

CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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One block west of Rice Street on Geranium Avenue

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 31, 2016**



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THEN HE SAID TO THE CROWD, "TAKE CARE TO GUARD
AGAINST ALL GREED, FOR THOUGH ONE MAY BE RICH, ONE'S
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF POSSESSIONS." - LK 12:15

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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.

A WORD FROM FR. IVAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since I am away I am replacing my article with Pope Francis' Wednesday June 30th Catechesis that speaks on the Works of Mercy (cfr *Mt 25:31-46*).

Wishing all of you a Blessed Sunday.

Fr. Ivan Sant

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

How many times, during these first months of the Jubilee, have we heard about the *works of mercy*! Today the Lord invites us to make a serious examination of conscience. Indeed, it is good to never forget that mercy is not an abstract word, but it is a way of life: a person can either be merciful or unmerciful; it is a lifestyle. I choose to live in a way that is merciful or I choose to live in a way that is unmerciful. It is one thing to *speak* of mercy, and it is another to *live* mercy. Paraphrasing the words of St James the Apostle (cf. 2:14-17), we could say: *mercy without works is dead within itself* . That's it! What makes mercy come alive is its constant dynamism in order to go and meet those in need and the necessities of those in spiritual and material hardship. Mercy has eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to lift up again....

Daily life allows us to touch, with our hands, many demands that concern the poorest and most tested of people. We are asked for that particular attention that leads us to *notice* the state of suffering and need in which so many brothers and sisters find themselves. Sometimes we pass by situations of dramatic poverty and it seems that they do not touch us; everything continues as if it were nothing, into an indifference that eventually creates hypocrites and, without our realizing it, leads to a form of spiritual lethargy that numbs the soul and renders life barren. People who pass by, who move on in life without noticing the needs of others, without seeing many spiritual and material needs, are people who pass by without living, they are people who do not need others. Remember well: those who do not live to serve, do not serve to live.

There are so many aspects of God's mercy toward us! In the same way, there are so many faces turned to us in order to obtain mercy. Those who have experienced in their own lives the Father's mercy cannot remain indifferent before the needs of their brothers. The lesson of Jesus that we have heard does not allow escape routes: I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was naked, displaced, sick, in prison and you assisted me (Mt 25:35-36). You cannot stonewall a person who is hungry: he must be fed. Jesus tells us this! The works of mercy are not theoretical ideas, but concrete testimonies. They oblige us to roll up our sleeves to alleviate suffering.

Due to changes in our globalized world, certain material and spiritual forms of poverty have multiplied: let us give space, therefore, to the imaginings of charity so as to find new ways of working. In this way, the way of mercy will become more and more concrete. It is necessary therefore, that we remain as vigilant as watchmen, so that, when facing the poverty produced by the culture of wellbeing, the Christian gaze does not weaken and become incapable of focusing on what is essential. Focus on the essentials. What does this mean? To focus on Jesus, to see Jesus in the hungry, in prisoners, in the sick, the naked, in those who don't have work and need to lead their family forward. To see Jesus in these people, our brothers and sisters; to see Jesus in those who are lonely, sad, in those who have made mistakes and need counsel, in those who need to walk with Him in silence so that they feel accompanied. These are the works that Jesus asks of us! To see Jesus in them, in these people. Why? Because this is the way Jesus sees me, sees all of us.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • July 30
 8:30 am † Pilar Avis Betoret
 4:00 pm † Margaret & Monica Mike

Sunday • July 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am † Darlene Blatzheim
 10:30 am St. Bernard's Parish

Monday • August 1
 8:30 am † Victoria Zuniga

Tuesday • August 2
 8:30 am † George Petersen

Wednesday • August 3
 8:30 am † Marie Gangl

Thursday • August 4
 8:30 am † Tom Klein

Friday • August 5
 8:30 am † Harold Belka

Saturday • August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:30 am Jose Marcia Rodrigo
 4:00 pm † Peter Singer

Sunday • August 7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am † John Albert
 10:30 am St. Bernard Parish



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.

Faith Formation

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



Mass Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday: Eccl 1:2,2;21-23; Col 3:1-5,2:9-11;
 Lk 12: 13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1:17 ;Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 :Mt 14:22-36 or
 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday: Jer: 31:1-7 ; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1,3;3:1-3;6-7 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2P 1:16-19 Lk 9: 28b-36

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Yvonne Spence James Ulrich
 Lorraine Eheim
 Marie Abfalter
 Devra Shepherd
 Dorothy Buchal
 Bob Rauon
 Lucille Biron
 Helen Reinhardt



Thanks For your Donations

Parish News & Events

Today is Rice Street Parade
starting at 1 p.m.



The Festivities Committee is organizing a group of walkers to hold a “St. Bernard’s Church” banner, toss out candy (which will be provided), and to wave and smile to all of the friendly faces on Rice Street. Our Boy Scouts will be walking in the unit, too. If you can walk with us, please come to the Rice Street side of the Parish Center parking lot near the Men’s Club’s food tent by 12 noon (look for our parade banner.) We will walk down to Nebraska Ave. and Rice Street (near Washington Technology Magnet) to check in with parade officials and learn where we are in the parade line-up. If you aren’t able to walk with us, please hoot & holler and wave to us as we pass by where you are sitting – we love seeing faces we know (and may just hand-deliver some candy to you!) The parade runs south on Rice Street this year, starting at Nebraska/Arlington and ending at Atwater.

Men’s Club Food Stand

If you’re watching the Rice Street Parade today, don’t forget to stop by the Men’s Club Food Stand next to the parish center for freshly grilled brats or hot dogs and a cold pop or water.



Marriage Banns

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FAITH FORMATION

First Day of Class: Sunday, September 18th

Registration Days: Weekends of Aug 6 & 7 and Aug 13 & 14 (after each Mass in the back of the Church or in the Parish Center after the 10:30am Mass).

FESTIVITIES UPDATES:

Sweepstakes—By now, you should have received your fall sweepstakes tickets in the mail. If you have not received them or would like more, please contact the parish office at 651-488-6733. The grand prize is \$1,000, 1st prize is \$250, 2nd and 3rd prizes are \$100 and last chance prize is \$1. The drawing will take place Sunday, August 21 after the 10:30 Mass in the parish center during Friendship Sunday. Entries can be dropped off at the parish office or they can be put in an envelope marked ‘Sweepstakes’ and placed in the weekend collection. Suggested donation is \$1 per entry but no purchase is necessary to win. Good luck!



Parish Picnic—The Festivities Committee is finalizing picnic details. The picnic will be Sunday, September 11 at one of the Como Park pavilions (corner of Midway Parkway and Como Avenue). The picnic will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 AM followed by picnic themed food and beverages. It is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new parishioners. A flyer with more details will be in the bulletin and on the parish website in coming weeks. Stay tuned! If you are unable to drive but would like to attend the picnic, please contact the parish office at 651-488-6733.

Pennies for the Park Collection—The Festivities Committee will be collecting ‘pennies for the park’ at the church doors after all Masses during the month of August. If you have any loose change, please consider making a donation! All donations will be used to help offset the cost of the picnic. We appreciate your support!



Around the Archdiocese

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage?

A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct 7-9, 2016 in Buffalo, MN and Nov 18-20, 2016 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Ramsey County Attorney is dismissing the criminal case against the Archdiocese

In June 2015, the Ramsey County Attorney's Office brought civil and criminal charges against the Archdiocese alleging a failure to protect children in the handling of a former priest, Curtis Wehmeyer. In December 2015, the Archdiocese settled the civil claims and entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney. The criminal case remained pending.

The Archdiocese appeared in Court on July 20 to report on its progress implementing its child-protection protocols under the civil Settlement Agreement. The report was accepted by the Judge and the Ramsey County Attorney. The civil case will remain active until February 2020 and the Archdiocese will file periodic progress reports with the Court until then.

You may have also read or heard that the Ramsey County Attorney's Office dropped the criminal charges against the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. That concludes the criminal proceedings. The Archdiocese will continue to work with the Ramsey County Attorney to implement the Settlement Agreement as part of its ongoing commitment to protect children.

Please continue to pray for healing and peace for all of those who have been abused, pray for priests, and pray for the Church – that it is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Pictures from the World Youth Day Pilgrimage

The pilgrims have arrived in Munich! Below is the whole group as well as Fr. Ivan and Joe Thompson in the Cathedral in Munich. Keep them in prayer as they make their way to Krakow, Poland for the world wide gathering of youth. Go to the official World Youth Day website for more information...www.worldyouthday.com/krakow-2016.

