

CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

1160 WOODBRIDGE STREET • SAINT PAUL, MN 55117
One block west of Rice Street on Geranium Avenue

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2016**



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. —Mt 3:5-6

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

Facebook Page: Parish Life at
St. Bernard's Catholic Church, St. Paul, MN

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,

Today I want to write about how you can see your life as always joyful and positive.



It is beautiful to see a joyful young person with shining face that attracts others want to be with them. However, the truth is we all experience various difficult situations in life such as family, school, work, and relationship problems and sometimes we feel down. How can we stay joyful and positive in the midst of all our realities? Here are some thoughts I came with that I hope will help all who read them.

- Be grateful for all you have: life, family, friends etc. We all have dreams but meanwhile be content with what you have and not for what you wish.
- Believe every moment of life is perfect for you. Even when terrible things happen or when we receive bad news, do not let yourself be carried by them.
- Have a sense of humor and learn to laugh. Laugh is a positive energy for oneself and for the others around. Not everything is serious and terrible.
- Take opportunities that come up to you and do not stay indifferent or seated like a couch potato on the sofa. Wake up and try new experiences that bring adventure and new experience to your life.
- Joy in life is part of us. It does not come from outside of us but from within where the Holy Spirit inspires us with the decisions we make.
- Change the word problem to challenge. Problems are meant to be fixed but challenges are meant to be overcome.
- Live life, do not fight it. Our life is a journey full of adventures. This journey starts with small steps, day by day. Taking it this way, the journey is easier and more beautiful.
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I hope these thoughts help you with your daily life.

On another point I am very grateful to everyone who has participated in the capital campaign, Moving Forward in Faith, and encourage you to still be part of it if you haven't done so yet.

God bless you and your family,

Fr. Ivan Sant

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Mass Intentions

Saturday December 3 Mem of St. Francis Xavier
 8:30am † Jean Baptiste Ninh Tran
 4:00pm † Deceased Ushers

Sunday December 4 Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00am
 10:30am Our Parish Members

Monday December 5
 8:30 am Our Volunteers

Tuesday December 6
 8:30 am Our Parish Members

Wednesday December 7 St. Ambrose
 8:30 am Our Priests

Thursday December 8 Immaculate Conception
 8:30 am The all the Homebound
 6:00 pm Our Office Staff

Friday December 9
 8:30 am Adults & Children attending RCIA

Saturday December 10
 8:30am † George Gardner
 4:00pm † Carrie Hafner

Sunday December 11 Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00am † John Albert Family
 10:30am Our Parish Members

Mass Readings for the Second Week of Advent

Sunday : Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:1-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Ep 1:3-6,,11-12/
 Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9A,10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6A,10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

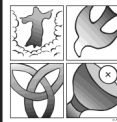


Please pray for the sick and homebound

Yvonne Spence	Rosie Lynch
James Ulrich	Lloyd Anderson
Carl Long	Jan Bunde
Lorraine Eheim	John Stafford
Devra Shepherd	
Dorothy Buchal	
Bob Rauon	
Lucille Biron	



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 David Neira at 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..... Fr. Ivan (651) 488-6733



Parish News & Events

Advent Communal Penance Celebration

In order to prepare for the coming of the Lord during this advent season, we will have 4 priests hearing confessions on **December 11 at 4:00 PM.**

All are invited to come !



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On December 8th, we will be commemorating the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all are encouraged to attend Mass at 8:30 AM or 6:00 PM.



Advent Holy Hour

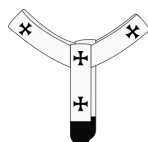
In preparation for Christmas, we will be having a **Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursdays, **December 1, 15, and 22.** The Holy Hour will start at **6:00 PM.**

All are invited to come and pray.

Pallium Mass for Archbishop Hebda

All people of the Archdiocese are invited to the Pallium Mass for Archbishop Hebda. The Apostolic Nuncio will confer the Pallium – which was blessed at Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29 – on Archbishop Hebda at the special Mass.

Date(s): Sunday, December 18
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul



Bake Sale

The Festivities Committee of St. Bernard's will be hosting the annual Christmas Bake Sale in the back of the church after the weekend Masses of **December 10th and 11th.** Please consider donating to the bake sale as you plan your Christmas baking.



Youth Meeting

The members of the Neocatechumenal Way communities will be hosting a meeting for the youth on **Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 PM** in the parish center and church.

In this event, the youth of our parish will have the opportunity to spend time with the scriptures, have a time of Eucharistic adoration, and pray vespers together. This will be followed by dinner and social.

Mary Study—Make up Missed Lessons

For anyone that missed the Mary Bible Study, or if anyone attending the study missed specific days, all 8 sessions will be shown back-to-back at the parish center on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 am to 2 pm. A light, free lunch will be provided. Come for the specific lesson you missed or come for all 4 hours if you want to view the whole series. Each lesson is about 25 minutes long. If you are unable to come on Dec. 10 but would like to view a missed lesson, please call Elizabeth Doherty at 317-9488.

Parish Center will open by 9:30 am on Dec. 10

- 10:00 Introduction
- 10:30 Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
- 11:00 Visitation (Luke 1:39-56)
- 11:30 Nativity (Luke 2:1-20)
- 12:00 Presentation & Finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:21-52)
- 12:30 Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- 1:00 Mary at the Cross (John 19:25-30)
- 1:30 Mary Crowned with Glory (Rev 12)

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection—Dec 10-11

Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE—NOVEMBER 20

Please pray for our catechumens as they continue their preparation to enter the Church. The 4 children are not identified in the picture. Back row (left to right): Mee Reh, Pu Reh, David Neira (RCIA director), Tu Meh, Jaw Meh, Daw Meh; Middle Row (left to right): Kar Meh, Soe Reh, Beh Meh, Nga Meh, Law Meh, Hsawh Meh, Kar Meh; Front row (left to right): Boe Meh and Ta Meh. Not pictured: Baw Meh

Winter Clothing Collection

Many of our Karenni and Karen teenagers and young adults are in need of warm winter clothing. There will be a container in the vestibule of the church over the next 3 weeks to collect the items listed below. You may also bring items to the parish office during office hours (M–F 8:30am —3 pm).

Please bring the following new or gently used clean items:

- Winter jackets— small or medium
- Women's boots—size 5 or 6
- Men's boots—size 7 or 8
- Warm socks, hats, mittens, gloves
- Warm sweaters

Thanks so much for your generosity!

