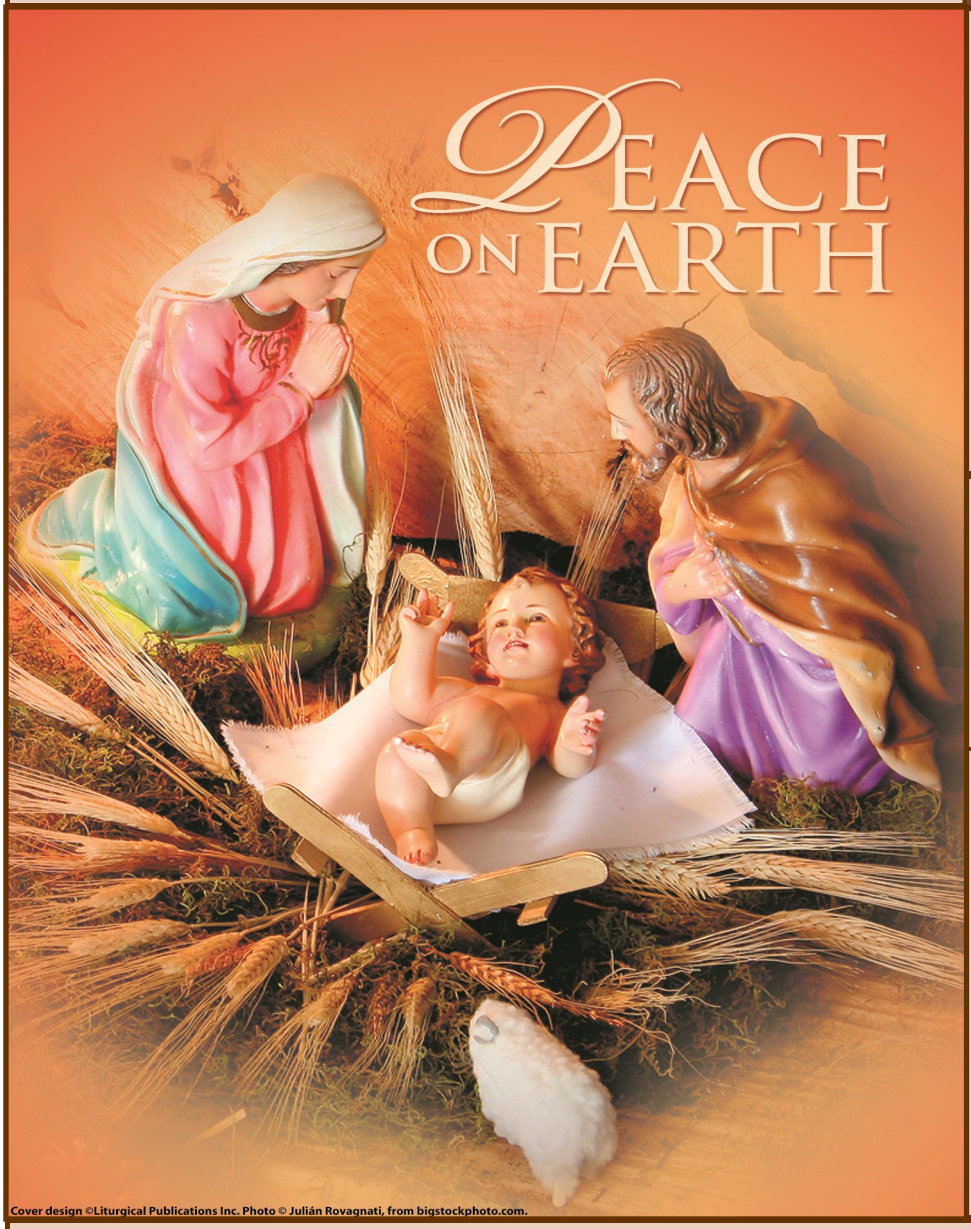
Church of Saint Bernard

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

Christmas Day
December 25, 2016



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Parish Office

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Website: www.stbernardstpaul.org
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,

From the words of Pope Francis:

Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, is born for us, born in Bethlehem of a Virgin, fulfilling the ancient prophecies. 'The Virgin's name is Mary, the wife of Joseph.'

Humble people, full of hope in the goodness of God, are those who welcome Jesus and recognize him. And so the Holy Spirit enlightened the shepherds of Bethlehem, who hastened to the grotto and adored the Child. Then the Spirit led the elderly and humble couple Simeon and Anna into the temple of Jerusalem, and they recognized in Jesus the Messiah. "My eyes have seen your salvation", Simeon exclaimed, "the salvation prepared by God in the sight of all peoples" (*Lk* 2:30).

Yes, brothers and sisters, Jesus is the salvation for every person and for every people!

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May his redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: "Our eyes have seen your salvation".

With these thoughts I wish you all a Happy Christmas!

Fr. Ivan Sant
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Mass Intentions

Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve
8:30am † Rose Bearth
4:00pm † Sister Agnes Paul
10:00pm Our Parish Members

Sunday December 25 Christmas
8:00am † Jerry Gladieux
10:30am † Our Parish Members

Monday December 26 St. Stephen, first Martyr
8:30 am † Caroline & Michael Klein

Tuesday December 27 St. John, apostle & Evangelist
8:30 am John Klein

Wednesday December 28 Holy Innocents
8:30 am John Klein

Thursday December 29 St. Thomas Becket
8:30 am John Klein

Friday December 30 Holy Family
8:30 am † Lenard Dionne

Saturday December 31 New Year's Eve
8:30am †
4:00pm † Jean Tschida

Sunday January 1 New Year's Day
8:00am †
10:30am † Our Parish Members

Mass Readings for the Week of Dec 25 thru Jan 1

Sunday : Is 52:7-10/Heb11:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Monday: Acts 6:8-10, 7-54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Mt 2:13-15
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Yvonne Spence
James Ulrich
Carl Long
Lorraine Eheim
Devra Shepherd
Bob Rauen
Lucille Biron
Helen Reinhardt
Rosie Lynch
Lloyd Anderson
Jan Bunde
John Stafford

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.

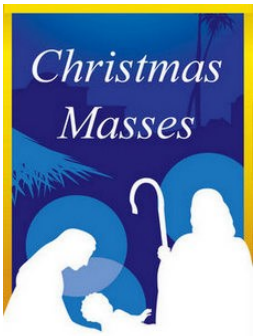
Faith Formation

Faith Formation…….. Fr. Ivan (651) 488-6733

Thanks for your Donations!

Parish News & Events

Christmas Holidays Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve
Saturday Dec 24th
Morning Mass at 8:30am
Vigil Mass at 4pm
Midnight Mass at 10pm

Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25th
8am & 10:30am

New Year's Eve Saturday Dec 31st
Morning Mass 8:30am
Vigil Mass at 4pm

Christmas Season Office Hours

Parish office hours will change as noted:

Monday, December 26: Office closed

Friday, December 30: Open 8:30—noon

Monday, January 2: Office closed

Year End Giving

Christmas Envelopes

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. The envelope package includes 2 envelopes for December 25. We hope that you will maintain your regular weekly support along with offering a special Christmas contribution to the parish.

Year End Contribution Information

Parishioners are reminded that all donations must be received in the parish office or postmarked by Saturday, December 31, to be included as a 2016 contribution. All proceeds from the 4 pm Mass on December 31 will be recorded as received in 2016. All proceeds from the 8 and 10:30 am Masses on January 1 will be recorded as received in 2017. No exceptions can be made.

Christmas Flowers

We are still accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. All donations received by Monday, December 19 will be included in a listing for the bulletin for Christmas weekend.

The Three Kings are coming to St. Bernard

On Sunday, January 1st right after the 10:30am Mass we will have a short presentation of the three Kings in the Church.

All the Children will be invited to come up in the sanctuary area of the Church to meet the Kings and have the opportunity to ask them questions. Their participation is important.

Parking Lot Plowing

Our parish parking lot needs to be clear of cars after a snow storm so that the plowing company can get it plowed. The lot will be cabled off until it is plowed. Cars may be towed at the owner's expense if left in the lot when it needs to be plowed. Thanks for your cooperation.

Children's Christmas Play

Merry Christmas to all

May the Joy and Peace reside in your heart all through the year

from
Fr. Ivan Sant