

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.

1160 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul. MN 55117

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 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 & 12:30 PM Spanish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: FRIDAY 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 2 months 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 John Albert Family
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 4

8:00 am + All Souls
10:30 am Kellan Zech
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. David W. Smith

MONDAY, December 5

8:30 am + Richard Kortekaas

TUESDAY, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 am + Peggy Smith

WEDNESDAY, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Richard Kortekaas

THURSDAY, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Steve Lauinger
6:00 pm + Peter Rice

FRIDAY, December 9

St. Juan Diego

8:30 am Steve Lauinger

SATURDAY, December 10

11:00 am (Healing mass) Steve Lauinger

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Steve Lauinger
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 11

8:00 am + Fr. David W. Smith
10:30 am John Stafford
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Peter Wang

MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2023.

The following weekend, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before & after all the Masses. Please take advantage of the sacrament to prepare for the Christmas.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent is a time of hope, of expectation, of waiting for the Lord. God wants you to recover that sense of anticipation you had as a child when you waited for Christmas. It is not about wishful thinking but to reflect about the deep desires you have for yourself, your family, and friends this Christmas. The hope you have for a change in the relationship in your family. Hope requires that you take some action: to pray, to get up early and speak with the Lord.

Hope means that we are a people “on the way.” There are some who say they “have arrived,” that they have it all. This is presumption. And its opposite is the one who says, “I’ll never get there; it is impossible.” This is despair. Hope is a virtue, a good habit that lies in the middle of these two extremes. God wants you to live in hope and I invite you to work on this virtue. I will focus on it during these four weeks of Advent with the intention that it grows in us.

Have you named the desire that you are hoping for this Christmas? I encourage you to spend some time thinking about this. What do you desire for your parents or your spouse or your children this year? It is not just wishful thinking but a deep desire for a change, not so much in others but in yourself. Also, part of this desire is for those people you would like to hear this message of hope at Christmas. Often at Christmas and the holidays it can be very stressful and full of tension. Hope will change your outlook on others and create more peace.

Paul is writing to the Romans since there are also tensions in their church, their community. Paul says just a few verses before what was proclaimed today, “Bear with the failing of the weaker ones, and not just to please yourselves. Consider your neighbor’s good in order to build him up.” Paul speaks wisely in saying bear the foibles of others rather than getting annoyed by them. If it is something serious then, of course, you have an obligation to speak. However, it is often the small things of your spouse or your friend that drive you crazy. Don’t force them to be the way you want them to be, love them for who they are. Jesus did not do things to please himself, neither should we.

Scripture, the Bible, was written so that you might believe, so that you would have hope and encouragement. Scripture is full of stories of all kinds of people who build us up so that we have hope. It includes not just good people but all types of characters that in some way respond to God. I hope during Advent that you find encouragement in God’s word, and this gives you hope.

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

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 Dec 15 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 17th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,105	4,654
Plate	\$769	962
Building Repair Fund Total:		\$149,135

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before & after all the Masses. Please take advantage of the sacrament to prepare for the Christmas.

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.

DID YOU NOTICE THE NEW BOILER STACK?

Both boiler chimney stack is placed on the both boilers and now the work on the old boiler stack need to be removed. Please keep this project in your prayers . Help us in anyway you can because God blesses the generous hearts and provides hundred folds.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is ill or struggling with a difficulty, please consider contacting the parish office to request a prayer shawl or lap blanket. All items are prayed over as they are made by our volunteers and then are blessed by a priest before we deliver them. You can arrange to pick up an item when you call, or if needed, someone from our group can deliver it to you. There is no cost to receive an item, and recipients do not need to be members of our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

COME TO HELP US & HAVE FUN

Yearly church cleaning on Saturday, December 3rd after 8:30 AM Mass.
Please come and help us.

There will be Anointing Mass on Saturday, December 10th at 11 AM. Please bring all those who are sick, elderly, and homebound.

Men’s club Christmas gathering is on Dec 10th from 1—6 PM in the parish center.

Feast of Guadalupe Novena begins December 1st at 6:30 PM and the feast Mass will be on Monday, December 12th at 6 PM followed by dinner party in the Parish center.

Christmas Bake sale prep night will be on Wednesday, December 14th from 5 to 8 PM in the parish center. Please come to enjoy the baking. We will have Bake sale on the weekend of 17th & 18th after all the masses.

Christmas decoration and setting up the manger will be on Saturday, December 17th after 8:30 AM Mass.

Christmas concert in the church on Sunday, December 18th at 4 PM. Free suggested donation entrance & Food & drinks will be on sale.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4 PM Mass

11PM Carols prelude before Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:
(no 8am mass)**

10:30 AM Mass & 12:30 PM Spanish Mass