

# CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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

**JULY 28, 2019**



## Parish Staff

**Pastor**

**Reverend Ivan Sant**

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**Reverend Joseph Kureh**

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## Parish Office

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## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Anointing of the Sick & Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements with Fr. Ivan

### Baptism of Infants

It is recommended that parents who wish to present their child for Baptism make arrangements several months before the date with the priests.

### 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.

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 8:30 am & 4:00 pm & 7pm (NeoCatechumenate)

**Sunday** at 8:00 & 10:30 am & 2pm (Spanish)

**Weekday** Monday-Saturday - Mass at 8:30 am

### Confessions

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

**Saturdays** 3:15pm and after the 4:00 Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Holy Hour** Every Thursday from 6pm-7pm

# A WORD FROM FR. IVAN

## Purity

"I've learned that if you give a pig and a boy everything they want, you'll get a good pig and a bad boy." Jackson Brown Jr, age 77, was obviously right when he said this in his book, *Live and Learn and Pass it On*. Saint Augustine was less right -even though we all understand him perfectly - when in his young adulthood, he uttered his famous prayer, "Lord give me chastity and continence, but not yet." At age 17 he began a 13-year relationship with a concubine of lower social status. In the *Confessions*, he speaks how he felt trapped: "I was bound down by this disease of the flesh. Its deadly pleasures were a chain that I dragged along with me, yet I was afraid to be freed from it"

Purity is always a struggle. The popular culture ridicules purity, 'Chastity! What a joke!' It is considered old fashioned and outdated, a relic of the past. The media make sure we learn to abhor it. This is sad because lack of purity is one of the deep causes of sadness in our lives.

After a violent storm one night, a large tree, which over the years had become a stately giant, was found lying across the pathway in a park. Nothing but a splintered stump was left. Closer examination showed that it was rotten at the core because thousands of tiny insects had eaten away at its heart. The weakness of that tree was not brought on by the sudden storm; it began the very moment the first insect nested within its bark.

This is the problem with impurity. It destroys us interiorly. Look at Samson. He was a giant of strength. He was even consecrated to the Lord. Yet his dabbling with women led him to his own destruction. Today so many, in their loneliness seek for gratification in easy unhealthy pleasure ... shoddy magazines, X Rated cable TV, pornographic sites on the internet. And they ruin themselves. The entire chapter of Proverbs 7 is all about the story of a young man being seduced by an adulteress. "For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice, And I saw among the naïve ....a young man lacking sense. Passing through the street near her corner, he takes the way to her house."

This is how it all starts. Curiosity, hoping for a glimpse of the adulteress plying her wares to someone else on the street. He just wants to see what the real world is like. And he finishes off badly, real bad : "With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its entrails; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life."

It is always the same story. And it always leads to the same result... sadness, cynicism, a split inside of oneself, a lack of self worth. Impurity never lets us feel good about ourselves. This is why we have to learn how to defend ourselves. Anyone trying to be chaste by self effort is doomed to failure! We need help. We need to acquire a healthy attitude. Four sentinels are needed to guard us from the enemy.

**Sentinel One :** Fear God and Be Humble. We have this treasure in earthly vessels. We can never trust ourselves. We are all weak. We need Him. Constantly.

**Sentinel Two :** Resist Evil Thoughts. The first step that we make is the win or lose fix. As soon as you become conscious of sinful thoughts, direct your attention to something else, to the tasks you have to perform, or to anything which is free from danger, and likely to engross your mind. This is common sense.

**Sentinel Three :** Avoid Idleness. This is the parent of all vice, they say. And they are right. A spring is clear and lucid because the water is in motion, a stagnant pool is foul and turbid.

**Sentinel Four :** Avoid Occasions of Sin. "Watch and pray!" said Jesus. It looks so obvious, but we tend to lower our defenses so easily...

Yes, it may seem like a 'thou shalt not' litany. But really it is not a burden. Chastity is light. It is above all a question of maintaining a contact with the Beloved. The more you feel loved by God, the less you feel the need to gratify yourself with stupidities. And not only purity is the route to go if we want to see God, but it is also the secret for tasting happiness in this life because it takes away manipulation out of a relationship and sadness out of our lives.

So don't be fooled by all the talk of the fools around us! Sexual purity matters -- to ourselves and to God!

A sign on a suit of clothes hanging on a rack by the window read: **SLIGHTLY SOILED - GREATLY REDUCED IN PRICE**. We can soil ourselves. Thanks be to God, however, He can restore us to our original state! This is the Rescue operation that Jesus Christ is so famous about...

## † Mass Intentions †

**Saturday July 27**  
 8:30 am Damon Wolf  
 4:00 pm Vicki Holst

**Sunday July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am † Mike Hartzell (bones)  
 10:30 am † Virginia & Arnold Thompson  
 2:00pm (Spanish) Parish

**Monday July 29**  
 8:30am Parishioner

**Tuesday July 30**  
 8:30am † Lenny Sears

**Wednesday July 31**  
 8:30 am † Michael Brann

**Thursday August 1**  
 8:30 am † Donna Mae Atneosen

**Friday August 2**  
 8:30 am † Mike Hartzell (bones)

**Saturday August 3**  
 8:30 am Christ Agony in Gardent of Gethsemane  
 4:00 pm † Edward Gunter

**Sunday August 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am † St. Bernard Men Club Living/  
 Deceased  
 10:30 am Perfect Family  
 2:00pm (Spanish) Familia Venancio Arellano

### Prayer Line

Please call Shirley at (651) 488-6330

### Mass Readings for the Week of July 28th :

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Jn 11:19-27  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-1,34:5b-9,28/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21,34-38/ Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/ Mk13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1,8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23/Col 3:1-5,9-11/Lk 12:13-21



	<u>Weekly Collection</u>	
<u>Weekly-Sunday 7/21/19</u>	Actual	Budget
Envelope Income	\$3,882	\$4,612
Plate	691	360
Gas/Lights	34	125
Campus Repair	21	70
<u>Year to Date:</u>		
Envelope Income	\$11,762	\$13,836
Plate	2,619	1,080
Gas/Lights	360	375
Campus Repair	248	210

## Capital Campaign Update

We have reached our goal of pledges to cover the restoration of the bell tower! Extra donations are accepted. If you have made a pledge to donate to this cause, please keep up on your scheduled payments.

Note: The "Total Pledge" amount has been increased to account for all pledges. Thus, the "Amount Remaining" has also increased by the corresponding amount.

Total Pledges: **\$919,048**  
Payments to date: **\$768,645**  
Amount Remaining: **\$150,403**



# Parish News & Events

No Friendship Sundays in July and August.

## Please pray for the sick and homebound

Mary Nordine	Margaret Datko
Lloyd Anderson	Lorraine Eheim
Devra Shepherd	Yur Reh
J. Harringer	Bernice Labarre
George Soloer	Manuela Llamas



## July 27-28 Mission Appeal Weekend

This weekend we welcome Sr. Rose Vu, a Good Shepherd sister who will be speaking on the mission Friends of the Poor. We can help her mission with a Second Collection.

**PARISH PICNIC** – September 8 at Como Park. The picnic will begin with an outdoor mass at 10AM followed by picnic style food, new games and entertainment.

**PENNIES FOR THE PARK** – Beginning July 20 through August 11. Friendly Festivities Committee members will be near each door accepting spare coins and donations that will be used to offset the cost of the parish picnic. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!

**FALL SWEEPSTAKES** – This year's sweepstakes tickets with a top prize of \$1,000 will be mailed soon. Watch for them to arrive by mail for your chance to win cash prizes! Completed tickets may be turned into the Parish Office or by placing them in an envelope marked "sweepstakes" and placed in the weekly collection basket. The drawing will be held at the Parish Picnic on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive them by mail in the next few weeks, you can pick them up at the parish office or contact the parish office at 651.488.6733 to have them mailed to you.

If you are interested in learning more about the Festivities Committee or may be interested in joining, please contact Tim Struntz at 651.436.7212. New members and their ideas are always welcome!

## Faith Formation Schedule 2019 -2020 Registration can be done after mass or in the office.

**Tuesdays: 6:00-7:30pm, Grade School Basement; RCIA (7-8:15, Office)**

Atrium II (Steve, Elizabeth)

3-5th Grades (Marianne & Angie)

RCIA: 7:00-8:15pm, RCIA Room (David)

**Saturday: 10:00-11:30am, Grade School (all Middle and High schoolers)**

Year I Confirmation: First Communion given (if needed). (Fr. Ivan/Patricia)

Year II Confirmation: Confirmation administered. (Monica/Diana)

**Sunday: Grade School Basement**

Atrium I Pre-K & K (Steve and Elizabeth) 10:15-11:45am

Atrium II 1st grade through 1st communion (Steve, Elizabeth, Liset) from 12:00-1:45pm

RCIC Spanish Grades 3-5 Year II (Angel, Patricia, Arlay, Miriam) 12:00-1:30pm

RCIC English Grades 3-5 Year II (Jason) 12:00-1:30pm

***Wedding Banns III - Paul Raj Rice And Sara Christine Kroening***

## National Night Out Celebration



The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis invites members of our parish to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 5-8 p.m. at 777 Forest Street in St. Paul. The event will include free food and refreshments, games and activities for kids, music and more! Free parking is available on site. For more details, visit the archdiocesan website at [archspm.org](http://archspm.org).

### **Enroll Your Child Two Easy Ways to Apply:**

1 Apply online here: <https://prodeoacademy.schoolmint.net/>  
The link above will take you to our SchoolMint enrollment website which you will use to submit an application for any one of our Prodeo Academy schools.

**You will need to enter your email address and/or mobile phone number to create an account and submit an application.**

2. **Drop by** on our campus to fill out an application:  
**Prodeo - St. Paul** 170 Rose Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55117



### **How do I secure a spot for my child at Prodeo Academy?**

The first step is to fill out an application for admission through School Mint: <https://prodeoacademy.schoolmint.net/>. In March, we will hold a lottery and offer admissions to families who are selected through the lottery.

### **Are Prodeo Academy schools good?**

Prodeo Academy was featured on the 2018 High-Quality Charter Schools list by the Minnesota Department of Education. Over the last five years, Prodeo Academy students have shown tremendous academic results. Read more about our history and commitment to academic excellence here: <https://prodeoacademy.org/about/history>.

### **Are Prodeo Academy schools private?**

No. Prodeo Academy schools are tuition-free, open-enrollment charter schools that provide a college preparatory education.

### **Which grades do Prodeo Academy schools serve?**

In the 2019-20 school year, Prodeo's St. Paul campus will be offering Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade.