

*And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.*

JOHN 3:19

The Saving Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and

again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

Reflect

*How have you been saved and
how do you need saving now?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5
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St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9
Phone: (506) 538-2262 **Email:** stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar. 11	9:30 AM	Late Dolores McDermaid	Aurella Comeau
Thur.	Mar. 14	9:30 AM	Late Richard McDonald	Gloria and Family
Fri.	Mar. 15	9:30 AM	For the People	
Sat.	Mar. 16	4:00 PM	Anniversary Late Minnie Burnett	Ross and Sharon
Sun	Mar. 17	11:00 AM	Anniversary Late Catherine Steeves	Roman

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Sat	Mar. 16	7:00 PM	Lorraine Atkinson	Sharon Copp
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Sun	Mar. 17	9:00 AM	Louis MacKinnon	Louise Mackinnon, Robert Inglis and Mariah
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

Prior to weekday masses: Monday, Thursday. & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM

First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Saturdays: 1:00 PM

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's – Mar. 2 and 3, 2024

Envelopes	\$5,800.00	Loose	\$721.95	Share Lent	\$40.00
Karing Kitchen	\$73.00	Capital Expenditures	\$2,132.00	Ash Wednesday	\$230.00
Indigenous	\$25.00	New Year's Day	\$5.00	Reconnect	\$120.00
Easter	\$40.00	Syrian Fund	\$55.00	Good Friday	\$40.00
Special Collection: Youth			\$50.00		

St. Clement's – Mar. 3, 2024

Envelopes	\$570.00	Loose	\$40.00		
Heating	\$90.00	Candles	\$17.00	Mass	\$30.00

St. Vincent's – Mar. 4, 2024

Envelopes	\$1,545.00	Loose	\$20.00		
Maintenance	\$190.00	Share Lent	\$30.00	Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$30.00	Good Friday	\$30.00	Easter	\$30.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to the family of:*

St. Bernard's

Wanda Beatrice Chandler	Wife of David, Mother of Sean, Bill and Richard Crowley
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Prayer Request

*Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time, A time to heal.*

St. Bernard's

Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Patricia Devine	Francesca Ysabelle Magnabijon	Barb Bowes	Lynda Laverty
Cecil Rigby	Paul Doiron		

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McGraw Family	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen	Emma Cormier	Adrienne Fagan	Angelia

St. Vincent's

Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	Barbara Bowes	Bertha DesBarres

And all who care for them...

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team

Priest Administrator	Fr. Charles Broderick	charlesbroderick1@gmail.com
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Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425



Praying Before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

As we are continually reminded, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three foundation stones of our Lenten practices. One exemplary way to pray is before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. To facilitate this prayer, the church will be open from **twelve noon to one o'clock (12:00 – 1:00) daily, Monday to Friday**, beginning this Monday. All are invited to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit Jesus's present in the tabernacle. Blessings.



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing, it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
Envelope #			
Amount \$			

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Mar. 16: and Apr. 8: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Mar. 30 and Apr. 13



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

Years 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM /Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:

March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM: March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8

Year 7 Confirmation next in person Sessions Sunday @ 2 PM: April 7



Holy Communion for the Homebound

If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in a special care home who would like to receive Holy Communion, please have them contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425



EVENING PRAYER

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer? It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St.**

Bernard's Church at 6 PM on Mar. 14 and Mar. 21



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Reconciliation: Saturday March 16th @ 3PM

Holy Communion: Sunday April 14th @ 11 AM

Confirmation: Sunday April 28th @ 11 AM



Rite of Welcoming

What is the RCIA Rite of Welcoming? The Rite of Welcoming is for inquirers who have been previously baptized and are ready to publicly declare their intentions to continue their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. At this Rite, they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with the worshipping community in prayer, and join that community in the love and service of others. They are signed with the Cross to show that they belong to Christ.

Brent Crosthwaite & Darlene LeBlanc publicly declared these intentions last Sunday, March 3, 2024, at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Please continue to pray for them and all who are journeying through RCIA as they continue their journey in moving towards a closer relationship with God.

St. Clement's

Easter Flowers If you wish to donate a plant in memory of your loved one for Easter, please bring the plant by **March 29th**.

St. Vincent's

PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are offered to Annie Hendrikson and her family on the death of her husband, Hank Hendrikson, at the **Sackville Memorial Hospital on March 3, 2024**. May he rest in the arms of our loving God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Please join us in wishing Tootsie (Elise) Landry, a long-time parishioner of Holy Rosary Church and St. Vincent's Church, a very Happy 98th Birthday which took place on Tuesday, March 5th!



PRAYERS - A reminder that St. Vincent's church building is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those who wish to have a personal and quiet time of prayer. A group of faithful also prays the Rosary at this time in the Chapel. You are also warmly invited to join them currently.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to reserve a mass time for a family member or friend, please contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca. A donation of \$15 is requested for each mass intention.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Praying the Stations of the Cross is a traditional way of praying during Lent. We pray this familiar prayer to be with Jesus on this journey. We will pray The Stations of the Cross at St. Vincent's Church on **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us!



FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. Adults of the parish, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist! The upcoming Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

March 10th and 24th (10am) ~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall
March 17th and April 7th (10am) ~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall

St. Vincent's will celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation this spring, and preparatory resources have been shared with the families. If your child is ready for one of these Sacraments and you haven't yet talked with the Faith Formation Coordinator, please speak with Cathy as soon as possible.



HOUSING – The five most recent nurse arrivals from the Philippines are looking for a 3-to-5-bedroom house within walking distance to the Drew Nursing Home on East Main Street in Sackville. They are currently residing in one of the cottages at the Drew which has four apartments but will need to vacate within the next month or so to make room for the next batch of arrivals. If you know of a house or large apartment, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca



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LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet regularly over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **March 11th – Calvary (2014); March 18th – Monsoon Wedding (2001); and March 25th – Billy Elliot (2000).** All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.

SENIORS CONNECT A safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on **March 14th at 10:30am** at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will be joined by a representative from the Alzheimer's Society to talk about how we can keep our brains sharp. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@gmail.com.

R.C.I.A. FORMATION WITH CATHERINE ECKER We will be offering a series of four virtual formation sessions (Via Zoom) on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), facilitated by Catherine Ecker. Catherine joins us from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Ontario where she currently serves as the Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist at St. Mary's Parish. She is also a lead Canadian expert in Christian Initiation and has co-authored the Alive in the Spirit! confirmation preparation program for young people. Sessions will take place on **April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th,** and May 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on **Monday, April 22nd** (Earth Day), when we will be joined by Sr. Denise Lirette, fj who will give a presentation entitled "My Faith Journey: From Sky God to God Consciousness at the Heart of the Cosmos." The event will take place at Mai Asian Restaurant (1909 Mountain Road, Moncton) at 6:30 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com.



World Water Day March 22nd

The Laudato Si' Committee invites youth from across the diocese to 'dive in' with us to learn more about **World Water Day!**

Packages of water information and activities will be distributed at participating Catechism gatherings during the weeks of March 10th and March 17th. If you have a child not currently in the Catechetical program, packages will also be distributed at Masses during the March 16th/17th weekend and we'll have some at the Good Shepherd and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish offices, too! Oh, the fun!

Please plan to join us.

We all have so much to learn about the sacredness and importance of God's perfect creation, WATER!

The Way of the Cross We will pray the Way of the Cross during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30PM. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule.



March 15	St. Augustine's
March 22	St. Bernard's
March 29	Holy Family

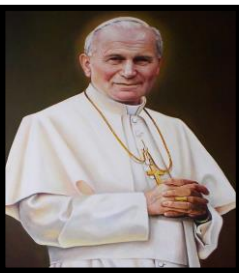
WAY OF THE CROSS 2024 – Please note the Way of the Cross on March 29th will take place at Holy Family Church in Moncton and NOT Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as originally published in your bulletin.



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League Any women in the parish who would like to learn more about the CWL and the activities here at St. Bernard's can call Donna Shaw at 506-382-0503



New Brunswick's 2023 Child and Family Poverty Report Card (based on 2021 tax files) 1 in 6 Canadian Children live in poverty. NB has the 6th highest child poverty rate in the country. Approximately 1 in 5 children under 6 years of age in NB live in poverty. Rates of child poverty are unevenly distributed across NB's 8 cities, with 25% in Campbellton, Bathurst and Saint John; to a low of 11% in Dieppe. How can we support these children and families through advocacy, caring and sharing?



"September 2024, marks the 40th anniversary of the visit of Saint Pope John Paul II to our area. In honor of this event, there will be a special celebration of the Mass, plus other events, to be held at the Papal Site/Prayer Garden and which will be presented by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Archdiocese. To prepare for this very special occasion, we are seeking members to serve on an organizational committee. All those interested are asked to please contact Tom @ 506-871-3912. There will be a preliminary meeting at **Council 1310 of the Knights of Columbus at 84 Broadway Ave., Moncton New Brunswick at 7:00 pm on March 13, 2024.** Everyone is invited!



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

St Bernard's Parish						
Income Statement						
Parish Operations	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	TOTAL	
Income						
1 Collection (Loose)	6,939.55	8,977.05	9,453.20	14,172.05	39,541.85	
2 Collection (envelopes & PADS)	60,869.52	72,275.89	63,590.59	99,083.38	295,819.38	
3 Special Collection and Charity Fund	7,982.90	8,847.55	6,119.90	10,624.30	33,574.65	
4 Stole Fees (mass)	246.00	368.00	85.00	-	699.00	
5 Bulletins, Palms, Books	140.04	76.00	46.00	1,316.80	1,578.84	
6 Candles	1,174.15	1,466.30	1,873.45	2,248.80	6,762.70	
7 Donations	641.52	67.56	547.56	9,447.52	10,704.16	
8 Marriage Formations	-	-	-	-	-	
9 Catechetics	-	-	937.00	1,040.00	1,977.00	
10 Funerals	1,290.00	1,440.00	2,350.00	1,875.00	6,955.00	
11 Fund Raising Activities	-	715.00	-	2,255.00	2,970.00	
12 Rental Income	-	7,030.23	-	-	7,030.23	
13 Other Income(wage subsidy)	70.92	-	-	-	70.92	
14 Interest	-	-	-	-	-	
15 TOTAL INCOME	79,354.60	101,263.58	85,002.70	142,062.85	407,683.73	
Expenses						
16 Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	
17 Administrator	5,066.31	3,698.35	5,533.40	803.97	15,102.03	
18 Asistant Priest	-	-	6,780.80	6,979.34	13,760.14	
19 Others	-	-	278.58	21.42	300.00	
20 Music Ministry	2,920.00	1,250.00	1,550.00	1,400.00	7,120.00	
21 Employees	26,877.57	24,335.05	18,718.94	29,906.12	99,837.68	
22 Food & Lodging	2,234.18	390.50	11,289.80	2,838.53	16,753.01	
23 Church Goods	3,251.35	2,115.12	5,924.20	3,048.30	14,338.97	
24 Subscriptions	388.57	904.54	1,157.26	1,979.48	4,429.85	
25 Office Expense	5,565.68	5,029.73	3,859.74	2,394.38	16,849.53	
26 Equipment & Furniture	375.17	1,473.29	-	355.00	2,203.46	
27 Maintenance	7,610.58	6,526.22	14,210.05	10,232.32	38,579.17	
28 Miscellaneous expenses	4,422.09	2,983.38	355.50	6,263.39	14,024.36	
29 Heating	7,059.45	4,195.88	785.21	2,088.57	14,129.11	
30 Lights	2,108.85	1,625.62	1,435.12	1,023.15	6,192.74	
31 Telephone	731.66	512.62	1,416.04	1,006.30	3,666.62	
32 Insurance	-	-	22,602.46	-	22,602.46	
33 Taxes	12,342.02	322.86	12,310.08	13,340.26	38,315.22	
34 Parish Activities	1,522.57	6,936.61	2,633.59	4,996.69	16,089.46	
35 Catechism	118.81	2,215.63	723.65	221.38	3,279.47	
36 Special Collection and Charity expenses	6,879.30	4,720.25	1,180.00	6,783.00	19,562.55	
37 Bank Charges	736.91	541.96	1,555.85	956.86	3,791.58	
38 TOTAL EXPENSES	90,211.07	69,777.61	114,300.27	96,638.46	370,927.41	
39 Net Income	(10,856.47)	31,485.97	(29,297.57)	45,424.39	36,756.32	
Capital Expenditures						
40 Income	15,267.99	17,013.99	10,051.00	14,942.33	57,275.31	
41 Expenses	-	72,151.09	21,263.05	32,800.00	126,214.14	
42 Net Income	15,267.99	(55,137.10)	(11,212.05)	(17,857.67)	(68,938.83)	
43 Total Net Income	4,411.52	(23,651.13)	(40,509.62)	27,566.72	(32,182.51)	

	St Bernard's Parish Balance Sheet 2023	St Bernard's Parish Balance Sheet 2022
As of December 31, 2023		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
<i>Bank</i>	252,271.38	554,160.20
<i>Capital Fund Bank Account</i>	25,765.43	316,931.50
<i>Account Receivable</i>	20,346.47	6,748.62
	298,383.28	877,840.32
Capital Fund Investments		
<i>Chancery Investment</i>	472,610.38	472,610.38
<i>RBC Investment</i>	500,000.00	NA
Total Assets	1,270,993.66	1,350,450.70
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
<i>Accounts payable</i>	-4,004.30	42,153.05
<i>GST/HST Payable</i>	4.48	
<i>Payroll Liabilities</i>	447.20	
<i>Direct Deposit Syrian Fund</i>	885.00	
<i>Syrian Relief</i>	21,323.42	
<i>Social Justice Fund</i>	16,309.81	40,438.23
	34,965.61	82,591.28
Equity		
<i>Opening Balance</i>	234,929.48	1,213,259.87
<i>Net Income</i>	1,001,098.57	54,599.55
	1,236,028.05	1,267,859.42
TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY	1,270,993.66	1,350,450.70

Budget Report

	as of Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2023	% (budget)	2022
	Income					
1	Collection (loose)	40,000.00	8,000.00	39,541.85	494%	12,538.95
2	Collection (envelope)	350,000.00	350,000.00	295,819.38	85%	284,150.32
3	Special Collection and Charity Fund	28,000.00	28,000.00	33,574.65	120%	36,728.09
5	Stole Fees (mass)	200.00	200.00	699.00	350%	3,394.00
6	Bulletins, Palms, Books	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,578.84	158%	878.60
7	Candles	6,000.00	1,000.00	6,762.70	676%	3,021.80
8	Donations	12,000.00	30,000.00	10,704.16	36%	3,430.84
9	Marriage Formations	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0%	600.00
10	Catechetics	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,977.00	99%	100.00
11	Funerals	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,955.00	107%	7,700.00
12	Fund Raising Activities	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,970.00	119%	2,990.00
13	Rental Income	2,750.00	2,750.00	7,030.23	256%	-
14	Other Income	2,000.00	2,000.00	70.92	4%	14,552.74
15	Sale & Transaction					
16	Interest		5,000.00	-	0%	7,076.27
17	Total Income	453,950.00	439,950.00	407,683.73	93%	380,811.61
	Expenses					
1	Moderator			-		
2	Administrator	10,000.00	30,000.00	15,102.03	50%	20,530.04
3	Assistant	46,500.00	20,000.00	13,760.14	69%	8,997.16
4	Assistant 2	27,000.00				
5	Others	5,000.00	5,000.00	300.00	6%	2,095.00
6	Music Ministry	8,000.00		7,120.00		11,200.00
7	Employees	110,000.00	100,000.00	99,837.68	100%	121,462.13
8	Food & Lodging	20,000.00	20,000.00	16,753.01	84%	12,666.54
9	Church Goods	10,000.00	3,500.00	14,338.97	410%	5,485.62
10	Subscriptions	7,500.00	5,000.00	4,429.85	89%	5,761.44
11	Office Expense	17,000.00	15,000.00	16,849.53	112%	24,908.57
12	Equipment & Furniture	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,203.46	110%	0
13	Maintenance	40,000.00	35,000.00	38,579.17	110%	34,217.70
14	Miscellaneous expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	14,024.36	70%	14,711.86
15	Heating	15,000.00	15,000.00	14,129.11	94%	27,565.28
16	Lights	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,192.74	88%	6,210.26
17	Telephone	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,666.62	73%	3,163.86
18	Insurance	24,000.00	15,500.00	22,602.46	146%	20,965.39
19	Taxes/water/sewer	45,000.00	45,000.00	38,315.22	85%	36,501.19
20	Parish Activities	6,500.00	6,500.00	16,089.46	248%	16,359.97
21	Catechism	500.00	500.00	3,279.47	656%	726.94
22	Special Collection and Charity Expenses	25,000.00	25,000.00	19,562.55	78%	33,237.50
23	Receiver General			-		-
24	Bank Charges	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,791.58	190%	1,818.66
25	Total Expenses	453,000.00	377,000.00	370,927.41	98%	408,585.11
26	Operations Net Income	950.00	62,950.00	36,756.32	58%	(27,773.50)
27	Capital Expenditures					
28	Income	70,000.00	75,000.00	57,275.31	76%	108,077.87
28	Expenses	130,000.00	171,000.00	126,214.14	74%	25,704.82
30	Capital Expenditures Net Income	(60,000.00)	(96,000.00)	(68,938.83)	72%	82,373.05
31	TOTAL NET INCOME	(59,050.00)	(33,050.00)	(32,182.51)	97%	54,599.55

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernard's.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Bernard's Parish. We are emerging from one of the most difficult periods in the last hundred years. No segment of society has escaped the impacts of the pandemic but thanks to your support we came through relatively unscathed and for this we are grateful. However, looking back over the years we notice that revenues have declined while expenses continue to climb. Our weekly collections just barely cover our operating costs, and we have used reserves to help pay for necessary capital projects such as new roofing, stonework repointing, restoration of the rose window and drainage around the foundation.

With a building as old as St. Bernard's, there is a continuing need for repairs and upgrades. For example, the windows on both the second and third levels need repair and the church should be protected from fire by a sprinkler system. The first will cost in the \$80 00/100 000 range while the sprinkler system will probably exceed \$250 000. Added to these is the ongoing work such as painting the interior of the church and upgrading the sound system (increasing complaints from members of the congregation).

Parishioners have asked what can be done to help. We know these are challenging times for everyone and we reluctantly ask for help in meeting these challenges. Thankfully, attendance at Mass continues to increase and hopefully so will donations. At the same time, we can all review the level of our giving by answering questions such as:


- Do I give regularly by using envelopes, on-line or preauthorized donations?
- Do I plan my giving as a part of my household budget?
- Does what I give equal the importance of faith and religion in my life?
- How do my church offerings compare to other items such as gas, phone and internet service, coffee shop, car insurance, etc.
- Have I increased my donations in recent months/years?
- What percentage of my income is my church offering? (An interesting tidbit - over 50% of those who receive receipts for income tax purposes give less than \$600 per year.)

On our part, the parish promises to keep a close eye on expenses to ensure proper stewardship of your contributions. Proper stewardship on all our parts will ensure the continued good health, materially and spiritually, of our beloved St. Bernard's.

Please feel free to ask questions and to make suggestions.

With thanks and blessings.

Tim Perry
Chair, Local Pastoral Council


Fr. Charles Broderick
Priest Administrator

March 7, 2024

Dear Padre,

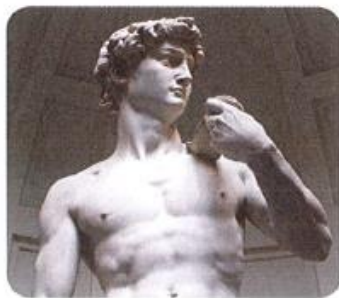
In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity....The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If God is the God of life...

then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021



MONDAY

March 11
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY

March 12
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

March 13
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY

March 14
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY

March 15
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

March 16
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

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