

Our Journey at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

- March 16: public Masses and parish events suspended
- May 11: Public Masses resume
- May 11: Live Streaming begins for all Masses
- June 30: Face Mask mandate begins in parishes
- September: in-person gathers of up to 50 permitted
- October 2020 – Mass attendance increases
- November 2020 – Second Wave begins
- December, January 2020 – Vaccines begin
- March, 2021 – Masses are no longer bound by 35% capacity.

Administration

- July 1: Father Michael Straley restructures office staff. All positions fall under one of the now three Directors (Director of Family and Marriage Life, Director of Liturgy, and Director of Parish Business).
- August 1: A new Full-Time Youth Minister and Young Adult Coordinator is hired – Maria Stoej.
- December 1: Fr. Simon Osuchukwu is hired as Associate Pastor.
- Monthly Staff Meetings
- Monthly Parish Council Meetings
- New website domain (stboc.org) as well as a redesigned website look/function
- Communication through Flocknote and live streaming on website and Facebook
- Fr. Mike's YouTube Video Messages for parishioners

Worship and Prayer

- September 1: Saturday Daily Mass added to weekly schedule
- May 16: Daily Mass moved from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
- March 2: Second confession time added (every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 PM)
- Eucharistic Adoration: 4th of July, November 4th, Roe v. Wade Vigil, Feast Day St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Solemnity of St. Bernard (two masses), Feast of St. Joseph's (two masses)
- September: Fr. Chuck Kieffer is added to the Sunday Mass rotation
- Children's Choir for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass, Easter Mass
- Altar servers (now under the leadership of Fr. Simon)

- Sanctus Bells introduced at Mass (Holy Thursday)
- Two Masses for Holy Thursday
- Baptistry filled for Easter
- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent
- March 28: Ribbons in pews half-way removed allowing for greater capacity
- Five Wedding Masses from September - April
- Several funeral Masses
- Infant Baptisms offered once a month (previously offered every three months).
 - Infant Baptism Classes offered once a month during a more family friendly time.
- Mass World Day of the Sick hosted by the Knights and Dames Malta (EWTN)
- Padre Pio meets every Wednesday evening (September-current)
- Divine Mercy Group meets every Wednesday afternoon (September-current)
- Charismatic Group meets every Friday (September-current)
- Hispanic Ministry meets every first Saturday of the Month (September-current)
- Two Marian Movement of Prayer Groups Establish for Fr. Straley and Fr. Simon

Education

- RCIA (in-person from August-April)
 - Baptized 7
 - Confirmed 3
- Saturday Morning Speaker Series (in-person)
 - Average 25 participants
- Wedding Numbers have Increase (currently 21 couples – only two engaged couples when first arrived)
- Fr. Don Calloway (Lenten Parish Mission)
 - 280 in-person
 - 300 watched online
- Julie Carrick Night of Eucharistic Adoration in April
- Bible Study on Song of Songs with Mr. Rocky Brittain
- Catechesis on Religious Artifacts in the Church
- LifeTeen and Edge

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- 40 teens and 20 young adults volunteers
- Spring Retreat
- Diaper Drive for Community
- Young Adult Ministry
 - 120 Young Adults
- Children's Catechesis (In-Person Classes, Homeschool option made available) - 75
 - 1st Communion in August from 2020
 - 1st reconciliation in March
 - 17 catechists volunteered to help out
- Hall Use
 - St. Timothy's Youth Retreat
 - OLPH Catechist Retreat
 - NDP Mom's Retreat
 - Young Adult Kickoff
 - Blessed Is She Retreat
 - Malta Fair
- Upcoming Hall Use
 - Notre Dame Preparation Staff Retreat
 - First Way Gala
 - Blessed Is She Retreat in Fall and Spring
 - Nuestro Pequeños Hermanos Gala
 - Wedding Reception
- Spiritual Direction Program Offered by Terri Hoffman (free of charge to parishioners)
- Men's Renewal meets every Tuesday for Gospel Reflection and Study (September – Current)



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Community

- Drive-Thru Nativity
- Barry and Ken – Welcome New Parishioners every Sunday and gift them with Welcome Packets
- Welcome Greeters Committee
- Wills and Trust Seminar
- Blood Drive (August and April)

- New Parish Logo
- Phone Tree Outreach – parish leaders called every parishioner and invited them to attend Christmas Masses
- I Heard God Laugh books were given out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses
- Holy Water Bottles were given on Ash Wednesday

Service

- SVDP (Christmas Tree Angel, Food Drive, Spring Clean Up)
- Sanctity of Life (blanket drive, Roe v. Wade Vigil, Spiritual Adoption)



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