

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

We are called to proclaim and celebrate the Good News. Evangelizing and supporting for the faith journey of every age at every stage is our commitment.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022



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WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon—Sat 8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4PM, and 7PM (Neo-catechumenal way – In Grade School)

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 2:00 PM Spanish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: THU 6:15 PM—6:45 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sat 3:15—3:45 PM, or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 6 months prior to your wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 2months prior to the Sacrament. Baptism is celebrated every 4th Saturday of the month @ 12 Noon.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: : Please call the office to arrange for an anointing.

For new parishioners, registration forms are available at our website & in parish office.



SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Irene Chappentier

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 1

8:00 am + All Souls
10:30 am Steve & Jean Schreier Family
2:00 pm **Spanish** Margaret Purzyka. L

MONDAY, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctors of the Church

8:30 am Fr. Joseph Kureh

TUESDAY, May 3, Sts. Philip & James Apostles

8:30 am + Jade Elizabeth Fish

WEDNESDAY, May 4

8:30 am Mass + Melvin Loehlein

THURSDAY, May 5

8:30 am + Gwen Lochlein & Family

FRIDAY, May 6

8:30 am + Ray Sheehan

SATURDAY, May 7

8:30 am + Edward Gunter

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Beverly Ollriksen

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 8

8:00 am + Mary B. Wolf
10:30 am + Ethel Gartner
2:00 pm **Spanish** Souls in Purgatory

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is easier to see Christ when a person is in darkness than in the light. The Easter Vigil began in total darkness which is our situation at times. Into that darkness came the Paschal Candle, a sign of Jesus Christ, and a parallel of what happens in the life of a Christian. If you find yourself a bit anxious or fearful or alone then don't be afraid; now is the moment that Christ can speak to you more effectively. We must obey God and not men. This was the response of the apostles to the religious leaders when told to stop preaching about Jesus Christ. They did not stop speaking and were arrested again. When you have an experience of the resurrection that comes from believing in the Gospel and the readings proclaimed today your wounds can be healed. Once healed you are more able to heal others, not by your own strength but by the power of God.

In John's Gospel (21: 1-19) today the apostles have not caught any fish, then after obeying the command of Christ they bring in a record catch, an impossible task. They are hungry and find that breakfast is prepared for them. Their friend is dead, and now he's alive. Jesus always reverses the situation, and much more than that: he conquers the things that kill us; he conquers death, and lives in a totally new dimension, which changes the cosmos. Christianity is not about rules, practices and traditions. It is about an event that still impacts us today.

Jesus rose from the grave and lives in a new dimension. He is not a resurrected corpse or a ghost. He is more alive now than he was before his passion. It is a sign of how our bodies will be when we rise from the dead.

It is not by accident that Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him, but the third time Christ uses a different word meaning: will you love me totally, and unconditionally? Peter responds: Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you. What is more beautiful than that? Peter's denial leads him to love even more now that he is humbled and knows that by himself he cannot love in this way. And as predicted he will give his life one day soon for Christ.

Fr. Doss
Pastor

The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child.

--St. Maximilian Kolbe

REMEMBER ST. BERNARD'S IN YOUR WILL

Do you have a will?

A wonderful way to help our parish and to save taxes is to remember St. Bernard's in your will. There is still plenty of work to be done in our church and also in the other buildings.

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.

Prayer Line: Shirley Collett (651)488-6330;
Judy Cloutier at (651)224-2966

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the parish office.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. People linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope JP II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002. The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000, document explaining the "third secret."

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church's teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.

BAPTISMS

"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit."

Next Baptism Class, Thursday MAY 26 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sat, MAY 28 at Noon
Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
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| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,918 | 4,715 |
| Plate | \$946 | 960 |
| Gas & Lights | \$57 | 125 |
| Campus Repairs | \$44 | 70 |

Easter Envelope from last week: \$2,357

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

E-Giving or auto-pay from your bank, helps our parish a lot. Please consider giving in this way!

THIS SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER IS THE EASIEST TO MEMORIZE

And bonus: It calls on the example of Mary and all the saints. Spiritual Communion is becoming more and more habitual as we grow accustomed to the lack of publicly celebrated Masses. We can more easily make this practice a frequent habit by memorizing a Spiritual Communion prayer. This one, found in the Daily Roman Missal, is short and easy to commit to memory:

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

THE GOLDEN ARROW

This prayer was revealed by Jesus Himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy. "This Golden Arrow will wound My Heart delightfully," He said, "and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy." May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious, and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

KEEP YOUR EYES FIXED

A great artist once painted a picture in which a solitary figure is seen rowing a small boat across the dark waters of a lonely lake. A high wind is churning up the waters causing white-crested billows to rage ominously around the tiny skiff. As he rows on, the boatman's eyes are fixed on the one lone star shining through the darkness. Under the picture, the artist has inscribed these words: "If I lose that, I am lost."