

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



July 20, 2020

Dear fellow parishioners,

We wanted to drop you a note to let you know we are praying for all of you and to catch you up on some of the things that have been happening since this pandemic began back in March. We know many of you have not returned to weekend Masses, as you are not comfortable coming just yet. You may or may not have access to a computer to read the weekly bulletin or watch our 10am Mass live-streamed each week, so here is a recap of what has been going on since March 12th:

We have baptized four children and celebrated three weddings and five funerals in the church.

BAPTISMS

May 28—**Gus Jacob Freshman**

May 31—**Gabriel Steven Luschen**

June 14—**Nolan White**

June 28—**Archer Andrew Peterson**

WEDDINGS

March 19—**Sean and Bailey (Kelly) Phelps**

June 6—**Grant and Megan (Salcedo) Buss**

June 13—**Raymond and Rachel (Christensen) Peterson**



FUNERALS

April 9—**Mary (Peg) Gehringer**

April 29—**Paul Bangura**

May 26—**Dorothy Knudsen**

June 25—**Michele (Micky) Gehringer**

July 7—**Deacon Ed Osterhaus**

About 80 people have been attending our weekend Masses, which makes social distancing possible. Some parishioners choose to come to our 8am daily Mass instead, where there is also plenty of room to remain safe. If you would like more information on how to watch our 10am Sunday Mass that is live-streamed each week, please call the rectory. (402)551-0269



We graduated **24 eighth graders** in May. Although, we were not able to have a graduation Mass for them at the time, we celebrated them in other ways, and we wish them well as they begin high school in the fall. Nineteen will be attending a Catholic High School.

Our **second graders** received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 19th, at a special noon Mass.

There is more great school news to share with you! First, our new Principal, **Emily Finley**, is doing a phenomenal job preparing for school to start in the fall. Yes, we plan to return to school at 100% in August. We have a task force working hard on "Return to Learn" plans for reopening our school in the safest way possible for all those involved. We are excited to have 52 **new** students enrolled for the 20-21 school year. Our enrollment for the fall is nearly 150 students, which is wonderful given the challenging year ahead of us. This is a very manageable number of students in such a big building and the guidelines developed will enable us to comply with recommended health and safety measures.