

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 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 + Midge Limberg

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, June 25

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am Jaden Rausch
(wedding Anniversary)

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Caroline Doss

MONDAY, June 26

8:30 am Theresa Heim

TUESDAY, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Anne & Edna Wilson

WEDNESDAY, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & martyr

8:30 am + Michael Jaworski

THURSDAY, June 29

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30 am + Peter Rice

FRIDAY, June 30

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 am + Myrna Kitto

SATURDAY, July 1

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

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

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Peg Tyler

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 2

8:00 am + Deceased members of Fisher
Family

10:30 am John Kemp

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Francis

“We find rest in those we love, and
provide a resting place to those who love us.”

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We return to the wonderful gospel of Matthew. In many ways this gospel is the favorite of the Church since it is so easy to teach from it. Jesus is encouraging us to not be afraid if you need to suffer for the sake of being a disciple. This is how you know you are on the right path. It reminds me of that saying we heard from St. Peter recently: always be ready to give a reason for the hope you have inside of you.

To fear persecution because of the faith would be to remain at the level of the people who are persecuting you, and fear of them means that at some level we accept their mentality. Jesus gives us the reason why we should not be afraid: since in the end the truth will come out and it will triumph over the threats and persecution. It is an invitation to believe in the plan of salvation that Jesus is carrying out now and that he is behind this and has called you to be part of it. His truth is already yours and the work that you are doing is His. In the end the truth of God will be seen as the operating force of the world and you will be vindicated.

A time of concealment will then be followed by a time of revelation, an unveiling. The word for veil originally meant the veil that covered the face of a bride. You are the bride of Christ since you aspire to be a disciple of Christ. One day you will all be unveiled to be seen and to be loved by Christ. Don't forget that Jesus in this passage of the gospel is addressing a group of disciples and repeatedly says, “Do not be afraid,” which means, “All of you here with me do not be afraid of those who belong to the world.”

The disciples are commanded to proclaim from the roof tops in bright daylight what they have first heard in secret, quietly like young lovers. The roof top is that of the house of the Church. The disciples ascend to the rooftop in the morning to broadcast the good news after having spent the night with their Lord in their Father's house. This good news that eventually comes out of their mouths has first entered their hearts and mind in their encounter with the living God. This proclamation is the result of this embrace with Christ. Proclaim boldly what the Lord told you and has done for you, and do not be afraid. Ask the Lord to help us proclaim God's love for us from the rooftops!

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 Aug 24 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 27th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,423	4,654
Plate	\$928	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$31	
Worship & Liturgy	\$135	
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.

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities, will be hosting GAB in the Park on July 23 and August 27, 6-8 pm each evening, at Thompson Park in West Saint Paul. All are welcome! We will gather with prayer and thanksgiving at 6pm, and then enjoy the (hopefully) beautiful summer weather. Thompson Park has walking paths, biking paths, fishing dock and beautiful areas to enjoy one another's company. Please bring outdoor games if you have them and snacks or beverages if you would like.

HOW TO SEE GOD IN THE HOST

Do we truly recognize Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? If we do, great and wonderful things will happen to us. If we don't — tragedy follows. The problem: Recognizing Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament doesn't happen automatically. "God and the Violinist: A Story About Beauty" teaches this lesson on YouTube. In it, a world-famous violinist stands on the street in ordinary clothes and plays one of the most difficult and beautiful pieces in his instrument's repertoire. Do people stop and gape? Not at all. They simply walk past him, unaware that they are in the presence of something concertgoers that evening will pay huge sums to see.

The point is that God's beauty is all around us, but we have not attuned ourselves to it always. The same is true with the Eucharist. God is really there. Jesus Christ becomes present in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the sacrament. But we often don't notice. Perhaps we have objections, like the Jews do in the Gospel. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life within you," says Jesus. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" some may scoff.

The readings explain. Moses tells the Jews that they have been led into the desert as a test to "find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments."

Those who follow his commandments learn to recognize him. They learn that he is "the living Bread that came down from heaven." The second reading describes what follows. By participating in the Body and Blood of Christ, we become one with him. Our perspective changes. We can look at the Host at Mass and see what St. John Paul II saw. "For over a half-century, every day, beginning on Nov. 2, 1946, when I celebrated my first Mass," he said in his 2003 encyclical on the Eucharist, "my eyes have gazed in recollection upon the Host and the chalice, where time and space in some way 'merge' and the drama of Golgotha is re-presented in a living way. ... Each day my faith has been able to recognize in the consecrated bread and wine the divine Wayfarer." If you don't see him there, change your life. Pray more; serve more; listen more. Then you will see him.