

# CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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

**AUGUST 26, 2018**  
**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## Parish Staff

**Pastor**

**Reverend Ivan Sant**

**Associate Priest**

**Reverend Joseph Kureh**

**Parish Administrator** Karen Cronin

**Secretary** Gloria Nava

**RCIA and Missionary**

**Internship Program** David Neira

**Refugee Liaison** Hsawreh Sharpochtay

**Music Director** Mary Beth Redmond

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## Parish Office

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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** 8:30 am & 4:00 pm

**Sunday** at 8:00 & 10:30 am

1:30pm (Spanish)

**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

## Confessions

**Mondays** after the 8:30 am Mass

**Saturdays** 3:30 and after the 4:00 pm Mass



*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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## 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,

From a homily of Pope St. John Paul II on today's Gospel.

In today's Eucharistic celebration, Jesus helps us to come to know a particular aspect of his mystery. In the Gospel, we listened to a part of his discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. In it he reveals himself as the true bread of life, the bread which has come down from heaven to give life to the world (cf. *Jn* 6:51). These are words that those who hear him do not understand. Their outlook is too material for them to grasp what Christ really means. They are thinking in terms of flesh, which "is of no avail" (*Jn* 6:63). Jesus's words, instead, have to do with the unlimited horizons of the spirit: "The words that I have spoken to you - he insists - are spirit and life" (*ibid.*).

But his hearers are hesitant: "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?" (*Jn* 6:60). They consider themselves to be persons of common sense, with their feet on the ground. For this reason they shake their heads and go away muttering, one after another. The initial crowd gradually grows smaller. At the end, only the tiny group of his most faithful disciples remains. But with regard to the "bread of life" Jesus is not prepared to back down. Rather, he is ready to lose even those closest to him: "Will you also go away?" (*Jn* 6:67). "Will you also?" Christ's question cuts across the centuries and comes down to us; it challenges us personally and calls for a decision. What is our answer? Dear young people, if we are here today, it is because we identify with the Apostle Peter's reply: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (*Jn* 6:68).

Around you, you hear all kinds of words. But only Christ speaks words that stand the test of time and remain for all eternity. The time of life that you are living calls for decisive choices on your part: decisions about the direction of your studies, about work, about your role in society and in the Church. It is important to realize that among the many questions surfacing in your minds, the decisive ones are not about "what". The basic question is "who": "who" am I to go to, "who" am I to follow, "to whom" should I entrust my life?

You are thinking about love and the choices it entails, and I imagine that you agree: what is really important in life is the choice of the person who will share it with you. But be careful! Every human person has inevitable limits: even in the most successful of marriages there is always a certain amount of disappointment. So then, dear friends, does not this confirm what we heard the Apostle Peter say? Every human being finds himself sooner or later saying what he said: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". Only Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God and of Mary, the eternal Word of the Father born two thousand years ago at Bethlehem in Judaea, is capable of satisfying the deepest aspirations of the human heart.

In Peter's question: "To whom shall we go?" the answer regarding the path to follow is already given. It is the path that leads to Christ. And it is possible to meet the divine Master personally: he is in fact truly present on the altar in the reality of his Body and Blood. In the Eucharistic Sacrifice, we can enter into contact with the person of Jesus in a way that is mysterious but real, drinking at the inexhaustible fountain that is his life as the Risen Lord. This is the stupendous truth, dear friends: the Word, who took flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist. That is why the year of the Great Jubilee, in which we are celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, had to be an "intensely Eucharistic" year as well. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the presence of Christ, who gives himself to us because he loves us. He loves each one of us in a unique and personal way in our practical daily lives: in our families, among our friends, at study and work, in rest and relaxation. He loves us when he fills our days with freshness, and also when, in times of suffering, he allows trials to weigh upon us: even in the most severe trials, he lets us hear his voice.

Yes, dear friends, Christ loves us and he loves us for ever! He loves us even when we disappoint him, when we fail to meet his expectations for us. He never fails to embrace us in his mercy. How can we not be grateful to this God who has redeemed us, going so far as to accept the foolishness of the Cross? To God who has come to be at our side and has stayed with us to the end? To celebrate the Eucharist, "to eat his flesh and drink his blood", means to accept the wisdom of the Cross and the path of service. It means that we signal our willingness to sacrifice ourselves for others, as Christ has done. Our society desperately needs this sign, and young people need it even more so, tempted as they often are by the illusion of an easy and comfortable life, by drugs and pleasure-seeking, only to find themselves in a spiral of despair, meaninglessness and violence. It is urgent to change direction and to turn to Christ. This is the way of justice, solidarity a commitment to building a society and a future worthy of the human person. This is our Eucharist, this is the answer that Christ wants from us, from you young people at the closing of your Jubilee. Jesus is no lover of half measures, and he does not hesitate to pursue us with the question: "Will you also go away?" In the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, we too want to say today with Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (*Jn* 6:68)

God bless! Wishing you a good Sunday.

Fr. Ivan Sant

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday August 25**  
 8:30am † Pedro Castillo  
 4:00pm † Irene Charpentier

**Sunday August 26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am † Rita Mollner  
 10:30am † Nicholas Castillo Sr  
 1:30pm (Spanish) Parish

**Monday August 27**  
 8:30 am Rita Kubei

**Tuesday August 28**  
 8:30 am † Joe Moun

**Wednesday August 29**  
 8:30 am Lucille Phillip

**Thursday August 30**  
 8:30 am Lucille Phillip

**Friday August 31**  
 8:30 am † Bob Pfalz

**Saturday September 1**  
 8:30am † Abraham & Josephine Zambrano  
 4:00pm † Edward Gunter

**Sunday September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am Catholic United Financial Living/Deceased  
 10:30am Altar & Rosary Society Living /Deceased  
 1:30pm (Spanish) Parish

### Prayer Line

Please call Shirley at (651) 488-6330

### Mass Readings for the Week of August 26th:



Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-14/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Mk 6:17-29  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9 /Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1 - 13  
 Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 /Mt 25:14-30  
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27/Mk 7:1-8,  
 14-15, 21-23

	<u>Weekly Collection</u>	
<u>Weekly-Sunday</u> 8/19/18	Actual	Budget
Envelope Income	\$5,294	\$4,666
Plate & Spanish Mass	677	631
Gas/Lights	181	127
Campus Repair	117	69
<u>Year to Date:</u>		
Envelope Income	\$32,714	\$37,328
Plate & Spanish Mass	5,286	5,048
Gas/Lights	1,212	1,016
Campus Repair	721	552

## Capital Campaign Update

Our total needed to complete both bell tower repairs is at \$6,445.

New Payment:

- Men's Club in memory of George Kramlinger

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of this repair.

The scaffolding is up on the south bell tower and down on the north bell tower.





## Parish News & Events

**FALL SWEEPSTAKES** – You should have received your sweepstakes tickets. Enter for your chance to win some great prizes! Place completed sweepstakes tickets in an envelope and place in collection basket or drop off at the parish office. Drawing will be at the parish picnic September 9.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDS** - The Festivities Committee is looking for volunteers to help with running the games at the picnic. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of Church or contact Angie Vargas at [varg2011pack@yahoo.com](mailto:varg2011pack@yahoo.com) for more information. The more volunteers available to assist the more game can be played and the less volunteers needed for each. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help!



First Day of Class: Sunday, September 16

**Faith Formation Registration 8/18-8/19 and 8/25-26**

**When:** After all the weekend Masses

**Where:** In the Church Vestibule (after the 10:30am Mass, registration will be in the Parish Center)

**Why:** Register your children for the new faith formation year, receive information about classes, and meet some of our catechists.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday August 27 at 6pm

### Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday August 28 at 6:30pm

Both At the Parish Office

### Holy Hour



Every Thursday from 6–7pm  
In the Church

### Bible Study

#### Two Bible Studies Begin in September

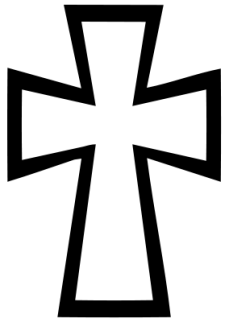
Our Parish is starting two bible studies in September: the Thursday night study is **The Book of James, Pearls for Wise Living**, and will meet every other Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm in the **Parish Office**, starting on Sept. 6. The Sunday morning study is **The Acts of the Apostles**, and will meet most Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 am, in the **Parish Center**, starting on Sept. 16.

Sign up is easy! If you'd like to purchase the study materials, the cost is \$25 for James, and \$30 for Acts. This price includes the study guide and access to all videos for the study online at Ascension Press.

Please see the display in the church vestibule for more information and instructions on signing up. Contact Elizabeth Doherty at 651-387-9500 or at [steelikat@polsons.net](mailto:steelikat@polsons.net) with questions.

### Please pray for the sick and homebound:

Rosie Lynch	Mary Nordine
Lloyd Anderson	Lorraine Eheim
Devra Shepherd	Yur Reh
Lucille Biron	



**You're Invited!!**  
**St. Bernard's Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday September 9, 2018**  
**Como Park Pavilion**



1199 Midway Parkway (Como & Midway Parkway)

Mass at 10am

Lunch served immediately after Mass

Games and Entertainment for all ages until 1:45

\* Carnival Games \* Face Painters \* Human Foosball \* Magician

**Fun for All Ages !!**



**Human Foosball !**



**Wiffle Ball Tic-Tac-Toe**

**Other Games Include:**

Anti Gravity Drop  
Boulder Roll  
Crazy Dots  
Stand A Bottle



**Tin Can Smash**



**Fish Pond**



**Milk Can**