

# 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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 19, 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 Arvid Thompson  
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger (healing)

### **7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 19**

8:00 am Steve Lauinger (healing)  
10:30 am + Rev. Fr. Leonard F. Siebenaler  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Dearly Departed

### **MONDAY, February 20**

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

### **TUESDAY, February 21**

#### **St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22**

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)  
6:00 pm For all the Parishioners  
7:00 pm For all the Parishioners

### **THURSDAY, February 23**

8:30 am + Beverly Olriksen

### **FRIDAY, February 24 Abstinence**

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

### **SATURDAY, February 25**

8:30 am + Doug Kitto

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Sue Erickson  
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger (healing)

### **1st SUNDAY OF LENT, February 26**

8:00 am Ila Thompson  
10:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Donald White

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Masses: 8:30 AM & 6 PM in English  
7 PM in Spanish**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday: 5 PM in Karenni  
6 PM in English & 6:30 PM in Spanish**



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have been speaking of what it means to love for the last three weeks. There are many mistaken ideas of love in our society today. Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount is setting forth what love is and how it is seen in a Christian. Identify one person close to you and see how you can serve him or her, help him, and love him as a Christian.

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is an ancient law that limits the amount of damage one can do to another to retaliate for an injustice. It was a step forward at the time but still leaves a lot to be desired. Two people now are missing an eye. Jesus goes much further by saying when someone strikes you on the right cheek offer the other one as well. If someone hits you on the right cheek it can only mean that he slapped you with the back of his hand which for a Jew was twice as insulting as hitting him with the flat part of a hand. So Jesus is saying that even the most insulting slap a Christian does not retaliate, nor resent it, as Christ did.

Another example Jesus uses is that if someone wants your tunic then give him your cloak as well. Once again there is more than meets the eye. The tunic was a long inner garment made of cotton or linen. The poorest man would have a change of tunics. The cloak was a large outer blanket-like garment that a man wore as a robe by day, and used as a blanket at night. Most Jews would have only one cloak. At this time you could borrow a man's tunic but never his cloak.

Then he speaks of one who is compelled to go into service for not just one mile but for two. Since Israel was an occupied country one could always be asked to be a guide for someone or a porter. Jesus is saying don't do a mile with resentment; go further and go cheerfully, with good grace. Don't think of the least that you can do but how you can serve and love the other.

What we heard this week of the Sermon on the Mount is the most striking. Jesus said that we must love our enemies with an "agape" love, which is the highest form of love. It is a love that is unconditional, no matter what the other one does I am called to love them as they are. This is not humanly possible. Only with the grace of God can a person love in this way, and the world would be a much different place if even a small percentage of people loved like this. Let us ask the Lord to help us to carry our cross and to love those close to us, especially the one who is not the one I would naturally choose to love.

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$7,499	4,654
Plate	\$683	962
Church Audio & Lighting:	\$164	
Worship & Liturgy:	\$27	
Building Repair Fund Total Donations:		\$184,460

**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.

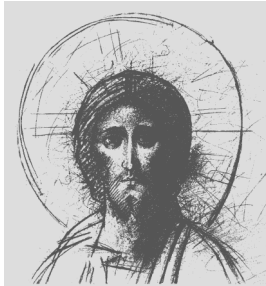
### REMEMBER ST. BERNARD’S IN YOUR WILL

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.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION

The 2023 Appeal goal for St. Bernard’s is \$16,984.00. The goal is 5% of our plate and envelope collections. Thank you for our partnership in helping make this our most successful appeal. If a parish exceeds our goal for the year, 50% of the amount received over goal is returned to the parish to use as they see fit. Please feel free to contact The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation with any questions. Thank you!



**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

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially,” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual should substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.