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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PENTECOST SUNDAY
June 5, 2022

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WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon—Sat 8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 4PM, and 7PM (*Neocatechumenal way – In Grade School*)
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 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 BAPTSIM: 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 + Ray & Terry Neudauer

PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 5
8:00 am + All Souls
10:30 am + Mary Butz
2:00 pm **Spanish** + Paul Velarius

MONDAY, June 6 (10th week in ordinary time)
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
8:30 am + Lucille Lutz

TUESDAY, June 7
8:30 am + Jim & Rita Ulrich

WEDNESDAY, June 8
8:30 am + Robert Dorttrey

THURSDAY, June 9
St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
8:30 am + Carol Nordstrom

FRIDAY, June 10
8:30 am + Lona & Lawrence Ulrich

SATURDAY, June 11
St. Barnabas, Apostle
8:30 am + Lauerne Ulrich

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
4:00 pm + Dearly Departed

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, June 12
8:00 am + Francisco Vargas
10:30 am + Deceased Ushers
12:30 pm **Spanish** + Fr. Henry Shea

BOILER CHIMNEY STACK

Our boiler chimney stack is located between the church and Grade School is breaking and needs to be taken down as soon as possible so that we may be safe and have heat ready for the winter. The cost is estimated to $300,000. Please consider helping in any way so that we can save any other damages with other buildings of our parish and have heating during winter. To donate for this cause, please indicate "Building Fund" on any donation memos. God will repay you hundred-fold for your generosity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Church celebrates its birth this weekend on this Solemnity of Pentecost, which is an ancient Jewish feast fifty days after Passover. For Israel it was the day that God spoke to Moses and gave him the Commandments on the top of Mt. Sinai in a cloud and mediated by fire.

Pentecost was one of three Jewish feasts where Jews living within a certain distance from Jerusalem had to return to the city, and even some may have stayed since Passover. The city was filled with Jews from 'every nation under heaven.' And they heard the apostles speak each in their own tongue. Many had a language particular to the place where they lived in addition to Aramaic or Greek, and perhaps this was the language they heard.

All were amazed that they could hear the multiplicity of languages praising the marvels of God. Peter addresses the crowd and says the men are not drunk at this hour of the morning. He quotes the prophet Joel who says a final time shall come and a spirit of prophecy will be seen, meaning salvation and the Messiah has come. If they can be inspired to speak in languages they do not know, how much more will they be able to prophecy in their own native tongue. And they are able to do amazing things as Luke shows us in each chapter of his *Acts of the Apostles*. Three thousand were added that day to the Church, and daily new brothers and sisters were adding.

The universal nature of the Church is hinted at in this great outpouring of the Spirit. What started in Jerusalem is meant for all the nations, and undoes what happened centuries before in Babel. We too need the unity that only comes from the Holy Spirit within the Church. It is not something that we can do for ourselves, but is always a gift from God. This feast day is more than wearing something red; it is the birth of a new spirit inside of us that leads us to unity and humility, two things hard to find these days.

Let us all praise the Lord in our own native tongue and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. He will make it possible for us to love and accept each other.

Fr. Doss
Pastor

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.

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 June 23 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sat, June 25 at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	$2,569	4,715
Plate	$619	960
Gas & Lights	$49	125
Campus Repairs	$11	70
Building Repair Fund Total:		$120,543

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!

ST. BERNBARD'S MINISTRY GATHERING

Friday, June 17th at 6 PM all the ministers of St. Bernard will gather in the parish center. Snacks and drinks will be served. Please come and enjoy the evening and get to know each other.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week the Peter's Pence collection, a world-wide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.

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.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PENTECOST

The timing and origins of Pentecost. Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, **the Church prays the Novena** to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu`ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Originally a harvest feast, Shavu`ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

What happens at Pentecost? In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in **Acts 2:13,** though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41. It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.