

SAINT BERNARDINE PARISH

Forest Park, Illinois

103 YEARS

The Chimes



MISSION STATEMENT

To minister to the spiritual needs of its faith community through worship, service and education and to provide outreach, support, and welcome in an affirming environment. All are called to evangelize and be stewards on the journey, to model the life of Jesus while striving to develop a spiritually active and financially stable faith community.



The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2014**

Saint Bernardine Church

7246 W. Harrison Street
Forest Park, IL 60130

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Rev. George Velloorattil

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ARTICLES FOR THE *CHIMES*

It is recommended that articles are submitted by Thursday, for the following week's submission. In other words, articles should be in at least 10 days before you would like them to appear in the *CHIMES*.

Monday Night BINGO

4:30 PM Doors Open
7:00 PM Start

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY: Monday thru Friday 6:30 AM

HOLY DAY: Check Mass Schedule

CIVIC HOLIDAY: Check Mass Schedule

Mass for Families 10:30 AM Sunday:

PRAY AND PLAY certified childcare provided for 6 mos-4 yrs. Drop off at the school, the Early Childhood Room 101. No registration or fees. Call Kathy (773) 882-1605 for details.

LITURGY OF THE WORD for children 4-12 yrs, where they are dismissed for child-friendly religious instruction and returned to the pew during mass. When there is a Family Mass, the 1st Sunday of the month, children remain in Church.

HOLY SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM
or call the Rectory for an appointment

WEDDINGS:

Please call the rectory and make arrangements with a priest at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 mass. Mandatory meeting for parents and godparents is held the 1st Wednesday in the Convent Dining Room at 7:30 PM. Call 366-0839.

CARE OF THE SICK:

Please inform rectory of anyone confined at home or hospitalized.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes for public grammar school students:
Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 AM (K thru 8th grade)
Tel: (708) 366-3553

RECTORY: Tel: (708) 366-0839

Fax: (708) 366-3136

E-Mail Address: st.bernardinechurch@gmail.com

Web site: www.stbern.com

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From the Pastor's Desk



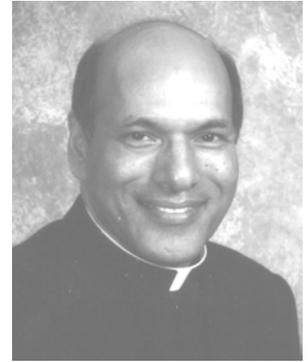
My dear parishioners,

In the gospel of today Jesus continues to teach about his kingdom by speaking in parables. In the parable of the wheat and weeds he explains that there will always be a mixture of good and evil in the church and in the world. The main point is that Jesus requires patience and tolerance from his followers. The wheat and the poisonous weeds grow together. Pulling out the weeds could destroy the wheat. God will make the separation at the end of time, the time of the harvest. The use of 'harvest' as a symbol of God's final judgment is found frequently in the Bible.

In the explanation of the parable of wheat and weeds, the emphasis is on the fearful and certain judgment by the Son of Man "at the end of the age". Jesus promises the righteous that "they will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (13:43). Those who cause others to sin and evildoers are warned by the parable to change their lives while there is still time. Fortunately Jesus is willing to forgive as long as one lives. Today's first reading gives wonderful encouragement. "And Wisdom gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins" (Wisdom 12:19). Repentance, reforming one's life, is the road to salvation for all in the church and in the world.

The two other short parables of today's gospel about the mustard seed and the yeast have the same important teaching. The kingdom of Jesus will have humble beginnings, but will attain wonderful expansion. Hyperbole is used here as it often is in Semitic speech to emphasize the point. To indicate the universality of the kingdom, the mustard seed becomes "a large bush" and "the birds of the sky come and

dwell in its branches" (Mat. 13:41). An excellent Jewish insight would see the action of the yeast as coming from God, a miracle – something to be wondered at, not something to be taken for granted.



Going back to the first parable, we realize that life is a mixture of good and evil, whether in individuals or in society as a whole. The two are so entwined that it is not always possible to sort one from the other. Indeed, sometimes it even seems that the good, whether within us or among us, is hidden so that it shows itself only in time.

To think further on this point will lead us to mystery of good and evil, why good people suffer, why there is war and calamities, why God does not prevent them, why children die, why racism plagues our communities, why addiction destroys human lives. Yet somehow we come to recognize that there is much goodness even amidst all the human sins. One need only consider why in the face of the church's sexual scandals, most believers have chosen to continue to gather for prayer, to trust their priests, to encourage their children to be people of faith. Sometimes it seems the most we can do is to allow the wheat and weeds to grow together because there is so little clarity regarding productive alternatives. It is also at such times that we find ourselves confronted by the mystery of divine presence. There is indeed a hidden presence beyond our notice.

God bless you

Fr. George Velloorattil

After we have brushed off the dust and chips of life, we will have left only the hard, clean question: Was it good or was it evil? Have we done well or ill?

Weekly Calendar-- July 20-27, 2014

Sunday, July 20	C Youth Group 11:30-1
Monday, July 21	FH,C,K Bingo CD CCRCC 7-10 pm
Tuesday, July 22	CH Prayer Group 6:30-8 pm RB St. Vincent de Paul 7:30 pm
Wednesday, July 23	CD Men's Bible Study 8:30-11:30 am
Thursday, July 24	Nothing Scheduled
Friday, July 25	Nothing Scheduled
Saturday, July 26	Nothing Scheduled
Sunday, July 27	Nothing Scheduled

CD=Convent Dining Room	CH=Church	ANX=School Annex
RB=Rectory Basement	C=Cafeteria	UR=Upper Room
RD=Rectory Dining Room	FH=Fearon Hall	K=Kitchen



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

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All are invited to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic
Exposition and Benediction:

**First Thursday of Every Month
7 pm in the Chapel**



Welcome New Parishioners

Are You Registered?

All Catholics who worship at our parish or who are a part of our parish services are requested to register. In registering, you are becoming an active member of St. Bernardine Parish.

If you have not registered, please complete the following and give the slip to one of the Church Ministers of Hospitality (ushers), priests, or put it in the collection basket and registration forms will be mailed to you. If you would like to phone for these forms, call 708-366-0839. You are not considered registered until the Pastor receives your completed registration form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email address _____

Date: _____

How long have you been coming to St. Bernardine Church?

Reuse Books Fundraising

By now you may have noticed the **ReUse Books Drop Box** that has been placed in the church parking lot (between the church and the school). **ReUse Books** contacted me to see if they could place one of their drop boxes at our church. Their goal is to "*reuse as many books as possible and recycle those they can't so that no book ever ends up in the trash*". The bin is used in the same way as the St. Vincent de Paul drop boxes. Just drop the books in and you're done!

As a side note, the recycling box will help enormously with the books left in the school. When the school closed we offered any of the classroom items to our neighboring Catholic schools. While many of these items were gratefully gathered up, we were still left with hundreds of books (textbooks, library books) in the school. I take comfort in knowing that some of these books will once again be put to good use.

Della De Sonia
Business Manager

NEED HELP DEALING WITH OUR STRESSFUL WORLD?

Ms. Margaret Lukomski, an experienced and licensed professional therapist, is available to assist people facing marital and family difficulties and other personal issues. Ms. Lukomski, LCPC is also a certified alcohol and drug counselor. She is at St. Bernardine Church one evening per week; fees for her services are reasonable. To schedule an appointment please call Catholic Charities Holbrook Counseling Center at (312) 655-7725.



Pray For Our Sick

Larry Ivins, Mitzi Ivins, Bobbi Ivins Rigali, Mary Perez, Amparo Schroder, Betty Maslauskas, Scott Entler, Adolph Ortiz, Josephine Parris, Francis Cardinal George, Pacita Nacpil, Carol Beal, Victor Uminski, Paul Murphy, Nate Marsen, Marge Moskos, Peter Buchinski, Andrea Ozello, Karen Carnes, Bob Teska, Olivia Lucia, Ken Wojtas, Millie Ozello, Paula Coonen, Martha Capron, Mary Meszaros, Richard Trindle, Agnes Woytek, Rosemarie Beribak, Lorraine Boy, Dan Martone, Henrietta Daniello, Roger Dominowski, Frances Boyd, Shirley Hamilton, Mary Lou Dziekanowski, Judy Walters, John Spence, Michael Levanduski, Francine Hunt, Grace Belmonte, Jack Belmonte, Nick Lococo, Karen Vanalek, Walt Fletcher, Michael Solberg, and Fr. Frank Grady. Please pray for these parishioners, their families and caregivers. Please call the parish secretary to add or delete names on the list. *Names will automatically be removed after 3 months unless renewed.*

St. Bernadine Organizations

Please join one of your organizations:

ALTAR SERVERS: Father George, (708) 366-0839
 BAPTISM CLASS: Helen Kreidermacher, (708) 771-3567
 BINGO: Deb Michalak, (708) 366-1323
 BOOK CLUB: Lin Beribak, (708) 771-3386
 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Kevin Hibbitts, (708) 488-1075
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Julie Doloszycki,
 (708) 366-4382
 FIL-AM PARISHIONERS: Leonora Acostafiad,
 (708) 771-6327
 FINANCE COUNCIL: Lisa Gill, (708) 848-6454
 HOSPITALITY: Kathy Capron Jankun, (773) 882-1605
 ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION: Al Cimino,
 (708) 344-5303
 KINGDOM RETREAT: Jim Murray, (708) 366-8427
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Wally Westervelt,
 (708) 488-9434
 LECTORS: Mary Beth Beal, (708) 366-7567
 LITURGY COMMITTEE: Fr. George, (708) 366-0839
 MUSIC MINISTRY: Joe Burgio, (773) 947-2155
 PARISH COUNCIL: Julie Doloszycki, (708) 366-4382
 PRAY & PLAY: Kathy Capron Jankun, (773) 882-1605
 PRAYER GROUP: Betty Huebner
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:
 Helen Kreidermacher, (708) 771-3567
 R.C.I.A.: Father George, (708) 366-0839
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Ann Stauffer, (708) 447-6894
 RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE: Leslie Huzyk,
 (708) 366-7441
 ST. VINCENT DePAUL: Jim Murray, (708) 366-8427
 SPRED: Helen Kreidermacher, (708) 771-3567
 USHER: Tom Gill, (708) 848-6454
 WOMEN'S CLUB: Patty Mullin, (708) 848-1214
 WOMEN'S CLUB: Chris Dunaway, (708) 366-4497
 YOUTH GROUP: Kathy Capron Jankun, (773) 882-1605

Musical Notes

Hymn #641, *The Reign of God*, has an obvious connection to today's gospel reading, *Matthew 13: 24-43*. The text was written by Delores Dufner, OSB (b.1939). Sr. Delores has written more than 150 hymns. Her hymns appear in the hymnals of many different denominations, and have been published in collections by more than 20 different publishers in the United States, Canada, England and Australia. Other hymns by Sr. Dolores that we have sung are #706, *We Come With Joy*, and her most well-known, #644, *Sing A New Church*. Just this past week she was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, at their annual convention in St. Louis. Sr. Delores believes that we are formed by both the words and the music of the hymns that we sing. She quotes the Rule of Benedict: "Let us . . . sing . . . in such a way that our minds are in harmony with our voices." Sr. Delores sets her texts to existing hymn tunes, melodies that are an important part of Christian, ecumenical tradition. They are tunes that are easily sung and do not need to be taught. She further explains that she chose these tunes "for their vitality, strength, durability, and link with the past. We sing *The Reign of God* with the tune *McKee*, which is also sung with hymn #726, *In Christ There Is No East or West*. The tune was composed by Harry T Burleigh (1866-1949), an important African-American singer, composer and arranger. Burleigh named the tune in honor of Rev Elmer McKee, pastor of St. George's Church in New York City.

In addition to writing hymns, Sr. Delores has served on the faculties of St. Benedict's College and St. John's University, in Collegeville, MN.

Soli Deo Gloria



Mass Intentions

July 13-20, 2014

Sunday, July 20

- 8:00 am † Zulema Antao
 † Alice Piekarz
 10:30 am † Bon Sone Park
 † Robert Meyer

Monday, July 21

- 6:30 am † Gayle Fahey

Tuesday, July 22

- 6:30 am † Sister Maria Humilitas Keller

Wednesday, July 23

- 6:30 am † Ross Erwin Canada

Thursday, July 24

- 6:30 am † Robert Meyer

Friday, July 25

- 6:30 am † Mauricia Nacar

Saturday, July 26

- 8:30 am † Jose & Ana Aval
 5:00 pm † John Isdale
 † Donna L. Eggers

Sunday, July 27

- 8:00 am † Deceased Members of Koehn & Obeth
 Family
 10:30 am † Segundo & Nacar (Mauricia)
 † Kathy Huebner

2015 MASS BOOK AVAILABLE

Please come to the rectory during business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.) to schedule your masses.



Weekly Readings

- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Collections

7/13/13 COLLECTION

Envelopes (136).....	\$3,714.00
Loose Checks & Cash.....	\$636.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTAL.....	\$4,350.00
BUDGET COLLECTION.....	\$5,919.00
DEFICIT.....	\$1,569.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$11,838.00
SUNDAY INCOME TO DATE.....	\$9,581.75
SUNDAY COLLECTION DEFICIT TO DATE	\$2,256.25

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. BERNARDINE IN
YOUR WILL.**

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make contributions without writing checks. If you have any questions you can call Kathy at 366-0839.



Liturgical Roles

July 26 & 27, 2014

Celebrants

- 5:00 pm Fr. George Velloorattil
 8:00 am Fr. George Velloorattil
 10:30 am Fr. George Velloorattil

Readers and Lectors

- 5:00 pm Krystyn Raza
 8:00 am Ryan Scott
 10:30 am Monique Villanueva

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 pm Geri Leninger, George Isdale, Nancy Keller
 8:00 am Kathy Capron-Jankun, Valerie Smith, Ben D'Souza
 10:30 am Kevin Keating, Isaac Beal, Tina Rhoten

Servers

- 5:00 pm F. Mott, K. Liesse, K. Scollard
 8:00 am R. Dass, P. Strauss, T. Gill
 10:30 am D. Burns, J. Gordon, G. O'Connor

Cantors

- 5:00 pm TBA
 8:00 am TBA
 10:30 am TBA



Wedding Banns

II Jeffery Margalus & Jennifer Torney

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A SUGGESTION BOX IN THE BACK OF CHURCH?

Now that the Transformation meetings have ended, suggestions, thoughts, ideas, concerns (and even dreams) are welcomed in a positive way keeping in mind only the good of the parish.

We are all part of our parish, and each one of us plays an important part in St. Bernardine's success. Our input is so very important!

Can't get to the suggestion box? Feel free to drop your suggestions in the collection basket.

A Jew is governed by such reverence for life that he trembles lest he tamper unmindfully with the greatest of all divine gifts, the bestowal or withholding of which is the prerogative of G-d alone. Although he be master over all within the world, there remain areas where man must fear to tread, acknowledging the limits of his sovereignty and the limitation of his understanding. In the unborn child lies the mystery and enigma of existence. Confronted by the miracle of life itself, man can only draw back in awe before the wonder of the Lord. —*Rabbi J. David Bleich, leading contemporary expert on Jewish medical ethics.*

In January 2014, **amazon.com** began selling the powerful hormonal abortion drug, **Plan B**, and rakes in additional profits from an advertisement for "Plan C," which appears below the abortifacient's product image. Plan C is, of course, a link to Planned Parenthood clinics, where an abortion can be arranged for as little as \$421. —*Source: The Illinois Heartbeat, Illinois Right to Life, Spring 2014.*

Save the Date

Sunday, September 7, 2014

All are invited to our

Parish Potluck Brunch

In the Cafeteria following the

10:30 Mass

Let's celebrate our family of faith!!!

A dish to share would be appreciated.

Any questions: call Religious Ed. Office

366-3553

FOR SALE!

1988 Ford pick-up truck with plow. Interested buyers call the rectory 708-366-0839.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the CCD program for this school year. Please complete the form below and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Check the way you would be willing to help:

teacher substitute teacher classroom aide

hostess secretary

musician (assist in teaching songs)

other

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Meet



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So many good men and women have gone before us. These brave and good people of history continue to inspire us by their example. We tell their stories to keep their memory alive and to allow them to continue to influence our lives. With Jesus, however, it is very different.

For believers, Jesus is not just an inspiring figure of past history. He is the living Lord who is really and truly present to us today in his word, in his Church, and in his sacraments. So, for example, when we celebrate the sacrament of Penance, Jesus does not merely inspire us with a sense of forgiveness. In fact, we meet the living Lord who forgives us through the ministry of the Church and her priests.

The sacraments offer us an unparalleled way to **meet** Jesus in and through the signs, the words, and the rituals of the Church. He comes so close to meet us, and that leaves us amazed and grateful.

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THANKS A MILLION!

We at Women's Care Center of La Grange would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all St. Bernardine parishioners who donated to our **ba-by bottle collection** at the parish last month. The total amount collected so far is

\$1,177.00. We are

pleased with your response and are blessed by your generosity! What a wonderful way to celebrate God's gift of life!



We are deeply grateful to your pastor, Fr. Velloorattil, and to the pro-life committee for all their support and leadership in this event.

Because of your sacrifices large and small, Women's Care Center of La Grange will be able to help save babies' lives and give their moms and dads in crisis the moral support and medical and material assistance they need. May the Lord of Life bless you for caring for His littlest ones!



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and

sowed weeds all through the wheat...."

Let **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** help protect your good marriage from the weeds of the modern world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 8-10, 2014 or October 10-12, 2014 or December 5-7, 2014, all at Burr Ridge, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at [630-577-0778](tel:630-577-0778) or contact us through <http://www.wmjeoliet.org>.



Summer Food Service Program

FREE LUNCH FOR THE SUMMER

- WHO:** Youth up to age 18
- WHAT:** Free healthy lunch
- WHEN:** Monday - Friday | July 8 - August 20 | 12:30 - 1:30pm
- WHERE:** The Y-Box at the West Cook YMCA
255 S. Marion St., Oak Park, IL 60302
- CONTACT:** Lisa Merdinger at 708-434-0230 or lmerdinger@westcookymca.org
- or contact the YMCA Member Engagement Desk at 708-383-5200

Are you a youth age 18 or younger in need of lunch during the summer? The West Cook YMCA has partnered with the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry and the Food Service Program to provide free lunches to youth who need them during the summer.

No need to RSVP. Just come and be fed!

This program is brought to you by:



Fueling children's dreams and aspirations



PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Show your support for the Catholic Charities West Region by collecting and donating school supplies! Supplies benefits children and families of low-income in the Western Suburbs and your generous donations will help them succeed in school. Each year, Catholic Charities West Region provides more than 300 children with a successful start to the school year with the help of your donations. Please drop all school supplies off at Catholic Charities West Regional Office, 1400 South Austin Blvd. in Cicero. Donations will be accepted between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and must be delivered no later than August 4, 2014. We will also need volunteers to help with the set up the day before the event and the day of. If anyone is interested in helping out they can call Esmeralda at [\(708\) 329-4022](tel:7083294022). Any help is greatly appreciated.

SIMBANG GABI

Meeting July 27th in Fearon Hall after the 10:30 mass to select a new chairman and discuss December's Simbang Gabi celebration.

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