

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 5, 2023

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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 Virginia Thompson
7:00 pm + Tom & Leona Tacik

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 5

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am Clement Olson
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Leonard Siebenaler

MONDAY, February 6

St. Paul Miki & companions

8:30 am Steve Lauinger - healing

TUESDAY, February 7

8:30 am Steve Lauinger - healing

WEDNESDAY, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30 am Steve Lauinger - healing

THURSDAY, February 9

8:30 am + For the souls in purgatory

FRIDAY, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am + Lisa Miller

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Edward Kneissel
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger - healing

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 12

8:00 am + Richard Kortekaas
10:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Rev. Leonard Siebenaler

OLD BOILER STACK

Since the older boiler stack has been taken down, please do not use either the parking or church door on the grade school side. Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for your cooperation.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you were able to pick one person to love this week, and follow through on it. In the gospel we hear Jesus continue with his Sermon on the Mount, and he speaks of a Christian's responsibility to the world. You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world. And he says this also to each one of us, to anyone who wants to follow him.

Christians are called not only to be virtuous but to be salt, to add flavor to the world, and to transform it. To become insipid means to be sophomoric, to be a wise fool. In Latin, it means one who no longer knows who he is. A thing is wisest when it is most fully itself and keeps within its nature. A foolish person forgets to be what it is, and no longer has his proper flavor. Salt when it goes bad is hopeless.

A Christian heightens the quality of life and makes it more palatable, more nourishing or he has no reason for being. Salt is not for itself, cannot be its own end. It serves a humble yet somehow indispensable purpose. Nothing can substitute it. Insipid Christians have forgotten the salt placed on their tongues, which was part of the old rite of Baptism.

Also with light we often want to receive it rather than provide it for others, and then we run the risk of becoming dark. Christ has communicated to a Christian his own salt and light of his divinity; they "turn" and become corrupt if they are not used and communicated, like the manna in the desert. "What the soul is to the body, that Christians are to the world," says an ancient *Letter to Diognetus*.

The good works of a Christian are beams of light that manifest God's goodness to all. A Christian represents God, makes him present again. I was struck by that saying that you cannot be a Christian unless you see one. A Christian can be a source of scandal when he is unfaithful to that call.

When we look around us we see the consequence of people ceasing to be the salt and light of Christ. St. Pope John Paul II said society is scarred by the denial of God and the lack of religious freedom compared to the overriding importance given to economic matters. Pope Francis echoes the same message.

A Christian, and a parish, needs to move from a pastoral work of conservation (of merely giving the sacraments) to a decidedly missionary pastoral work. This involves all of us. We are called to be light not because we are better than anyone, but only as a service, which is so much in need today!

Fr. Doss

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 Feb 23 @ 6:00pm
Baptism, Sun 26th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,415	4,654
Plate	\$768	962
Church Audio & Lights	\$335	-
Worship & Liturgy	\$145	-
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,770

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!

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.

REMEMBER ST. BERNARD’S IN YOUR WILL

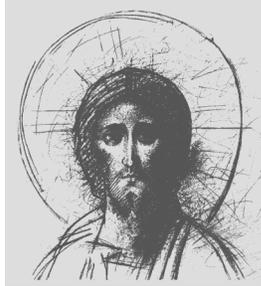
Do you have a will?

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.

FRIENDSHIP

“Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake. If you keep good companions, I can assure you that you will one day rejoice with the blessed in Heaven; where as if you keep with those who are bad, you will become bad yourself, and you will be in danger of losing your soul.”

- St. John Bosco 3



**Are you suffering?
Are you overwhelmed, and
do you feel alone?
Are you missing something
in your life?**

Jesus asked them:

“What are you looking for?” (John 1:38)

GOD LOVES YOU AS YOU ARE!

COME AND LISTEN!

Catechesis for Youth & Adults

Mondays and Thursdays 7pm-8pm

St. Bernard’s High School Gym

187 Geranium Ave W, St Paul, MN 55117

Free Babysitting provided

SAINT OF THE WEEK: FEB 8TH: St. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Her kidnappers gave her the name *Bakhita*, meaning “fortunate.” Her life in captivity wasn’t quite so. Born in Darfur in 1869, Josephine Bakhita was taken by Arab slave traders when she was 9. Forced to walk 600 miles to southern Sudan, she was bought and sold before arriving in El Obeid. But of all the indignities Josephine faced as a slave—far too many to mention here—one in particular stands out.

Through a combination of branding and tattooing, Josephine suffered the traditional Sudanese practice where a pattern was cut into her skin with a razor. To ensure scarification, salt was poured into the open wounds. When it was finished, 140 intricate patterns were carved into her breast, torso, and arm. She also faced countless beatings and lashings from a revolving door of owners as well as a forced conversion to Islam.

Left by her owner in the custody of the Daughters of Charity in Venice in 1888, Josephine finally found refuge. Baptized in 1890, she took her final vows in 1896, and spent the rest of her life in Vicenza as a doorkeeper and cook. She died in 1947. Beatified in 1992, she was canonized by Pope John Paul II eight years later.

Forgiveness- Josephine endured unimaginable hardships in her life, but she showed mercy. “If I were to meet the slave traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me,” she once said, “I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and religious today. The Lord has loved me so much. We must love everyone.” In the face of inhuman trials, she only saw the face of Christ.

Faith- In her years as a doorkeeper, Josephine exuded unshakable grace. The people of Vicenza warmed to her quickly, calling her “black mother.” Though she carried the physical and psychological scarring of her years as a Sudanese slave, she never lost her faith. “O Lord,” she once said, “if I could fly to my people and tell them of your goodness at the top of my voice, oh how many souls would be won!” After she died, it was written that her mind was always fixed on God, while her heart was still in Africa. Josephine showed what can be overcome when we hold to our faith.