

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025

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RENOVATIONS COMPLETE!
WELCOME BACK
TO ST. BERNARD CHURCH!



St. Francis of Assisi

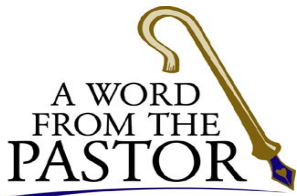
ALL MASSES ARE NOW BEING
CELEBRATED AT ST. BERNARD
CHURCH & DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11



In this month's *America* magazine, the cover story is entitled, "Why Sunday matters: Youth sports, Mass, and the meaning of rest." Fr. Jim contacted me the day after I devoured the article and we've already talked about it at the parish office. Since when have sports become more important than religion in our world?

The article is written by a father who is now a Father. He raised a Catholic-sized family as an Episcopalian and is now a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Dallas – so he's seen this issue from multiple sides. Fr. Joshua Whitfield says, "The Romans went about it all wrong. If they wanted to wipe Christians off the face of the earth, they didn't need to arrest them or try them, persecute or kill them... Perhaps if the ancients weren't so bloodthirsty, they would have understood better the power of distraction over destruction. Would early Christianity have survived the cultural allure and power of today's youth sports? I'm not so sure." (pp. 21-22)

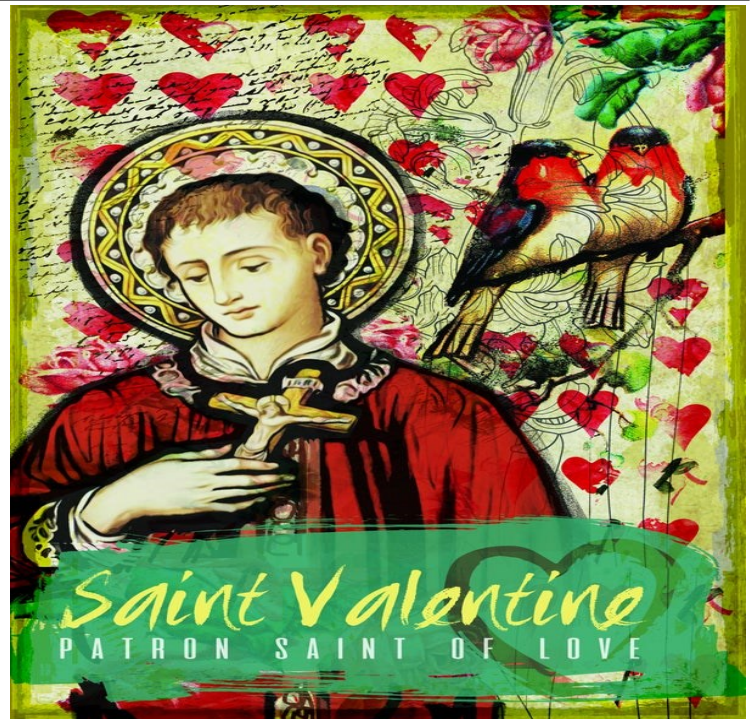
He says the fight is for the humanity and souls of our children – "What's at stake isn't just a game." Which is part of the problem – when did sports stop being just fun? I also come from that ancient Boomer generation when we had "pick up" games of baseball, basketball, and football, not to mention volleyball (my personal favorite). They were just fun. But organized sports can begin to take the fun out of it.

Proverbs 8:30 says about creation, wisdom, and God: "Then I was beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight by day, playing before him all the while." And in liturgy (Mass, sacraments), we enter into play – which is why Church insists that Sunday Mass is to be part of every family's life (and each person's life). Liturgy is play and pulls us all into rest – something we essentially need.

"Perhaps [we] could make room for casual gatherings on occasional Sunday afternoons for no other purpose than to play, talk, laugh: to offer space for friends and families to do nothing other than while away the time [together]." We *can* do something to tweak our sports programs to make them healthier – even spiritually. Will we?
Fr John

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS
 CONGRATULATIONS**

Daniel Lang, Karen McClain, Doug Kuntz & Jeff Hilzinger
 We had an excellent selection of candidates to choose from and we thank every nominee for being willing to take on this role. The four newly elected pastoral council members will be a wonderful addition to our current council. Having a Pastoral Council is an integral part of having a church. St. Bernard church is grateful for past and current members of the council and all that they do to make the church the best it can be.



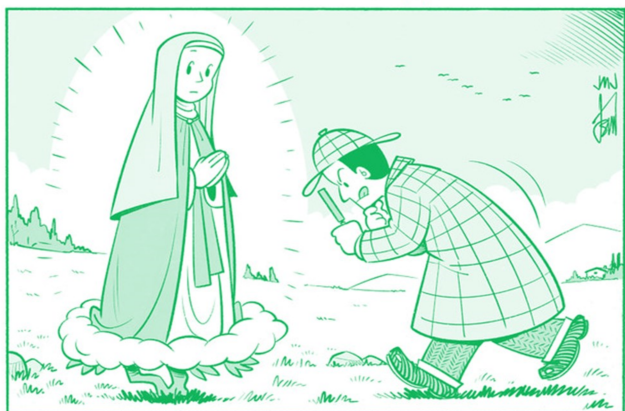
MARRIAGE MOMENT Communication tip #1 again: if a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is always stronger. (From the other side) That's why if you compliment your spouse but follow it with a complaint, he'll focus on the complaint.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, February 13th @ 6:30 pm— R.H.
Widow's Group: Wednesday, February 19th @ noon
 In the Chapel for Rosary with lunch out
K of C #403 : Tuesday, February 11th @ 7 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, February 26th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: TBA
Finance Council: Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, February 12th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as “a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet.” One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they’d been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don’t like what’s going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/

“What do you get when your cross Sherlock Holmes and a Marian apparition?”



“The **mysteries** of the Rosary!”



During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the “Immaculate Conception.”

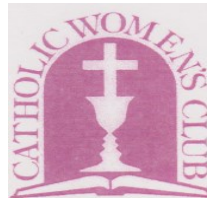


The Bradford Council #403 of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.com

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

Please Note: Next meeting on February 11th

Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



CATHOLIC WOMEN CLUB—There is a Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at @ 5:45 pm followed by a general meeting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be in the Classroom as Gallina Hall will be in use that evening. The meeting will include firming up plans for the rest of the year.

NOTICE: VALENTINE CARD PARTY originally scheduled for February 15th has been postponed.



GRADES 1-5 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:00 am. GRADES 6-9 will also meet on Sunday, February 23rd @ 5:45 pm in Gallina Hall.





A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel, Jesus asked Simon to begin by 'going a short distance.' Later, he encouraged Simon to 'go into deeper water.' Similarly, the first step toward reconciliation is often a small one, which gives us the courage to venture further 'into deeper water.' Reconciliation begins with that initial short step!

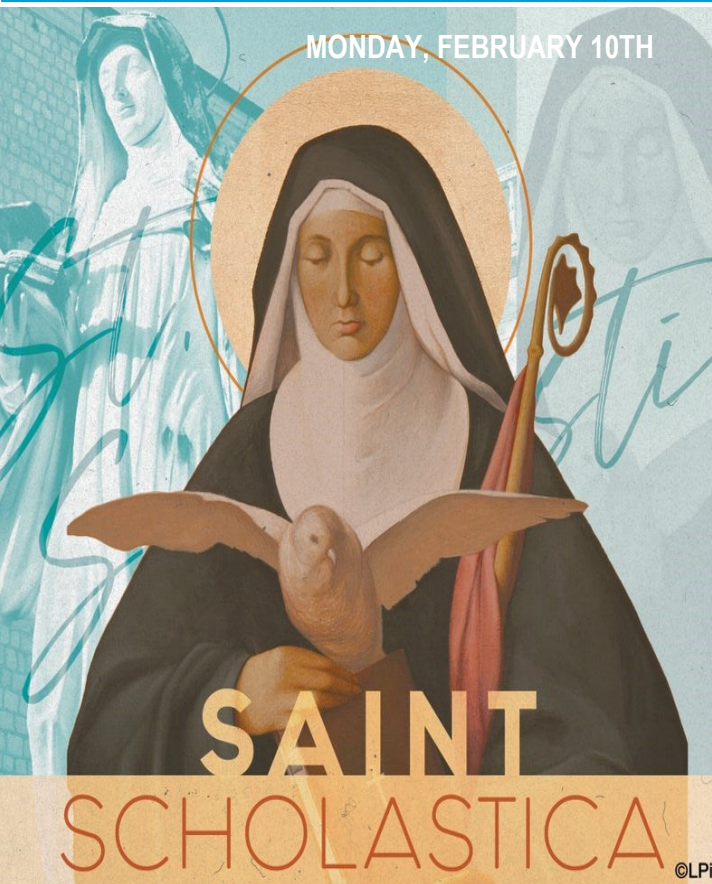
Prayer When Facing the Unknown
 Dear Jesus,
 When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.
 When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength.
 Help me to leave everything and follow you.
 Amen. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Where did three children witness six apparitions of Mary, Mother of God in 1917?

Answer: Fátima, Portugal.

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The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PARENTING POINTERS
 Valentine's Day: Although Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, your young, unmarried child(ren) may be passing around special cards to each other at school. Loving your child is worthy of remembrance. Do something loving for your younger "valentine(s)" today.

The Catch—I love today’s Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry. I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I’m ready to call it quits. I’m ready to say it’s too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying. And I try to talk sense into him. “It’s not going to work, God,” I insist. “You’ve been trying,” Jesus agrees. “But you haven’t asked for my help yet.” What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I’m the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing? Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you. It means to listen to God’s instructions, even when you don’t understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn’t born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust. If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us. ©LPI

St. Bernard Church Fish Fry

CATCH OF THE DAY
 Deep Fried Fish
 or
 Shrimp Dinner
 \$15
includes fries, bread, slaw & dessert
 March 7
 March 21
 April 4
 April 18
 from 4pm-7pm in Gallina Hall
 Eat in, take out or delivery!!!
 Call (814)362-6825 after 3:30pm
 to place your order. Please do not
 leave a message.
 Proceeds benefit The Bradford Catholic Community

COMING SOON!

*St. Bernard Sanctuary
 Candle will be burning this
 week in Memory of
 Tom Burke*

**CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE will be burning
 this week in memory of Judy LeRoy**

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LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

February 2.....\$ 8,613
 Catholic Communication Campaign.....\$ 1,692

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918
 2024 CSA Collected\$ 80,983

**THANK YOU
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

*World
 Marriage
 Day*

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Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE
BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

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 You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:
St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from 4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.
 Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)
REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn
 Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information.

Nurse Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!

MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding.* Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
 We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical

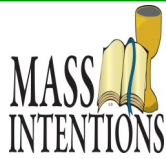
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God’s Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women’s Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH—FEBRUARY 16TH

All Masses now celebrated at St. Bernard Church except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.

Monday, February 10th

SBC 8:00 AM Brandon Shurilla (Family)
SBC 9:00 am Helen Pecora (Mary Jane Pecora)

Tuesday, February 11th

SBC 9:00 am Frances Troutman (William & Joan McCormack)

Wednesday, February 12th

SBC 8:00 am James & Marlene Ericson (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

Thursday, February 13th

SBC 8:00 am Bill & Mary Lou Cauley (Mary Anne Stauffer)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, February 14th

SBC 8:00 am Kevin O'Donnell (Family)

Saturday, February 15th

SBC 9:00 am Timothy J. Cumiskey (Peggy Pyle)
SB 4:00 pm James & Mary Long (Jim & Sharon Long)

Sunday, February 16th

SB 8:00 am Gregory Himes (Family)
SB 10:00 am Donna Whitford (Kathy Symington)
SB 11:30 am Thomas Black (Tom & Mary O'Connell)

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 7:1-13



Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/ Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Dick Williams/Tammy Black

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**



FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Mike Kozminski

EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Dave White/Deb Soyke

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Jim Colligan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxon Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson

CUP: Sue Lee/Carol Vinca

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Pray For... Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Ralph Rose, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.