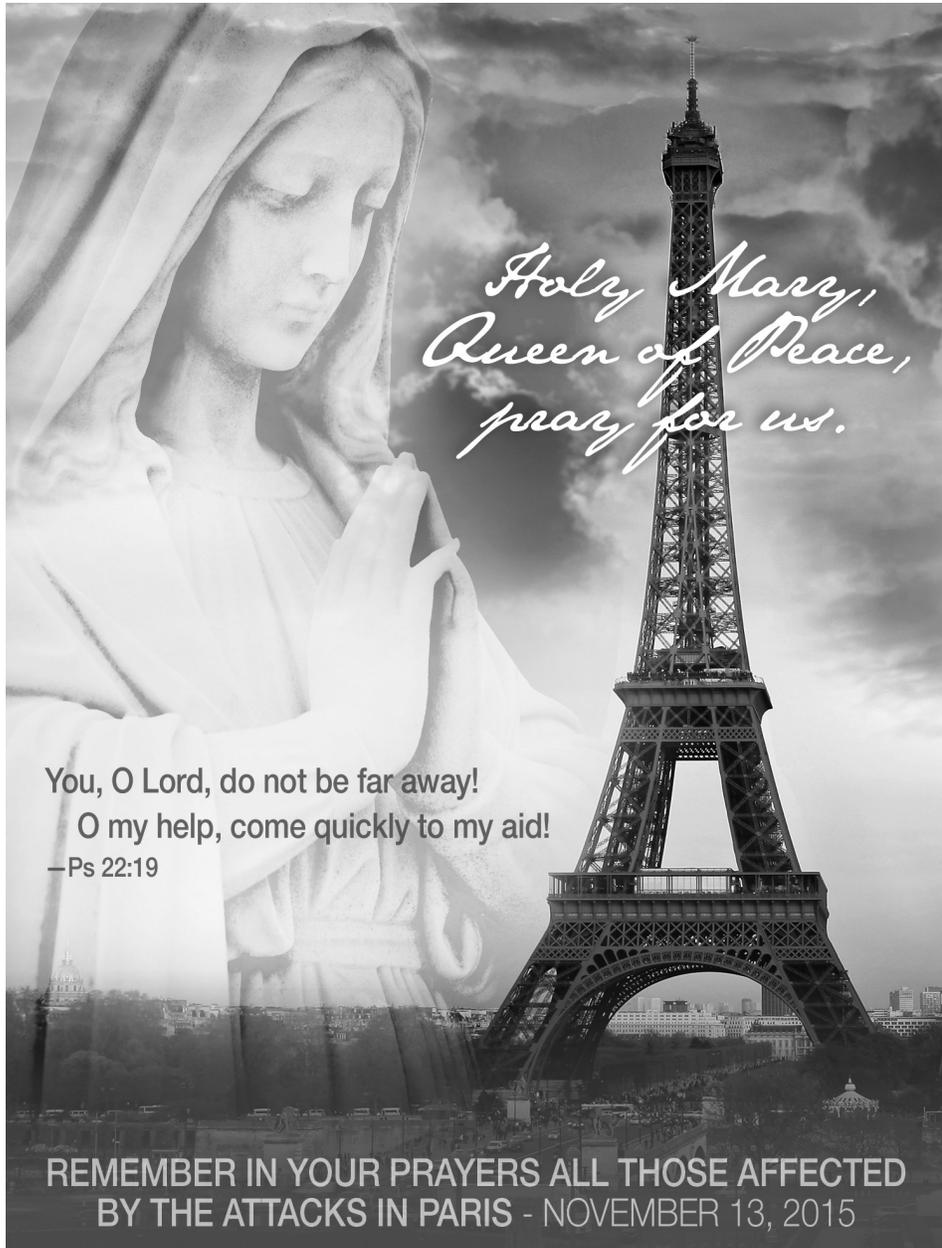


# CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

1160 WOODBRIDGE STREET • SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55117

*One block west of Rice Street on Geranium Avenue*

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015**



*Holy Mary,  
Queen of Peace,  
pray for us.*

You, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
—Ps 22:19

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE AFFECTED  
BY THE ATTACKS IN PARIS - NOVEMBER 13, 2015

## Parish Staff

### Parochial Administrator

Reverend Ivan Sant

### Associate Priest

Reverend Joseph Kureh

<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Karen Cronin
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Carol Mike
<b>Business Assistant</b>	Cindy Paslawski
<b>Faith Formation Director</b>	J. David Neira
<b>Refugee Liaison</b>	Hsawreh Sharpoehtay
<b>Refugee Liaison Assistant</b>	Julia Marksue
<b>Music Director</b>	Sid Smaka

## Parish Office

**Phone:** (651) 488-6733

**Fax:** (651) 489-9203

**Website:** [www.stbernardstpaul.org](http://www.stbernardstpaul.org)

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** at 4:00 pm

**Sunday** at 8:00 & 10:30 am

**Weekday**

**Monday-Saturday** - Mass at 8:30 am

\*Rosary one half hour before daily Mass.

\*Morning Prayer fifteen minutes before Mass.

## Confessions

**Mondays** after the 8:30 am Mass

**Saturdays** 3:30 and after the 4:00 pm Mass

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Bernard's is a Roman Catholic parish providing vital services to the diverse North End community of St. Paul. As we extend the hand of welcome to all, our mission is to learn, love, and live the challenging Word of Jesus Christ, offering parishioners and neighbors direction and support at every phase of their faith journey.*

# STEWARDSHIP



## Weekly Collection

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Weekly-Sunday 11-15:</u>		
Envelope Income	\$4,259	\$4,750
Plate	320	435
Gas/Lights	123	159
Campus Repair	71	69
<u>Year to Date:</u>		
Envelope Income	\$85,865	\$95,000
Plate	7,979	8,700
Gas/Lights	2,919	3,177
Campus Repair	1,518	1,382

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday • Nov 21

4:00 pm † Frank Elli

### Sunday • Nov 22

8:00 am St. Bernard's Parish

10:30 am † Maria Reinhardt

### Monday • Nov 23

8:30 am † Rita Mollner & Mary Jane Maurer

### Tuesday • Nov 24

8:30 am † Clyde Palmer

### Wednesday • Nov 25

8:30 am † Betty Jechorek

### Thursday • Nov 26

8:30 am † Anna Elli

### Friday • Nov 27

8:30 am † Richard Keller

### Saturday • Nov 28

8:30 am † Fred Kaiser

4:00 pm † Dolores Weiler

## Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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# FROM FR. IVAN'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



At the end of each liturgical year we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. As St. Paul says, "In Jesus Christ everything in heaven and earth was created . . . and continues into being."

He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Also in today's gospel Jesus says, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world . . . that is why I came to this world, to testify for the truth." Jesus came to open for us the possibility of God's Kingdom to us that is eternal happiness.

The origin of this solemnity goes back to Pope Pius XI who in his encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, In the First) in 1925. The first paragraph of this encyclical summarizes the situation we are living in the world even today: "As long as individuals and states refuse to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations." How true! Society has apostatized from the True Faith, and after rejecting Christ, it is readily accepting a form of totalitarianism which suppresses freedom of speech and religious liberty.

But even in the midst of rampant confusion and fear, there is hope. It has often been said that you can tell the faith of a people by the zeal of its shepherds. Tomorrow will be the 88th anniversary of the execution of a dear son of the Church who remains a shining example of priestly fervor and love of Christ, the King of the Universe. Miguel A. Pro, S.J. (1891-1927) was a young Mexican priest who after his ordination in Belgium served his people in Mexico during a fierce persecution of the Catholic Church. Trumped up accusations were fabricated against him, and he was condemned to be executed on November 23, 1927.

Pictures of the execution were taken, because government officials wanted to show the international media how cowardly priests would act when faced with imminent death. However, Father Pro very bravely stepped up before the firing squad, rejected the blindfold he was offered, forgave his executioners, stretched out his arms and boldly shouted, "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!). Then he was riddled with bullets. The volley of gunfire did not kill him, so a single shot was fired into his temple. Because he had faced death so bravely, there was an order to suppress the execution photos: One photo taken the morning of his execution and the other just a few seconds before Fr. Miguel gave witness to his love of Christ.

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# PARISH NOTES

==FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE==

## Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food Shelf Collection

On Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26th, there will be an 8:30 am Mass. That day there will be an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for all of our blessings, by sharing with those who have less. We ask that you bring non-perishable food items to the back of church. All donations will be given to the Keystone Food Shelf, right here in our neighborhood. Please be generous by sharing with others. It will be appreciated much!

## Collection for Retired Religious-Dec. 5/6

Elder, sisters, brothers and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. You can help! Please give next weekend during the second collection at each Mass. Many of us can be grateful this Thanksgiving Day, for the amazing education we received from the Benedictine sisters and priests, right here at St. Bernard's.

## It's Church cleaning time !

We are looking for some volunteers to help with cleaning of the Church, before the holiday season. Cleaning will take place Saturday, Nov. 28th starting at 9:30 am until finished. Just show up. It is always satisfying to be able to care for God's house and prepare it for Christmas.



Calling all cleaners! The rectory project is moving along and we are ready to get some cleaning done on the second floor. There are signup sheets in the back of church for you to volunteer to help clean rectory bedrooms. The date is **Saturday, December 5** from 9:00 – 1:00. We will have lunch and refreshments available. We will also provide buckets, rags, and other cleaning supplies. You should bring your own rubber gloves. Once the room is cleaned we are going to apply painters tape around window, door and floor trim.

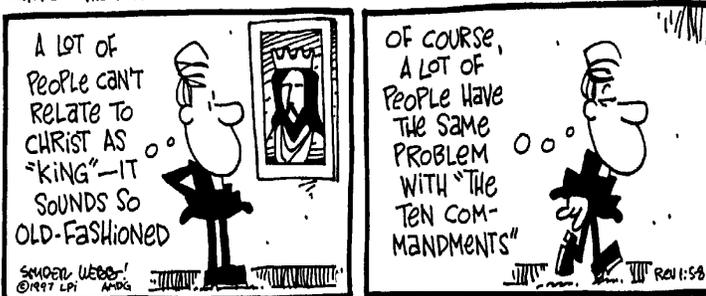
You will note that the signup is by room. This way you will have a finite space to work on. We will need woodwork, windows, mirrors and light fixtures washed. Most rooms will have signups for at least 2 people so you can work with your spouse or friend or you can make a new friend. This is a way to promote the unity of the St. Bernard community. We hope you will be able to join us in this endeavor!

Our hope is that on the following **Saturday, December 12** we can have painting crews to paint each of the rooms. You will see signup sheets for this as well. Again, we will provide the paint and brushes. If you have roller extenders, it would be helpful to bring them. We would plan to paint from 9:00 – 3:00. It may not take this long but we may have to have 2 coats of paint. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

It would be a great gift to the parish and to Fr. Ivan if this work can be completed before Christmas. The hope is to move in by Christmas or the first of the year. Your generosity and 'elbow grease' will go a long way to complete this project.

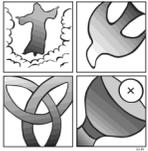
# FATHER FLOOD

CHRIST THE KING



Thanksgiving is next Thursday. I want to express my gratitude to the parishioners of St. Bernard. Many of you have been long time parishioners and continue to love and serve the Lord here. Many of you have welcomed our refugee/immigrant members. Many of you have made the broader North End community a better place to live. Please take time to thank the Lord for his abundant blessings!

Karen Cronin



## Sacraments

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
(651) 488-6733

### Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is to be celebrated when a person is suffering from a prolonged illness or when a person's condition becomes serious.

### Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Baptism of Infants

It is recommended that parents who wish to present their child for Baptism make arrangements several months before the due date, as the Church asks that children be baptized within a few weeks after birth. Parents should contact the Parish Office to meet with a priest.

### Baptism of Older Children & RCIA

To become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact the Parish Office.

### Marriage Preparation

Couples anticipating Christian Marriage need to contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date they desire. After a pre-nuptial interview with a priest, a specific date will be set. Marriage preparation classes are required.

## Ministries

Prayer Line.....Shirley (651) 488-6330  
or Judy (651) 224-2966



### Liturgy

Parishioners are encouraged to offer to be readers and altar servers at Mass.

Music Office ..... Sid Smaka (651) 488-6733

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation..... David Neira (651) 488-6733

In order to accommodate some changes that we have noticed during this year, faith formation class times will be adjusted to ensure that each non-atrium class has one full hour. Additionally, each atrium class will now have a full hour and a half. Below are the times for each grade:

- 4-year olds through Kindergarten (Atrium 1) will meet from 10:15 to 11:45 am.
- 1st through 3rd students (Atrium II) 12:15 pm-1:45 pm.
- 4th through 8th grades will be from 12:15-1:15 pm.
- Confirmation classes and RCIA will continue with their own respective schedules.

This change will take effect on Sunday, November 8th and will remain until the completion of the school year.

## From Father Ivan's Desk Cont from Page 2

The funeral for Father Pro was huge, with people openly praying the rosary and shouting "Viva Cristo Rey!" as the procession passed through the streets, at a time when any form of public manifestation of the faith was absolutely forbidden in Mexico.

In his beatification homily in 1988, Pope (now St.) John Paul II said of Blessed Miguel Pro, "Neither suffering nor serious illness, neither the exhausting ministerial activity, frequently carried out in difficult and dangerous circumstances, could stifle the radiating and contagious joy which he brought to his life for Christ and which nothing could take away. Indeed, the deepest root of self-sacrificing surrender for the lowly was his passionate love for Jesus Christ and his ardent desire to be conformed to Him, even unto death."

Yet Fr. Miguel Pro was not the only person to demonstrate such fearless faith. A movie released three years ago, "For Greater Glory," recounts the struggle of several Christians (called Cristeros) who stood up to the tyranny that sought to undermine the Catholic Church. Particularly fascinating is the witness of St. José Sanchez del Rio, who, at the age of 14 walked towards his grave and instead of denying the Faith, screamed "Viva Cristo Rey" after having the soles of his feet sliced off. The blood of these martyrs, both laity and clergy, continues to beautify the Church and calls many others to follow their lead.

Fr. Ivan Sant

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PS. Please make sure to join us on Thursday as we give thanks to God for the gifts that we all have received, especially the gift of faith. We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am.



**Q** The liturgical year ends with the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What is the significance of this feast?

**A** Kings and kingdoms are not part of the American cultural or political experience. Human beings in general—and Americans in particular—tend to resist and oppose any institution that does not allow people to play an active part in the decision-making process. Yet with this last Sunday in ordinary time, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The feast was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter atheism and secularism. Pius wanted to communicate the belief that Jesus is lord of all, the king of creation. The biblical reality, however, is that Jesus is not a king like the kings of this world. These kings "lord" it over their people exercising power, at times without restraint. Jesus is lord indeed; yet he came to serve, not to be served, and to give his life for the sake of all. A monarchical reign is not a characteristic of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed is one in which all people are treated with dignity, and valued for who and what they are. It is a kingdom that actively cares for the poor, the homeless, the alienated, and the oppressed, as it mobilizes to establish justice and a right relationship with all. This is what every institution that models itself on Jesus the king has to be about. As we celebrate this feast, let us pray that all institutions, especially the church, model themselves on Jesus' servant leadership.

## Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis



Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an *extraordinary Jubilee* that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)"

This Holy Year will begin on this coming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2015 and will end on November 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – and living face of the Father's mercy. I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization, that [the dicastery] might animate it as a new stage in the journey of the Church on its mission to bring to every person the Gospel of mercy.

I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this Jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time. From this moment, we entrust this Holy Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey.

Also, during last Wednesday Audience Pope Francis said:

"If the door of God's mercy is always open, even so must be the doors of our churches, the love of our communities, our parishes, our institutions, our dioceses, for when they are, we can all go out to bring this mercy of God [to those who most need it]. The Jubilee Year recalls the great door of God's mercy, but also the small doors of our churches – open to let the Lord in – or to let the Lord out, who is often the prisoner of our structures, our selfishness, and of so many things."

St. Bernard's  
2015



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## Parish & Community Events



Father Ivan, Father Joseph and the entire St. Bernard's staff wish you and your families a blessed and fruitful Thanksgiving.



HOLIDAY  
OFFICE  
HOURS

Please Note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday and so that our staff can enjoy the holiday with their families.

### It's the Season



Getting the flu just isn't any fun. So here is an opportunity to help you stay healthy. On Sunday, Dec. 6 from 12:00-2:00 pm in the Parish Center, the flu shots will be administered, FREE of charge.

### Last chance to submit your feedback regarding our next archbishop

Thank you to all who attended one of the 10 listening sessions lead by Archbishop Hebda. Feedback gathered during these sessions will be shared with those responsible for advising Pope Francis as he makes this important choice and with the new Archbishop whenever he is named. Summaries will be published in The Catholic Spirit. If you were unable to attend a listening session, input may be provided online at [www.archspm.org/archbishoplistens](http://www.archspm.org/archbishoplistens).