theresa Walrath who will have a new role as Assistant Cook. Lenay Hermanson has been hired as our Head Cook and Lucy Meyers will continue as our Dishwasher. We are so very blessed to have such dedicated kitchen crew!

## **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TO EDUCATE!**

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to our Golf Scramble last Saturday! It was a perfect day to golf, socialize, and support St. Bernard's School.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie – Kjelsy Stueber, Scott Stueber, Jaden Hanson and Emily Hallie
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie – Tyan St. Germain, Tom Kays, Chris Olson, and Grant Conway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie – Colleen Rook, Kevin Rook, Joe Sorvig, and Lori Sorvig
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie – Brian Fay, Chris Kramer, Drew Erickson, and Travis Jurgens

## **FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS PET MASS**

Our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi will be ***Friday, October 1, 8:30*** at our school mass. You are invited to bring your animals (or photos of animals) for a blessing. We do ask that all animals have leashes or cages.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAKEATHON FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION** As we did last year, St. Bernard's School will be having a Rake-A-Thon on October 27th which will directly benefit our Scholarship Fund. This fall, the students will be gathering pledges from family, friends, and community. Then, groups of students and volunteers will rake the lawns of those in need. If you know someone who needs assistance in raking their lawn, please contact the school office at [laura.brickson@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:laura.brickson@stbernardstrf.com) or call 218-681-1539 to leave their name, address, and phone number. We will have a limited number of slots open so please let us know as soon as you can.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Each year, St. Bernard's School and Parish requires all employees and volunteers to complete the Diocese of Crookston Safe and Environment module before working with children. Here is the link: <https://www.crookston.org/secertification>. Please note that the module is NOT compatible with cell phones or iPads and will time out after 60 minutes for security reasons. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Rasmussen at: [Margaret.rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:Margaret.rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 9/21 4th Grade to Water Conservation Festival in Warren
- 9/27 3:30 1st Youth Mass practice
- 9/30-10/1 Thoele School Pictures
- 10/1 8:35 Pet Mass - wear your "Go Make a Difference" shirts – Join Us!
- 10/2 National Custodial Day
- 10/3 10:30 Youth Mass
- 10/12 8:30 School Guided Adoration – Join Us!
- 10/20 No School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/21-22 No School – Education MN Break
- 10/27 Rake-A-Thon for Nonpublic Education
- 10/29 All Saints Bingo
- 10/31 St. Bernard's Trunk or Treat (more information to come)

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Friday, October 1, 8:35 am**  
**St. Bernard's Church**

*Please bring your pet or a photo of your pet and join St. Bernard's School for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.*

