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St. Bernard e-Clairvaux

MISSION: TO MAKE CHRIST PRESENT
IN ALL WE SAY AND DO

APRIL 3, 2020

Grateful for the Good News

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:6-7

In these uncertain times, bring your fears and anxieties to the Lord. In the “new normal” of Social Distancing, rather than feeling distressed by isolation, let us strive to be thankful for all we DO have. The greatest gift is once again being revealed to us in this Easter season—the sacrifice of Jesus for our redemption.

~ Fr. Dan

Cause for Celebration!



We are grateful for the many years Deacon Ed Osterhaus and his wife Sheila served St. Bernard! They're pictured here with Fr. Dan at the reception in their honor (...just before health officials discouraged large gatherings!)

Despite a more “intimate” guest list due to COVID-19 precautions, Sean & Bailey Phelps celebrated their wedding at St. Bernard in March



Keeping Catholic Community Connections

Church IS OPEN

Monday-Friday

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday

3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am-12:00 noon

**Saturday's 5pm Mass
LIVE AND ARCHIVED**

[Facebook.com/
StBernardOmaha](https://www.facebook.com/StBernardOmaha)

Individual Confessions
Saturdays 3:30-5:00pm
AND By Appointment

Deacon Tim McNeil reminds us “How to Be the Church without going to church” and offers guidance for forming/leading small group prayer. Click [HERE](#) to Read More

A New St. Bernard Prayer Community is being formed. Contact Valerie or Joe Niemeyer (402)502-2198 for more details and to sign up

**For Assistance from
St. Vincent de Paul
Society:**

Call (402) 690-9432

To contribute items to the pantry, please email: Rosanne Chrystal arcdjc620@gmail.com Bob and Coreen Miller bobcoreen@juno.com to arrange a time to drop off your donations.

Monetary gifts can still be made through the Parish Office or online via Faith Direct.



So many of you are disappointed and sad because you can't attend Mass, worship together, and receive Holy Communion. Your longing for the Lord, to worship Him, and pray together as a parish family touches the depths of my heart. "Deacon Tim, what am I going to do if I can't go to church on Sunday or weekdays?" many have said to me.

I understand. I'm sorry. I grieve with you. You may not be able to go to church, but you *are* the Church...you can become Church. You can engage spiritually and humanly with Christ speaking His word right here and right now. You can witness what it means to be Eucharistic people in your daily lives. Scripture is a living word spoken right now by Christ and addressed to us.

People right now are looking for a good message, hoping for something they can take to others for inspiration and meaning. Jesus is all about communion with us. For Christ and ourselves remaining and abiding in each other means both parties must be continually present to each other. Be together with your family in your own home and learn to be the Church. Meditate, reflect, and share the Sunday gospel in your domestic church. Sunday's readings are spoken to us in the present by Jesus Christ himself. The word/Word is alive! Take time to listen to God's Spirit enlightening each member of the group as they speak openly and honestly about what is on their own heart.

Invite others to join your prayer through FaceTime, Zoom, Skype, speakerphone, or your method of choice so you all can become more attentive to His word and respond to His word during these uncertain times. Let us take this opportunity to help each other hear God's word and make everyday life connection with that word. During this time of uncertainty, we can gather together virtually in homes or in small groups to hear the good news.

What will be realized through this "communal" prayerful reflection of Sacred Scripture is an ordinary sense of care and responsibility for each other, "This is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another" (John 13:35).

We don't notice each other all that well most times, except for when we are involved in critical situations. We don't always show ordinary, everyday care for each other because parishes are not structured to help us get to know each other. This experience of faith sharing in homes at the domestic church and virtually with others should make Jesus more real for us when we share our faith – or lack of faith –because sharing helps us to notice God and take him seriously.

Somehow God must be found in our everyday life and the circumstances we are facing today. This kind of sharing of graces from the Sunday gospel in order to grow more aware of God's presence and action in our lives is essential in living out a Catholic Christian identity in today's world.

If you want to form an in-home or virtual small group, email me at mneiltimothy162@gmail.com. I will supply you with a short Sunday gospel commentary and reflection questions for your group. You can also call me at 402-658-2053 for a primer on how to lead a small group.

I look forward to praying and worshipping with you again.

Deacon Tim