Church of Saint Bernard

1160 WOODBRIDGE STREET • SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55117

One block west of Rice Street on Geranium Avenue

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

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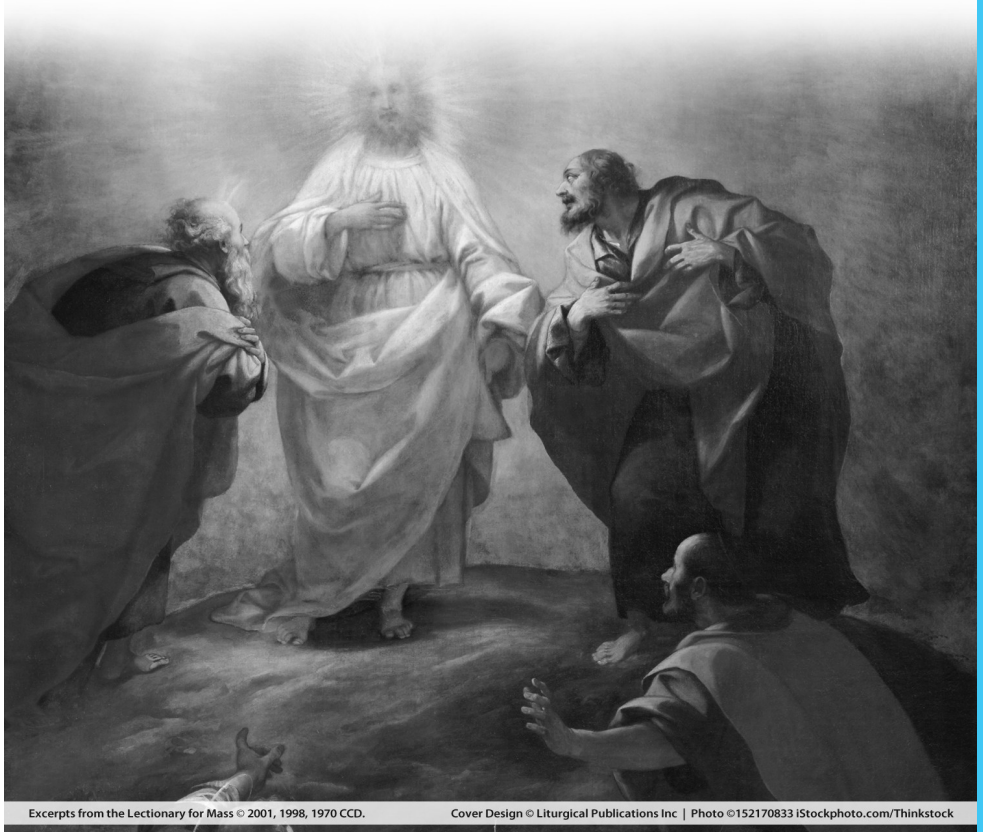
While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35



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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.

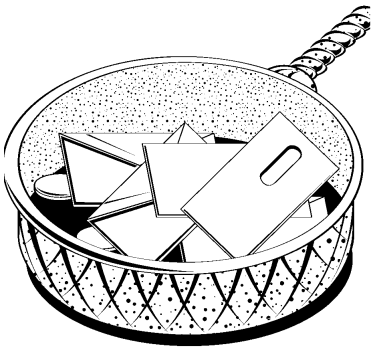
Confessions

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday • Feb 20
4:00 pm † Tim Sager

Sunday • Feb 21
8:00 am † Randy Nelson
10:30 am St. Bernard's Parish

Monday • Feb 22
8:30 am Joy Zemke

Tuesday • Feb 23
8:30 am † Steve D. Stremski

• Feb 24
8:30 am † Emmett Ryan

Thursday • Feb 25
8:30 am † Lucy Young

Friday • Feb 26
8:30 am † Manuel Perez Victoria

Saturday • Feb 27
8:30 am † John Raish
4:00 pm † Arthur J. Komarek, Sr.

Sunday • Feb 28
8:00 am † Boisen/Blatzheim Families
10:30 am St. Bernard's Parish

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17--4:1
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
1st Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

From Fr. Ivan's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past days, many have had the opportunity to watch some of the moving scenes of the Holy Father's Apostolic Journey to Mexico. If Pope Francis, Christ's Vicar on earth, can manifest such love and compassion for the multitudes, how much more does Christ Himself seek eagerly to draw us to the Love of the Father? In the 2016 Message for Lent, Pope Francis presents this love in spousal terms:

As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the Shema, which today too is the heart of God's covenant with Israel: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Dt 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic kerygma, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead" (Evangelii Gaudium, 36), that first proclamation which "we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment" (ibid., 164). Mercy "expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe" (Misericordiae Vultus, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

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Parish & Community Events

Lenten breakfast & film event concludes

A reminder that we are viewing the Franco Zeffirelli mini-series "Jesus of Nazareth" on Saturday mornings. The third and final part of the film will be shown on Saturday Feb. 27, following the 8:30 am Mass.

A free breakfast will be served prior to the start of the film. Please join us!

Help Support Catholic Education

Catholic United Financial holds an annual raffle to support Catholic schools. 100% of all raffle ticket money goes to the Catholic school selling the ticket. Students and their families from St. Mark School in St. Paul will be selling these raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend, February 20-21. Tickets are $5.00 each. Prizes include a 2016 Jeep Compass or $20,000 in cash, a $5,000 dream vacation, Mall of America Family Getaway, sports game day tickets, camping gear packages, iPad pros, $100 Visa gift cards. $40,000 worth of prizes will be given away. Please support this effort by purchasing a raffle

Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Every Thursday

Holy Hour with Benediction 6:00-7:00 pm

Every Friday (Days of Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross (Eng) 5:00 pm
(Karenni) 5:30 pm

The Karenni kids had a great time enjoying our Minnesota winter during their snow tubing event.

==From the Parish Administrator's Office==

I wasn't ready with an update last week so there wasn't a column. Parishioners have donated a total of $1,540 for rectory furnishings to date. This was spent on a sofa, 2 recliners and a dresser. There are still some rugs that need to be purchased especially a large one for the dining room. We will gratefully accept donations towards rugs or to help cover the cost of 'mudding' the ceiling of the rectory chapel space. We are still deciding what type of shades to install in the dining room.

Fr. Ivan had St. Patrick's Guild come to the rectory so that they could come up with some design ideas for the chapel space. They incorporated some marble from the old communion rail in their design. Now Fr. Ivan is reviewing their suggestions and waiting for some price quotes. We are not sure when this space will actually be completed but will keep you updated.

The plan is to have an open house at the rectory in May. The date is still to be decided. Be looking for more information to come regarding the open house.

Another change is coming to the parish work. We have been outsourcing our accounting work for the past 5 years but are now bringing it back to our office in an effort to save some money. We have the proper staff to be able to do this. Also, Jim Rice, one of our new finance committee members has made a commitment to prepare monthly financial reports for the finance committee. I will be assisting him in gathering whatever information he needs.

Since Fr. Ivan has become the parochial administrator, 3 new members have joined the finance committee—Jim Rice, Peter Seghieri and Terry Palmer. They join Tim Struntz, Mike Perfect, Kathy Pojar and John Stafford. This group has formed some subcommittees to look at internal controls, projections/budgeting, and the bell tower renovation. I will share their recommendations as they become available.

35 of our Karenni youth braved the COLD weather last Friday and went snow tubing. You will see some pictures in the bulletin this week. Next week there will be a few pictures from the Seniors Valentine's Day Luncheon held at the parish center. Fun was had by all!

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

Faith Formation

Last Sunday, several parishioners and I went to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election, a public ritual done during the Mass in front of the Bishop which confirms that the Lord is calling an individual to the gift of Baptism. With us were the adult catechumens and some of their family members. After meeting in the RCIA room and writing their names in the parish's book of the elect, the 16 of us drove to the Cathedral for Mass, with Archbishop Hebda as the celebrant. It was truly a special moment when we all walked down the main aisle together and up into the sanctuary to be presented to the bishop, as a sign of the Catechumens being welcomed into the Family of God.

As I reflected on last weekend, I am touched by what an immense gift the sacrament of Baptism is and how truly blessed we all are to be called by the Lord into salvation. He meets us in so many ways, especially through the gift of saving grace and love in the sacraments. This really "clicked" for me during the Rite of Election when I congratulated the Karenni catechumen in front of me, after he was presented to the bishop. He responded quietly, gently, but passionately, "I am so happy today!" He was happy because of his call to be baptized and the tone of his joyful voice, moved me deeply.

"…Restore to me the joy of your salvation.." Psalm 51:12

Our RCIA catechumens this year are mostly Karenni parishioners, with one Karen parishioner included. For most of them, it was their first time ever visiting the Cathedral and from what they expressed, it was a very special day for them. This day would not have been possible without the help of Karenni liaison, Julia Marksue and the help of many other volunteers. Thank you!

Please, continue to pray for our catechumens as we continue to journey towards the Easter Vigil. We will be organizing a retreat for them at St. Mary's Retreat Center in New Trier, Minnesota on Palm Sunday weekend. We hope that this retreat will be a good time of preparation for the gift of grace which will be given at the Easter Vigil.

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The Lord is indeed seeking to soften our hardened hearts. I think that the hectic pace of the lives of so many of us contributes in no small way to our tepidity and our putting the things of heaven and the salvation of our soul on the back-burner. Lest we find ourselves at the end of our lives discovering that all our activity had little or no value, we need to make the time, like Christ, to listen to the promptings of the Spirit and love the Lord above all things.

In these weeks of Lent we all have the opportunity every Thursday from 6-7pm to "come rest awhile" (Mk 6:31) in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hour Adoration.

God Bless and have a good Sunday.

Fr. Ivan Sant
FrIvanSant@churchofstbernard-stp.org

Annual St. Bernard's Volleyball Tournament

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Annual St. Bernard's volleyball tournament will begin on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 am-9:00 pm. in the small gym.

Facts you need to know:

1. This tournament is open to ALL ages.
2. $50 **(per team)** registration fee is due at time of registration.
3. 6-8 players on a team.
4. Final date to register is 3/26/16.
5. Find registration forms in back of church or at the parish office (1160 Woodbridge St. St. Paul, 55117).
6. Return completed forms to the parish office, along with $50.00 payable to the Church of St. Bernard OR place check in envelope marked "Volleyball" and drop in Sunday collection plate.
7. 1st. Prize: $300 2nd Prize: $200

Any questions, please call the office at 651-488-6733 or Shaw Reh at 651-587-1201.

Come and have fun!

SNOW PLOWING

We do not mind if parishioners and neighbors park in our Geranium/Woodbridge parking lot when there is snowfall and city plowing. However, our lot needs to be empty of cars when our snow removal company comes to plow the lot. We have an obligation to our tenant and to our parishioners to keep the lot plowed properly. We will start chaining the entrances to the lot when we have snowfall. Once the lot has been plowed it will be unchained and accessible. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Around the Archdiocese

2016 Archdiocesan Men's Conference Bulletin

I invite all the men from our parish to join me at the upcoming Men's Conference where Bishop Cozzens will begin a new Archdiocesan initiative we call "The Catholic Watchmen" - Calling men to be protectors, providers and leaders of their family and parish. The conference includes: Mass, breakfast, dynamic speakers, and will be held on Saturday, February 27th from 8am- 12:30pm in the Anderson Fieldhouse at the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul. The doors open at 7 a.m. for adoration and confession. The cost is $20 per adult; $10 per student (up to high school senior). Find more details, including ways to register, at www.archspm.org/Events. For questions or more information contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291- 4411

Fr. Ivan

LENTEN ENTRANCE

Hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy Inwood/ Costa

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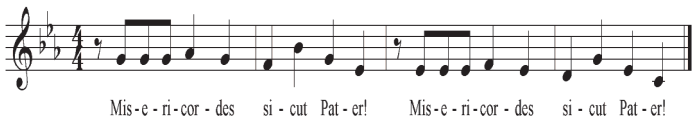
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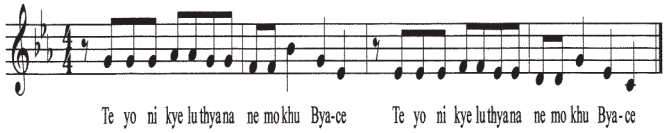
Rest in Peace

Please remember in prayer Lawrence Trojanowski and his family. Lawrence was buried from St. Bernard's this weekend. Our deepest sympathy to the Trojanowski family. May he rest in peace.!