

# CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

## 23<sup>er</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano". - Mt 18, 15

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### Parish Office

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Parish Life at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, St. Paul, MN

### 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.

## A Word from Fr. Ivan

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning.*

The Gospel this Sunday, taken from Matthew, Chapter 18, presents the theme of brotherly correction within the community of believers: that is, how I must correct another Christian when he does what is not good. Jesus teaches us that, should my Christian brother commit a sin against me, offend me, I must be charitable toward him and, first of all, speak with him personally, explain to him what he said or did that was wrong. What if the brother doesn't listen to me? Jesus proposes a progressive intervention: first, return and speak to him with two or three other people, so he may be more aware of his error; if, despite this, he does not accept the admonition, the community must be told; and should he also refuse to listen to the community, he must be made aware of the rift and estrangement that he himself has caused, weakening the communion with his brothers in the faith.

The stages of this plan show the effort that the Lord asks of his community in order to accompany the one who transgresses, so that he or she is not lost. It is important above all to prevent any clamour in the news and gossip in the community — this is the first thing, this must be avoided. “Go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone” (v. 15). The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! When I speak, when I make an unfair criticism, when I “flay” a brother with my tongue, this is killing another person's reputation! Words kill too. Let us pay attention to this. At the same time, the discretion of speaking to him alone is to avoid needlessly humiliating the sinner. It is discussed between the two, no one is aware of it and then it's over. This requirement also takes into account the consequent series of interventions calling for the involvement of a few witnesses and then actually of the community. The purpose is to help the person realize what he has done, and that through his fault he has offended not only one, but everyone. But it also helps us to free ourselves from anger or resentment which only causes harm: that bitterness of heart which brings anger and resentment, and which leads us to insult and aggression. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian.

Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong.

This is why, at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: “Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty God my sins”. And we don't say: “Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners”. No! “Have mercy on me!”. We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table, gathering us from the crossroads, from diverse situations of life (cf. Mt 22:9-10). And among the conditions in common among those participating in the Eucharistic celebration, two are fundamental in order to go to Mass correctly: we are all sinners and God grants his mercy to all. These are the two conditions which open wide the doors that we might enter Mass properly. We must always remember this before addressing a brother in brotherly correction.

## † Mass Intentions †

### Saturday September 5

8:30am † Edward Gunter  
4:00 pm † Eileen Voyda

### Sunday September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Leo Soler  
10:30 am † Daniel & Alice Meehtel  
2:00 pm Parish

### Monday September 7

8:30 † Gene Baum

### Tuesday September 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am † Greta Thompson  
6:30pm (Spanish)

### Wednesday September 9 St. Peter Claver

8:30am † Bill McDonough

### Thursday September 10

8:30am † Bill McDonough

### Friday September 11

8:30am † James Frifrel Sr.  
6:30pm (Spanish)

### Saturday September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30am † Bill McDonough  
4:00 pm † Gertrude Friezer

### Sunday September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †  
10:30 am † Don DeRose  
2:00 pm Parish

## Prayer Line Please call

### Mass Readings for the Week of August 30th



Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Mt 5:1-4/Mt 1:1-16  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Mk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

## Weekly Collection

	8/23	8/30	Budget of 8/30/20
Envelope Income	\$3,582	\$3,430	\$4,731
Plate	729	661	581
Gas/Lights	78	43	125
Campus Repair	79	115	70
<u>Year to Date:</u>			
Envelope Income	34,300	37,730	\$42,579
Plate	6,642	7,304	5,229
Gas/Lights	653	696	1,125
Campus Repair	394	509	630

## NOTICE ON GIVING VIA CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR BY CHECK:

We have implemented a new way giving to our parish through online, on our website [www.stbernardstpaul.org](http://www.stbernardstpaul.org), with a **credit or debit card**, you can make a donation on the window on our parish website entitled “**Donation to our Parish**”. At this window there is also an option to set up **recurring direct deposits** on a weekly or monthly basis.

## Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledges: \$920,298  
Payments to date: \$843,116  
Amount Remaining: \$ 77,182



Boiler repair funds collected: \$27,536

## Please pray for the sick and homebound

Mary Nordine	Margaret Datko
Lloyd Anderson	Lorraine Eheim
Theresa Griffith	Bernice Labarre
Devra Shepherd	Yur Reh
J. Harringer	Delores Schloesser





# Parish News

## Bible Study

### New DVD Bible Study begins in September!

The **Sunday morning** study group that meets in the Parish Center (door #10) from 9:15 to 10:15am will be starting the study of Paul's letter to the Romans: "The Gospel of Salvation" on Sunday, Sept. 20. This is an 8-session study that will finish by Christmas. Please join us for simple refreshments, good discussion and powerful lectures from Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. Cost is free, but the recommended workbook is \$27; you do not need to purchase the workbook to join us. Please contact Elizabeth Doherty, 651-317-9488, for more information or to order a book.

The **Thursday evening** study group will start their 2nd year of a study on the Acts of the Apostles, also in the Parish Center, from 6-8 pm beginning Sept. 10; this group meets every other Thursday. We will wrap up this study before Lent. Contact Elizabeth for information on this study.



## Faith Formation

We have started our classes with the students who are at the second year. The communion class which is about 45 children, we have divided the classes into 6 groups classes. For this month of September they are meeting remotely.

The confirmation class which is about 40 students we have started in person and have divided it into 3 classes. They are wearing masks, respecting the distance and have hand sanitizer available.

**New Registrations:** We are opening the new registrations next week. We are requesting to have the baptism certificate. These classes will not meet in person. More information will be giving out later.

## **AN INVITATION TO JOY**

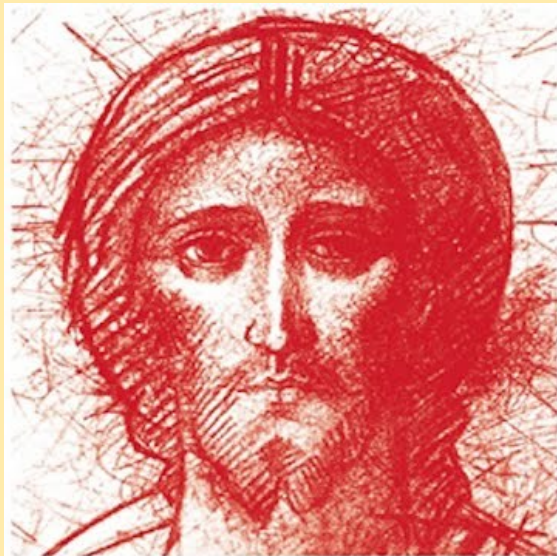
- Are you or a family member suffering?
- Are you questioning the meaning of your life?
- Are you wondering where God is in the midst of your suffering?

## **COME AND LISTEN!**

For Adults and Youth 12 years & up

Beginning after Sunday, September 20  
On the Third Floor the School Building  
Free Babysitting Available

For more information call: (551) 221-7847  
Neocatechumenal Way



# CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD



## Fried Tilapia—Mojarra

Sunday September 20, 2020

Parish Center - 11am-4pm

Cost - \$12/person (presale, limited walk-in)

Dinner menu includes: Fried Tilapia, rice and beans, and salad with tortillas cooked fresh by our Hispanic Committee.

Detach and return this slip along with payment in the weekly collection basket **no later than September 16**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_