

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 OF LENT
March 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 Marykay Woessner
7: 00 pm Steve Lauinger

5th SUNDAY OF LENT, March 26

8:00 am Roy & Jill Cloutier
10:30 am + Dearly Departed
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Edwin Savundra

MONDAY, March 27

8:30 am + Anita Seebach

TUESDAY, March 28

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

THURSDAY, March 30

8:30 am + For the Sols in Purgatory

FRIDAY, March 31

8:30 am **Abstinence**
Steve Lauinger (healing)

SATURDAY, April 1

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter &
All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Syl Bancert
7: 00 pm Steve Lauinger (healing)

PALM SUNDAY, April 2

9:30 am + Procession:
Steve Lauinger (healing)
12:00 pm (Spanish) + procession & Mass :

COVERING OF CROSSES

The Church says that from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Good Friday the crosses may be covered in purple. Why do we do this? To remind us of the weeks before the Passion when Christ no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. There is a papal chapel where this custom was lived that had the words of the Gospel in Latin inscribed: "Jesus autem abscondebat se." Jesus hid himself. Another reason given is that Christ's divinity was hidden at the time of his suffering and death. The images of the saints can be covered since it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your family are keeping the beautiful season of Lent well and spending some quality time together. It has been ok here in the parish. ***So please don't forget your parish, we still need your generosity, probably more now than before.***

Many families are saying how terrific it has been to have more time together and how a more simple life has enormous benefits for each member of the clan. I pray that this time makes us more grateful for what God gives us. The gospel of the raising of Lazarus fits in with our crisis since we see first hand the humanness of Jesus Christ and his relationship with this family. Jesus went to Bethany when he wanted to rest and get away from the crowds. Martha is close enough to him to be able to say, rather bluntly, "If you had come earlier my brother would not have died." Only a good friend, and a Jewish one, can say something like that.

Everything in this gospel is designed by God, even when it is written by men. Jewish thought was that the soul stayed close to the body for up to four days to try to get back into it, and after those days it was too late since the body already decayed. It is no coincidence that Lazarus had been dead for four days before Jesus returns, and yes he could have returned earlier, but then this miracle would have never happened. Jesus does things in his own time and does not react to pressure. He does the same in our lives. Take advantage of this time to be with others, to organize ourselves, to study and speak a language...

One point of the gospel is that we have a certain amount of time that God has given us in this world and we need to use it well. So we don't have time to waste on superfluous things that have no meaning now or in heaven. We need to finish the work when the sun is still up, once the sun is down, the game is over.

Believing in Jesus Christ is not only to think about him. To believe in him is to enter into a real and personal relationship. He is inviting us to spend time with him, to get to know him, and to love him as Martha, Mary and Lazarus did. When Jesus heard that his friend had died "an involuntary groan was wrung from his heart." The Greek word also means a horse snorting; such was the emotion that overcame him with this news of Lazarus. God is presenting some remarkable gospels for us these weeks. It is important for us to read them again and think about their meaning for my life. The Pope asked us to read again the gospel of the man born blind (John 9) and reading this one would also be a grace for us. What is God saying to you in this good news? Let us prepare ourselves for the Palm Sunday and the Holy Week which is approaching. I hope you can join us for Palm Sunday procession at 9:30 AM from the parking lot of Parish center and walk around the parish and begin our mass at 10:30 AM. April 3rd please join us for confession at 6:30 PM in the church. 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	\$3,348	4,654
Plate	\$1,057	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$20	
Worship & Liturgy	\$41	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,815

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.

CONFESSION FOR THE PARISH

Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM in the Church. Please come and receive the forgiveness of your sins and ready to enter the Holy Triduum.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (Trilingual)
Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross @ 7 PM (Trilingual)
Easter Vigil (April 8): 8pm (Trilingual)
Easter Sunday (April 9) @ 8 Am, 10:30 AM & 12: 30 PM (Spanish)

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

On Palm Sunday there will be a longer procession outside of the church for those who wish to come. We invite you to gather at 9:30 AM at the parking lot of the parish, where we will begin and then process into the church by passing through some streets. Young children are especially invited!

My Family—My Parish—My Responsibility

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$15, and milk is almost \$4 a gallon? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? Our church heating bill alone is nearly \$5,000 a month and our salaries for our small staff of 3 full-time people & few others is about \$15,000 a month. Those two items alone consume nearly 75% of our collection. Alms are a good way to build up our treasure in heaven.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, of Holy Week at 10 AM, April 6th. All involved in parish ministries should attend; it is a beautiful celebration where priests renew their vows and the new holy oils are consecrated. It is very worthwhile. The Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside.

LENTEN ACTS OF KINDNESS

Besides sacrifices, we are called to be more giving during the Lenten Season, and we would appreciate your help!

To prepare for the next mass, before you leave your pew, please; (1) remove any water bottles, tissues, bulletins, etc. and (2) place the blue Gather books into the racks. If you have used or moved the Breaking Bread songbooks or Missalettes from their proper place in the pew, please return them to their designated spots.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution.

In memory of: _____

Your name/Telephone Number: _____

Donation: \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ Other ____