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### Pastor

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### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden danqbowden@qmail.com

### Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish office. You can also etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

# St. André Bessette Parish

Sunday Masses:

Saturdau 4:00 pm at Holy Cross 9:00 am at St. Bernard Sunday

11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Bernard 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima

9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Thursday Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Fridau

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#### Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

First Friday of the month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)

Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

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Parish Office:

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# Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

### HAPPY EASTER - The Lord is Risen! Truly He is Risen!! Alleluia Alleluia

This is our great Easter proclamation after the discovery of the empty tomb. May we take these days of the Easter Octave and these 50 days until the celebration of Pentecost to delve more deeply into the mystery of what the Rising of Jesus Christ from the dead really and truly means.

I pray that our Lenten journey of the last forty days brought us with joy to celebrate the Triduum and the great Easter victory!!! It has been a very busy three months since the New Year began. The momentum of life in our parish is picking up after the negative impact of Covid and some of the other stormy sea effects on our Church. May the celebration of Easter bring us forth into the Springtime of our Faith. May we be lifted from the darkness of sin into the light and new life in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Thank You! — A special thank you to our Music ministry – to the combined choirs for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, and those responsible for Good Friday and Easter Sunday in each Church. Thank you to our Altar Servers for Sunday and Adult Servers throughout week. To our Readers, thank you for your faithful commitment and wonderful proclamation of the Word. To our Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, thank you for assisting at Sunday Mass and funerals, and for bringing Communion to the Sick and Shut-ins. To our Ushers and Hospitality crew, thank you for welcoming, seating and taking collections. To those who are responsible for preparing the Mass linens for the celebration of Mass and for the Sacristans who keep order and set-up, we appreciate your hard work. For our growing livestream crew and for those who keep our Church tidy and clean enabling us to take pride in our Church and use it well for worship and praise, thank you. Thanks to our Office Staff for coordinating and organizing our Parish office-wise and for keeping us informed of things coming up. And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all of you, the Faithful of our Parish, who continue to celebrate and practice your Faith – for your commitment to your Faith and building relationship in and among the three Communities. May the Risen Christ Bless you all anew this Easter. May God, in His Son Jesus Christ, strengthen your confidence and courage, as we continue together to build the Kingdom of God and the Body of Christ, the Church, as we journey together empowered by the Holy Spirit leading us to all Truth.

Flowers decorating the churches of St. André Bessette Parish for Easter have been donated in memory of the following loved ones:

Augustin Family Tom Bagley H. LeRoy Bailey Eddie Benere Raymond, Leo and John Benere Muriel and Gordon Bellefontaine **Eugene Francis Bradley** Harry Burgess Donald and Laura Carmichael Collier and Kane Families Nicole and Tom Doucette Martina and Andy Doyle Meaghan Dumville Wendy Emberly Billy Fillmore The Flynn Family Wilfred Griffin Bill Hibberts Edward and Veronica Jerrett Patrick Joseph Keane Frank and Bernadette Kerr Jane Kerr Eleanor and Bob Killen The Kim Family Alex Klenck Rona Macdonald Allie and John MacDonell John and Renee MacIntyre Lilian and James MacLellan George and Katherine Mansfield

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A Special Thank You — A special thank you to all who assisted in our three Churches, preparing them for the celebrations throughout Lent and especially the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday. There is a lot of work in preparing for these Holy Days. Thank you to all who made this happen.

Parish Renewal & Faith Formation — The various programs run in our Parish are for our personal and spiritual growth and provide opportunities for us to grow stronger together as a Parish Community. I want to thank all who participated in The Wild Goose, Metanoia, Forgiveness series, Eucharistic Study/Discussion DVDs, Lectio, and other small groups, Prayers Groups and other Faith Formation that is happening with our families. It's important to emphasize and to recognize that our Faith requires that we foster and continue to take opportunities to learn and be renewed. If we do not foster it, our Faith becomes stagnant and can die. Participating and taking the time to help it grow also helps us live our lives of faith better as we accompany one another along the journey.

Weekday Mass/Adoration/Benediction — Will return to our normal schedule on Thursdays and Fridays at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima.

**Eucharist Series at Holy Cross Church** — We aim to complete our series on the Eucharist soon. There are 5 more sessions remaining.

Session 6 – Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes

Session 7 – Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence

Session 8 – The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ

Session 9 – The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist

Session 10 – Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time

As we are preparing for a Eucharistic Congress in our Archdiocese from October 17-20, 2024, let's take some time to focus on the Institution of the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament - each time we approach the Altar to receive Holy **Communion, we receive His very presence.** The DVD series *Eucharist: Discovering the* Mass in the Bible by Brant Pitre is a wonderful way to renew ourselves in the roots of the Mass/Eucharist. It is a most wonderful way to foster what we truly believe as Roman Catholics. I pray that this series will be offered again soon for the whole Parish to participate. If we truly understood even a little of what our Church teaches about the Eucharist, our communities would be vibrantly and actively participating in Sunday

Mass and in what the Mass leads us into - as we leave the Church at the end of Mass with the words, Mass is ended. Go and glorify the Lord by your life.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 1 to 7, 2024 Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - NO MASS Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - NO MASS Thursday, April 4 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Kevin Harris** † Friday, April 5 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Special Intention** Saturday, April 6 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Mona Maatouk † Sunday, April 7 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people Sunday, April 7 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Tony Chesal †



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surgery, is recovering at home. He would like to pass along his sincere appreciation to Father Gerald and parishioners for their prayers and well wishes. Merchandise Bingo @ Holy Cross Church This will take place on April 26, 2024 at 7

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## Family Formation Program—April at a Gance

April 7

Home Lesson (St. Bernard) P-8 classes @ St. Rose of Lima from 9:45-10:45 am

April 14

Home Lesson (St. Rose of Lima) P-8 classes @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass

Confirmation Retreat: 11 am Mass, Junch at Mitchell Hall, to the Church for retreat/reconciliation

April 21

Wrap-up and Closing Social for Parents and Students/Registration for next year First Holy Communion Rehearsal @ St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am, followed by a meeting in the Hall \*Please bring your children's completed workbooks so they can receive a prize.\*

> Steubenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12 July 5-7, 2024

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.

We are hoping to bring a group from St. Andre Bessette this year so ilf you would like to learn more please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 for details. **The Theme:** *Illuminate* is based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Christ promised that even when our days or situations seem dark, He shines brightly to strengthen us and guide our way forward. Christ's light can never be extinguished! Join us at this year's Steubenville Atlantic as engaging speakers, music, and worship help us to break open this theme and recognize that Christ's Light illuminates us so that we can share that light with others and make our world a brighter place!

St. Thomas Anglican Church Community Brunch — Brunch, including pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, etc., will be served (eatin or take-out) on Saturday, April 6 from 11 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/children under 12, and \$25/family of two adults and two children. They will be selling tickets on a \$100 gas card. Location: 3534 Highway 2 in Fall River.

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