

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter—the Sunday of Divine Mercy at 4:00 PM Saturday April 6, 2024. There were 67 in attendance.

**Contributions received in April:**

<b>Offertory Collection:</b>	\$	<b>3,460</b>
<b>Other:</b>	\$	
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$	
<b>Monthly Budgeted:</b>	\$	<b>5,083</b>
		<b>-1,623</b>

**Monday April 15**

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

**April 16**

7 PM

Parish Center  
Coin Club

**April 20**

10 AM-11:30AM  
Sisters in Christ  
Methodist Church

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
CELEBRATED  
APRIL 20, 2024**

3:30 PM - Rosary  
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
4:00 PM – Eucharist

**\*JOSEPH “MIKE” KERN**

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:  
Sally Fleenor and Franz Hallatschek



**APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Dave and Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, Father Dan, Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret Hastings, Teresa Kilkenny, Jeane Gustin and Mike Stevenson.

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY**



Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.

The Easter 2024 issue of “Word Among Us” is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.

**Bishop McKnight’s April prayer intention for our Local Church**

For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.





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**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
CELEBRATED**

**APRIL 13, 2024, AT 4:00 PM**

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.

Wed. By Appointment

**Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.

Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.

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**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS A CENTER OF  
CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,  
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**

*"The joy God gives is indeed born of forgiveness. It bestows peace. It is a joy that raises us up without humiliating us. It is as if the Lord does not understand what is happening. Brothers and sisters, let us think of all those times when we received the pardon and peace of Jesus. Each one of us has received them; each one of us has had that experience. It is good for us to remember those moments. Let us put the memory of God's warm embrace before the memory of our own mistakes and failings. In this way, we will grow in joy. For nothing will ever be the same for anyone who has experienced God's joy! It is a joy that transforms us."*

*Pope Francis*

**Mass Intentions** - If you would like to offer a mass for a loved one, please contact the office. These are \$10 and there are many available days in the next several months to choose from.

Time is approaching that I need to order Offering Envelopes for the next year. If you would like to be added to the list to receive numbered envelopes or removed from the list, please notify the office.

Thanks Ron

*Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.*

Acts 3:17-19

Our faith journey begins with a relationship with Christ, and it is through that relationship that we are able to experience true conversion of our hearts and minds. We grow in relationship with Christ through the sacraments and prayer, especially the Holy Mass, where we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When Jesus becomes the center of our lives, we begin to see Christ in everyone we meet.



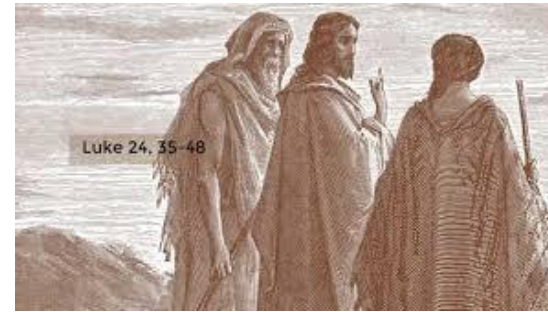
**Dear Parishioners of St. Bernadette Parish,**

I wish to thank you for your kindness in always welcoming me when I have come for Mass at St. Bernadette, most recently for Easter Sunday Mass. I was glad to be of help to you and your good pastor Fr. Benjamin Nwosu.

I appreciate the card signed by several and the "He is Risen" cross that was in the gift bag. I will keep it on my table during the 50 days of the Easter Season. Also, a special thank you to the Parishioner who put so much talent and labor into the Easter Cards that were distributed.

God bless you!

Fr. Richard Frank



**Reflection for Luke 24: 35-48**

The Gospel narratives manifest the disciples' volatile situation. They want to believe but lack confidence. They experience the sincere joy of seeing Christ resurrected but have not completely overcome their cautious disbelief. The two from Emmaus recount their encounter, and Christ himself appears to them. Yet even when he is right there in front of them, they are slow to believe. Our Lord's patient, accepting attitude is encouraging. He did not come for a meal but takes a piece of fish to help them believe. We all have our moments of light and generosity, and our moments of sluggishness and inner resistance. I want to believe, but because it implies letting go of my false securities, I need detachment and purification. Christ aids my weakness by his closeness.

Christ is not a ghost. He is not a figment of my imagination, nor the

result of my wishful thinking—something too good to be true. Christ is more real than my fears; his grace is stronger than my weakness, more powerful than sin and death itself. As the disciples have mixed reactions to his presence, he invites them to get a grip on themselves and reflect on their faith. Reflection and contemplation in faith always lead to the truth of Christ. Am I living in an illusory world of my own making because I'm not reflecting in faith on the realities and experiences of my life? All I need to do is overcome my incredulity with faith and trust in the Christ.

The Cross was not a mistake. Christ does not see it as a necessary evil. Rather, "it was written". In other words, it could not have been any other way. Without the Cross there is no resurrection. Without the Resurrection there is no experience of the fullness of life, no hope for things to come. My life too has its own experience of Christ's cross. What for me might be an unexpected twist, an obstacle or a problem, is for the Lord a means of purifying my heart and bringing me to the Resurrection.

*St. Bernadette  
Pray for us!*