

Formation Family Meeting # 4 - March 2026

Family Follow-Up Activities

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" 1 Peter 2:24

Lent: *It's not too late to pray, fast, or give to others.*

Please do at least one activity in each section.

Palm Sunday: attend Mass on Sunday, March 29 and participate in the procession of the palms and the reading of the Passion at Mass.

- 1- Watch this video about Palm Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg>
Then look up and explain what does the word Hosanna means? What does "the Son of David" mean? Why did they spread palm branches?
OR
- 2- Watch this video about Palm crosses: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znDyR8_POCU Make a cross from the palms you received at Mass on Palm Sunday. Keep it with you to remind you to say a prayer of thanks to Jesus or give it to someone you love and say a prayer of thanks for having them in your life.
OR
- 3- Attend Reconciliation Monday March 30th. A great chance to go to confession before Easter. The church is open for confessions from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Holy Week: Holy Thursday – The day of the Last Supper and Jesus' betrayal, Good Friday – the day Jesus showed us how much he loved us by dying on the cross. Holy Saturday- the day we wait in anticipation of God's promised miracle. **Choose one activity each day.**

- 1- Holy Thursday: Read the gospel verse Matthew 26:26-29 while having dinner with your family. Have someone say a special blessing giving thanks to Jesus for loving us so much. OR watch this video "Jesus washes the Disciples Feet". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcpbOZB6ETw>
- 2- Good Friday: Attend the Stations of the Cross for children at St. Bernard's in the church at 12:00 pm.
OR watch this video on the Stations of the Cross. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzGPLud2iKc>
- 3- Holy Saturday: Watch this video on Holy Saturday <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/lvh-bqRURDk>. OR attend the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Bernard's in the church at 8:00 pm (best for older children).

Easter Sunday: attend Mass at: 8:00 am (church), 10:00 am (church), 10:30 am (auditorium), 12:00 pm (church), and 12:30 pm (auditorium).

- 1- Watch this video explaining the symbols of Easter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxpU43RjaVI> .
OR
- 2- Read the poem below, reflect on what each jellybean color represents, and offer a prayer for each symbol. Let each jellybean's color that you eat remind you of its special meaning this Easter.
<https://www.stbernardchurch.org/images/stories/documents/Rel%20Ed/The%20JellyBean%20Prayer.pdf>

Please use this link to submit your follow up activities starting after Palm Sunday (March 29, 2026)!

<https://stbernardrc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/126/responses/new>



Holy Thursday April 2nd

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 3rd

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Children's Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 4th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 5th

8:00 am Mass in the Church

10:00 am Mass in the Church

10:30 am Mass in the auditorium

12:00 pm Mass in the Church

12:23 pm Mass in the auditorium

Reregistration for our 2026-2027 Program:



To help us better prepare for the upcoming year, we are moving our registration window to the spring. Registration begins Monday, March 23, 2026, and will close on May 1, 2026. Look for the link on the website.

The Highlights:

- **Tuition:** Despite rising costs, we are pleased to announce that tuition rates will remain the same as in previous years.
- **Class Availability:** Due to a shortage of volunteer catechists, we may not be able to offer as many classes this year. Please register early to ensure your child's placement on your preferred day and time.
- **Automatic Assignments:**
 - **Level 2 (Communion):** Students will keep their same Saturday class time.
 - **Levels 4 through Confirmation Level 2:** Students will keep their same class day; times will vary based on their specific Level of Faith Formation.
 - **Level 3:** Students will now be attending on Monday or Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. You will be able to select your preferred day dependent on availability.
- **Help Us Grow:** Our ability to offer classes depends entirely on our volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the office!

Register early to ensure your child's spot!