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St. André Bessette Parish

Sunday Masses:

4:00 pm at Holy Cross Saturdau 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

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First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass St. Rose of Lima:

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

Friday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass) Holy Cross:

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

Troy Marshall 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 Ext 3 businessoffice@standrebessette.net Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 4, 2025

HAPPY EASTER - The Lord is Risen!!! Truly He has Risen!! ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!!!

"Peter do you love me..." This question from Jesus demonstrates He is seeking something more of Peter. We recall in the Passion narrative that Jesus told Peter "Before the cock crows... you will have denied me three times." More than just addressing the three denials, something more is being sought from Peter. Jesus is preparing him for something great – to proclaim the Gospel more boldly, more courageously, with great intensity, and without fear of repercussions. With the words "Peter, do you love me ..." Jesus was planting something more deeply in the Apostle's heart – that agape love which overrides any question any fear – loyalty and trust that a new covenant is being given. Jesus is forming and strengthening this covenantal love. This also shows that Peter would go to the extent that Jesus did – Peter and the rest of the Apostles. They would not stop proclaiming Jesus Christ and the Salvation he won for all people – they would go to their death – which would also continue to glorify God, just as Jesus' death and resurrection did. Love, trust, and loyalty are the stuff of which the covenant with God is built – let's not waiver under the pressures of this world, but let's be sure to bring the message of Christ's saving love to all we encounter – in our families, our workplaces, our schools, our Churches...everywhere!!!

Prayers for the Cardinals in Conclave — Let us continue to pray for our deceased Pope Francis in thanksgiving for his ministry over these last 12 years. Also keep in your daily rosary and prayers and Masses the Cardinals who will soon be in Conclave to elect a new Pope to lead us. May the Holy Spirit give us the Pope we need to lead the Church today.

Month of May — During the month of May, we dedicate particular attention to devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. I encourage each of you individually and as family to commit to praying a daily rosary, seeking Our Blessed Mother's intercession for the manyfold intentions for our Church, our family, and our world. On Tuesday evening at 6 pm (30 minutes before 6:30 pm Mass) at St. Bernard, the Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary together. On Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Friday at 11:30 am (30 minutes before Mass) at St. Rose of Lima, the rosary is also prayed. Please feel free to browse Formed org as a tool to find some good videos or teachings on Mary, the Mother of God to share with friends and family. Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday:

> Henry Hayes Henderson Mann

Everett MacInnes Elias Murphy

A tremendous thank you to the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima for their generosity and support in making the celebration a wonderful success.

Thank you to Maria and the team who worked so diligently to prepare our young people for First Holy Communion. Thanks to

the parents for their faithful commitment made in Baptism to raise their children in the practice of the faith and to form their families in this great gift God has given us in Jesus Christ. Let continue to keep all families in our prayers



Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard Mother's Day Community Breakfast

Where: Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2, Enfield) When: 9:00 am until noon on Sunday, May 11 Cost: \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older); \$5.00 for children (ages 5 to 12); children 4 and under are free Menu: scrambled eggs, hash browns, baked beans, bacon, toast, pancakes, juice, tea or coffee.

The St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets on two adirondack chairs valued at \$300. More details to follow next week. The draw will be held on Father's Day, June 15.



Called & Gifted Workshop — God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Come to the Called & Gifted Workshop and begin to discover this work! You have received gifts through Baptism and Confirmation for the way God intends His love to reach others through you. The Called & Gifted Workshop is designed to give you the Church teaching and practical knowledge to discern and discover your gifts. This one-day workshop is presented by Fr. Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry. The day will include a light lunch. Registration is required in advance.

Date: May 10, 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm (light lunch provided)

Location: St. Bernard Church **Registration Fee:** \$25 Contact the Parish Office to register or for more information.

Parish Renewal and Faith Formation — There have been various programs that were run in our Parish over the last few years. These programs have initiated and also formed some new disciples and some new leaders. I would like to once again remind all parishioners that we have access to the program *formed.org*. I encourage all parishioners to use this program for your family movie time and for deeper inquiry into the teachings of the Church; use it for small group discussions that you can hold with other friends and fellow parishioners, Lectio Divina, new Prayer Groups formation, etc... Use it for the benefit of personal and spiritual growth as well as opportunities to grow stronger together as a Parish Community. Our Faith can become stagnant if we do not foster it with the right stuff. Let us accompany one another along the journey.

Go to the formed.org website. At the top of the screen, click Sign Up. In the box marked Find your Parish or Organization, input St. Bernard's postal code, B2T 1C9. This will bring up the St. André Bessette name and address. Click on it so that it appears in the box. Click Next. Fill in your name and email address in the boxes provided. Click Sign Up.

There will be a St. André Bessette Youth Group Information Meeting this Sunday, May 4 at 12:15 pm at Mitchell Hall (building behind St. Rose of Lima Church). This meeting is for all those interested in exploring the idea of starting a Youth Group at the parish. We are looking for people of faith who are interested in being part of a planning team, youth group leadership/ formation team and those who would like to support this initiative in any

National Family & Life Week (May 11-18, 2025) — "Abound in hope!" This powerful message from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans is the theme for National Family and Life Week 2025, which begins on Sunday, May 11, and concludes on Sunday, May 18. As we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year, let us reflect on the gift of hope God gives us through our families. All are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones. This week is an opportunity to promote life and live out our call to love each other within our homes, communities, and the world. May God's loving care inspire all families to abound in hope, living our call to holiness as missionary disciples. Let us not just be glimmers of hope but beacons of hope!



2024/2025 Family Formation Program

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 25 at St. Rose of Lima during the 11 am Mass with Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn presiding, Reception will follow with refreshments provided by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus from both St. Bernard and St. Rose churches. Please keep the following students and families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Audrey Gibson

Julia Lace

William MacInnes

Lucas Prim

There will be a Confirmation rehearsal on May 11 following the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima.

Family Formation Early Registration for 2025-26 will continue through May.



The annual Knights of Columbus Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 24 from 9 am to 2 pm in the driveway of St. Rose of Lima Church. Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in the community. Think of us during your spring cleaning and donate your extras to this worthy cause. Contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up: Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514

David Marshall - 902-576-2309 John Steele - 902-883-9471

Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank items needed — This week we are asking for Kraft dinner, rice and cereal. All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.

Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft Dinner, beans in tomato sauce, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and cat food. Donations can be placed in the blue box located near the washrooms at St. Rose of Lima Church. Your donations and kindness directly impacts lives in the community. Thank you.

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Tuesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Florence Benere † Wednesday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mickey Meagher † Thursday, May 8 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Todd Graham * Friday, May 9 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Ernie Bigney † Saturday, May 10 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Veronica Tracy Sunday, May 11 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Marion Maxner † Sunday, May 11 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

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