

CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19TH, 2017



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“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” —Mt 5:43-45a

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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.

Mass in Karenni 2nd & 4th Saturday at 5:30pm

Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Sunday at 3pm

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,



Last Tuesday we celebrated St. Valentine's Day. I was following the news of Pope Francis and I found out that on that day he gathered together some 20,000 youth engaged to be married. One of the questions that the youth asked him was about the fear to enter into a relationship to be faithful for ever. There is a 'fear of forever.' I thought this is a very important and valid question for our young people today. Bring this answer which I quote to your children or grandchildren to read.

It's important to ask yourselves if it's possible to love one another "forever." This is a question that must be asked: is it possible to love each other "forever"? Today so many people are afraid of making definitive choices. A boy said to his Bishop: "I want to become a priest, but only for ten years." He was afraid of a definitive choice. But it is a general fear, proper of our culture. To make choices for life seems impossible. Today everything changes rapidly; nothing lasts long ... And this mentality leads so many who are preparing for marriage to say: "we are together while love lasts," and then? Greetings and good-bye ... And so marriage ends.

But what do we understand by "love"? Is it only a feeling, a psycho-physical state? Of course if it's this, one cannot build on something solid. But if, instead, love is a *relationship*, then it's a reality that grows, and we can also say, by way of example, that it is built as a house. And the house is built together, not by one alone! Here to build means to foster and help growth. Dear fiancés, you are preparing yourselves to grow together, to build this house, to live together forever. You don't want to build it on the sand of sentiments that come and go, but on the rock of true love, the love that comes from God. The family is born from this project of love that wishes to grow, as a house is built that is a place of affection, of help, of hope, of support. As the love of God is stable and forever, so we also want the love that founds the family to be stable and forever. Please, we must not let ourselves be conquered by the "culture of the provisional"! This culture that invades everyone today, this culture of the provisional, is not the way!

So, how is this fear of "forever" cured? It's cured day by day by entrusting oneself to the Lord Jesus in a life that becomes a daily spiritual journey, made up of steps – small steps, steps of joint growth – made up of the commitment to become mature women and men in the faith. Because, dear fiancés, "forever" is not solely a question of duration! A marriage hasn't succeeded just because it has lasted – its quality is important. The challenge of Christian spouses is to be together and to be able to love each other forever. There comes to mind the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves: for you also, the Lord can multiply love and give it to you fresh and good every day. He has an infinite supply! He gives you the love that is the foundation of your union and He renews it every day, He reinforces it. And He renders it even greater when the family grows with children. On this journey, prayer is important and necessary always. He for you and you for him and all and the two together. Ask Jesus to multiply your love. In the prayer of the Our Father we say: "Give us this day our daily bread." Spouses can also learn to pray thus: "Lord, give us today our daily love," because the daily love of spouses is the bread, the true bread of the soul, that which sustains them to go forward. This is the prayer of fiancés and spouses. Teach us to love one another, to will the good for each other! The more you entrust yourselves to Him the more your love will be "forever," capable of being renewed and it will overcome every difficulty. This is what I thought I wished to say to you, in response to your question. Thank you!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday!

Fr. Ivan Sant

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Mass Intentions

Saturday February 18

8:30am †
4:00pm † John Voyda

Sunday February 19 7th Sunday Ordinary time

8:00am † Tim Sager
10:30am Our Parish Members

Monday February 20

8:30 am † Frank Fannon

Tuesday February 21 Saint Peter Damien

8:30 am Cleopatra Le

Wednesday February 22 Feast of The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 am Cleopatra Le

Thursday February 23 Mem. Of St. Polycarp

8:30 am † Lorenzo Hernandez

Friday February 24

8:30 am †

Saturday February 25

8:30am †
4:00pm Frank Yarusso

Sunday February 26 8th Sunday Ordinary time

8:00am † Patricia Pfluger
10:30am † Eric Richard Mlambe
3:00pm (Sp) Our Parish Members

Mass Readings for the Week of Feb 18-25:

Sunday : Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

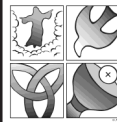


Please pray for the sick and homebound

Yvonne Spence	Rosie Lynch
James Ulrich	Lloyd Anderson
Carl Long	Jan Bunde
Lorraine Eheim	John Stafford
Devra Shepherd	Dolores Burg
Bob Rauhen	Mary Lou Friedl
George Kramlinger	
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



Thanks for your Donations!

Parish News & Events

Bible Study

The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters

The sign up sheet is still in the vestibule of the church if you would like to sign up or you may call Elizabeth Doherty at 651-317-9488. The bible study will take place in the parish center Sundays from 9:15-10:15 and Thursdays from 7-8 pm. Starts today, Sunday Feb. 19.

Sundays - 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/19, 3/26 & 4/2

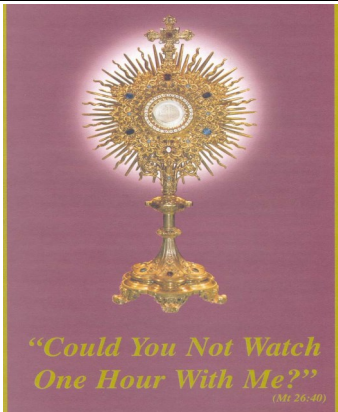
Thursdays - 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30 & 4/6

CSAF Results

Here are the results through Week 2:

- Goal \$18,957
- # Gifts 12
- Total given \$ 990
- % of Goal 5.2%

Please make your gift today to support the works of the Archdiocese noted in the next column.



Lenten Holy Hour

Every
Thursday at 6pm

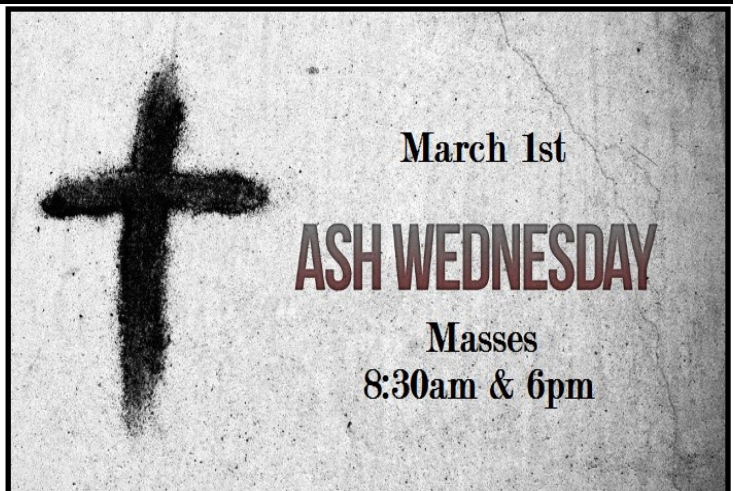
Starting on
March 2nd

Help the Our Youth for their Pilgrimage to Denver

Next weekend masses the youth from the 3rd Neocatechumenal Community of our parish will be selling candies cookies etc at the back of the church to collect money for the expenses of a week-end pilgrimage to Denver to meet youth from all over the country with a meeting with the initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way on March 11th. Way Kiko Arguello and Fr. Mario.

If you have not already done so, please fill out your 2017 pledge form and drop it in the plate or mail it directly to the CSAF processing center using the prepaid envelope you received in the mail from CSAF.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Catholic Services Appeal!



CATECHESIS

ALL ARE INVITED (12+)
COME AND LISTEN!

Christ is passing

"Come to me all of you who are tired and burdened and I will restore you" (Matthew 11:28)



Mondays & Thursdays @ 7 pm
At the Grade School Basement
(begins March 6th)

Free child care

For more information: Call the Parish office

Neocatechumenal Way

2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Event Start Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Adoration and Confession begin at 7 a.m.)

At the Anderson Fieldhouse, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave, St. Paul

Join men of all ages and walks of life from around the Archdiocese for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. Archbishop Hebda will speak on *Lessons from Saint Joseph, the Ultimate Watchman*. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will lead a Eucharistic procession around the UST campus from 12 – 1 p.m.

The conference also includes:

- Mass
- Breakfast
- Dynamic Speakers
- Opportunity for Confession



REGISTRATION

Cost:

- By March 16 online - \$25 per adult or \$100 for group of 5 adults
- At the door - \$25 per adult
- Students (up to high school senior) are always only \$10

Register online. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

WINE: Catholic Women's Conference 2017

Event Start Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, camaraderie & shopping!)

Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville

Join with other women Archdiocese for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship & fun. Our theme, *Small Things, Great Love: It's What We Do*, is inspired by Saint Teresa of Calcutta's example and Saint Pope John Paul II's invitation to imitate Mary's expression of the "feminine genius" by putting ourselves at God's service and the service of others: a service of love.

Featured Speakers and Artists

Lisa Hendey, Sr. Clare Matthiass, C.F.R., Vicki Kueppers, Caroline Metzinger
Emcee: Alyssa Bormes

Conference also includes:

- Confession, Prayer teams, Mass at 4 p.m. (Celebrant: Bishop Cozzens), Shopping, Lunch, Door prizes
- Cost: \$65 per person. (\$25 for Religious Sisters or Consecrated Women.) Please consider a donation towards scholarships for other women.