

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 26, 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 Sunday 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 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

MONDAY, February 27

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & doctor of the church
8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

TUESDAY, February 28

8:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory &
Dorothy Stuber

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

THURSDAY, March 2

8:30 am + Dolores Burg

FRIDAY, March 3 Abstinence

St. Catherine Drexel, Virgin
8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

SATURDAY, March 4

St. Casimir
8:30 am + Edward Gunter & All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Bernice Charpentier
7: 00 pm Steve Lauinger

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, March 5

8:00 am + For the souls in Purgatory
10:30 am + Dearly Departed
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Stephanie Pommier

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday: 5 PM in Karenni
6 PM in English &
6:30 PM in Spanish



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to focus the next few weeks on the idea of Christian Atheists, which is a contradiction so let me explain. A Christian, and especially a Catholic, is a person that believes in God who sent his Son to this earth and lived here as a normal man and died a very gruesome death, rose from it, ascended into heaven and sent his Holy Spirit to his first followers who started a community of believers that still exists today.

On the other hand, an atheist says God is dead or never existed and is part of this wishful thinking for kids, something like Santa Claus. So the Christian Atheist is a contradiction in terms. However, often people say one thing and even believe it intellectually, but their thoughts, words and actions say something entirely different. They often reflect the way of being of an atheist because there is a disconnect between what people say and how they act. St. James tells us in his letter that Christians need to be doers of the Word, not just hearers.

I am as guilty of this as you and maybe you know people who have left the Church because of this. This series will try to bridge this gap, and we will look at several key ideas where we seem to live our life as if we do not believe that God is present. This week we will look at the biggest way we live and think as those who don't believe in God, and the first one.

We hear of the creation account in Genesis and we do not have to believe that this happened in seven days. This is written in a Jewish or Eastern mentality and is told not in the same way that we would tell it. It is written with symbols in a way that we would not and is easy to misinterpret. So I invite you to humbly listen to see the deep truths that God is trying to tell us.

The author tells us that God formed man out of the clay or dirt of the ground and blew into his mouth the breath of life. He doesn't just say, "Let there be man." He tells it in a very personalistic way. It sounds like an artist molding someone out of clay. He breathes into our mouth. It is hard to find a more intimate image of creation.

Then he sets up this fantastic garden surrounding our first parents (you and me) with a special environment so that we thrive. He sees that man is not good to be alone and God creates a partner for man. But the serpent comes to tell Eve a few very subtle lies and she believes him and so does Adam, and so do you. And this is often repeated in our lives. It is not too late to Come and listen to the Catechesis on Christian Initiation.

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 Apr 20 @ 6:00pm
Baptism, Sun 23rd at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,092	4,654
Plate	\$667	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$78	
Worship & Liturgy	\$88	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received: \$190,205		

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.

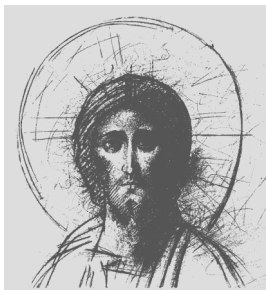
REMEMBER ST. BERNARD'S IN YOUR WILL

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 is \$16,984.00. The goal is 5% of our plate and envelope. 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

ROMAN MISSAL ON THE ALTAR

(From the English translation of the Roman Missal, 2010)

296. The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the center of thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.

297. The celebration of the Eucharist in a sacred place is to take place on an altar; however, outside a sacred place, it may take place on a suitable table...

298. It is desirable that in every church there be a fixed altar, since this is more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the Living Stone.

299. The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people. The altar should occupy a place where it is the center toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar should be fixed and dedicated.

300. An altar should be dedicated according to the rite prescribed in the Roman Pontifical...

301. In keeping with the Church's traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid and well crafted may be used, provided the altar is structurally immobile...