

CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30TH, 2017**



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Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of
bread. —Lk 24:35

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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.

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,

A new chapel was opened in the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Perth Australia. It was built with taste. Everything about it speaks of beauty. Many people went to visit and pray in the chapel over these last few months.



One visitor was a nine year old girl who came with her uncle. She is not baptized. When she saw the chapel, she ran to her uncle and said: “Come and see the most beautiful room I have ever seen in my life! I wonder who lives in it.”

This little child spontaneously connected beauty with a person. But who is this person? This person, as the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky unequivocally points out is Jesus Christ. “The world will be saved by beauty,” he wrote rather enigmatically in his book “The Idiot”, and then he added, “...and the beauty is Christ.”

Jesus Christ is beautiful. The Church applies to Him the words of the psalmist, “You are the fairest of the children of men and grace is poured upon your lips.”

And yet the Church does not hesitate to apply also to Jesus Christ the words of the prophet Isaiah 53:2: “He had neither beauty, no majesty, nothing to attract our eyes, no grace to make us delight in him.”

“How can we reconcile this?” asks the then Cardinal Ratzinger in a message entitled ‘The Contemplation of Beauty’ that he wrote in 2002. This is paradoxical but all of us should know that a paradox is a contrast and not a contradiction.

Beauty cannot be separated from truth and goodness. The beauty that is Christ, is not the superficial cosmetic prettiness that forgets conveniently pain and suffering. It is neither skin beauty – an ephemeral craze that gradually fades away with age. As Kahlil Gibran wrote, “Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart”.

Beauty is the gift of God. It expresses a new life that sprouts from the person of the risen Christ in whom death has been overcome. It embraces offence, pain, and even the dark mystery of death and somehow rises above them.

The Rabbis says that when the people of God arrived at the foot of Mount Sinai, they were filled with diseases, ugliness, and defects caused by sin and slavery. However there happened an event. God married a people, a marriage that caused a regeneration. The people recuperated the original beauty of Adam and Eve. “The blind regained their sight, the lame could walk, the lepers were healed, the deaf could hear once more...”

It was fashionable at one stage to state that after Auschwitz, we cannot write any more poetry, we cannot possibly speak of a God who is good. Recently, people wondered: Where was God when the tsunami hit so many people?

We know the answer. God is in the suffering, transforming it. “The One who is the Beauty itself let himself be slapped in the face, spat upon, crowned with thorns; the Shroud of Turin can help us imagine this in a realistic way”, commented the Pope in this message of 2002.

The truth of the matter is that “in his Face that is so disfigured, there appears the genuine, extreme beauty: the beauty of love that goes “to the very end”; for this reason it is revealed as greater than falsehood and violence.”

Yes, Jesus Christ is beautiful. And anyone who rubs with Him becomes as beautiful. I know. I have seen it in teenagers who living a life of familiarity with Jesus Christ, are just gorgeous! I have seen beauty in hospital beds when people embrace the will of God even if this means horrific pain. I have seen it in married couples who, when confronted with a serious cross in their lives, did not react negatively. I have seen it in the eyes of religious nuns who live their consecrated lives with simplicity and joy.

Today this becomes even more apparent in a Christian community. The beauty of the life of a Christian community where people live in unity and love one another with a forgiveness that is bigger than death makes the risen Christ present today. So whoever sees the Christian community, where the love to the enemy appears, sees the true icon of Christ.

In the course of history, the Church has always perceived this bond between beauty and evangelization. The Church along the centuries has been the greatest producer of beauty... liturgy, icons, music, churches, paintings, Gregorian chant, hospitals, schools, virtue, lives of saints... Many fail to recognize this but facts are facts.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson recommended, “Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God’s handwriting — a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.” Welcome it also in the Church. May the beauty we love become what we do.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday!

Fr. Ivan Sant

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 29
8:30am	† Norman Jones
4:00pm	† Robert Platzer
Sunday	April 30
8:00am	† Catherine Steffel
10:30am	Parish
Monday	May 1 St. Joseph The Worker
8:30 am	† Fred Troye
Tuesday	May 2
8:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday	May 3 Sts. Philip and James
8:30 am	St. Bernard Catholic United Financial
Thursday	May 4
8:30 am	† Lorenzo Hernandez
Friday	May 5
8:30 am	William B. Flaspeter Family
Saturday	May 6
8:30am	Edward Gunter
4:00pm	† Jerry Gladieux
Sunday	May 7
8:00am	Parish
10:30am	Festivities Committee Members Living & Deceased

Mass Readings for the Week of April 23th:

Sunday :	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts :9-1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Acts 2:14a,36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

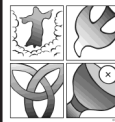


Please pray for the sick and home-bound

Yvonne Spence	Rosie Lynch
Lloyd Anderson	Tom Thompson
Lorraine Eheim	Jan Bunde
Dolores Burg	Devra Shepherd
Mary Lou Friedl	



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

Back to Sugar Bake Sale

This weekend following all masses

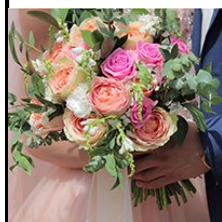


BAKE SALE

Apply for Marie Tschida Pranke Scholarship Funds

St. Bernard's invites all parishioners with children attending Catholic high schools to apply for a scholarship from the Marie Tschida Pranke Scholarship Fund. This fund was initially established when Marie Tschida Pranke died. The funds were originally distributed to students at St. Bernard High School until the school closed in 2010. The amount of each award will be based on the number of applicants. The funds are sent directly to the Catholic high school that your child will be attending.

Please send a request to the parish office at 1160 Woodbridge St. or to the administrator at kcronin@churchofstbernard-stp.org. Include the student's name, parents' name(s), Catholic high school name, grade your child will be in for the 2017-18 school year. Requests should be submitted by May 15, 2017. Funds will be sent to the high school when attendance is verified by the school in the fall. However, we will notify you of the amount of the award by June 15.



Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

When and Where:
Saturday June 3rd @10am in the
Cathedral of St. Paul

Married couples, celebrate the gift of your vocation at the Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration Mass with Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in the 2016 calendar year will be honored in a special way. Family and friends are welcome!

All couples may request a special certificate. Submit requests by May 30 via email at flomos@archspm.org, or by mail to Office of Marriage, Family and Life, Attn: Marriage Certificates, 777 Forest St., St. Paul, MN 55106. For more information, call 651-291-4488.

CSAF Results

Here are the results through Week 12:

- Goal \$18,957
- # Gifts 68
- Total pledged \$ 10,074
- % of Goal 53.1%



Last year at this time, we had 99 donors that had pledged \$12,065 which was 63.6% of the goal of \$18,957.

We have received \$5,723 this year as a rebate from the archdiocese since we met and exceeded our goal from last year. We need to meet our goal in order to receive a rebate next year! Please consider making a donation today. Donations can be put in the collection basket or sent to the parish office. Be sure to mark them as 'Catholic Services Appeal.' Thank you for your support!

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed:

- Jerry Troje 3/26
- Catherine Steffel 3/28

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From the Parish Administrator's Desk

I would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyful Easter season!

Today we have a few lists to share with you of those who have been baptized since February 2017 and those who will be receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist in May. First let me share those who have been recently baptized, including those from the Easter Vigil.

Sophia Marie Williams
Matthew John Selga
Julie Lin
Jae Meh
Kar Meh
Mee Reh
Law Meh
Nyai Meh
Preh Reh
Pu Reh
Boe Meh
Kar Meh
Ta Meh
Hsaw Meh

Da Reh
Soe Meh
Bei Meh
Pha Reh
Gie Reh
Nga Reh
Beh Meh
Aye Meh
Maria Aye Meh
Htar Reh
Bae Meh
Bu Reh
Soe Reh
Mee Meh

Congratulations!



Please keep the following children in your prayers as they finish preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. Baptism and Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 am Mass on May 7. Reconciliation will be celebrated at 10 am on May 6.

Baptism

Me Meh
Prae Reh

Alin Ford
Oo Meh

Kevin
Noe Reh

Klaw Reh
Meh Mo

Reconciliation and Eucharist

Mimi Aung
Klaw Meh
Pray Reh

Henry Htoo
Nga Meh

Maw Nee Ka
Mary Oo

Jody Lee
Joseph Pay

Hsae Meh
Ethan Rath

