

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 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 Edward Kneissel

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 16

8:00 am + Leroy & Barbra Washenburger

10:30 am Christopher Htoo

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. John G. Donahue

MONDAY, July 17

8:30 am Mary Kennicutt

TUESDAY, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 am Manuela Roselia Mann

WEDNESDAY, July 19

8:30 am Yagi & Judy Smith Family

THURSDAY, July 20

St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am + Dick Kitto

FRIDAY, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest & religious Founder

8:30 am + Mike Fischer

SATURDAY, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am Peg Tyler & Lindsay (Birthday)

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Irene Charpentier

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 23

8:00 am + Virginia Albert (Birthday)

10:30 am Peg Tyler

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. John G. Donahue

We will have Fr. Joseph Kongo from the Diocese of Kitui for the mission Appeal on July 22nd & 23rd weekend masses and will have collection to support the mission. Please be generous to help our brothers and sisters in faith.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Parables are “examples” of stories that illustrate by analogy a deep spiritual point or divine mystery by using familiar things and happenings. Jesus works to bring what is sublime, divine and profound within the grasp, not of all, but of those who have a pure heart and can understand the words of Jesus Christ. Understanding his parables is one way of “seeing God,” of penetrating God’s ways and experiencing the mysteries of the Kingdom. On our part, there are conditions for understanding parables: purity of heart and spiritual littleness begin to define those conditions. In addition, parables test our willingness to ponder the Word of God as well as our attitude toward the deeper meanings of the Word of God. There is an old philosophical principle that states that only the God-like can understand the thoughts of God.

Even though man is made in the image of God it has been covered over a lot with woundedness and bad habits. This image needs to be recreated. And this is what we are working on each week as we hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist and reflect on it during the week. When that image of God comes back to life in us we can better understand Jesus’ ways, and experience his life.

The moment of His presence in the world is a special time of God’s showing himself in a way never done before in salvation history. Through parables Jesus is slowing training us to perceive the deepest mysteries, which are too dazzling for us to see directly. Jesus speaks to the disciples on one level and the crowds at a different level. They have direct access to him in today’s gospel even over the waters in the boat where he is sitting at a distance. He welcomes their question and proceeds to open up the ways of the Kingdom to them and us. Jesus came to enlighten and save all, yet not all at the same time or in the same way. Let us imitate the humility of the disciples as they grow in their understanding of these mysteries, and learn to ponder more the ways of God in our life.

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 July 13 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 16th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,907	4,654
Plate	\$957	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$92	
Worship & Liturgy	\$211	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$45

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.

MEN'S RETREAT

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The retreat begins Thursday evening July 13, 2023 and ends Sunday evening July 16, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website :
www.demontrevilleretreat.com

SAINT OF THE WEEK - LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

He was born to devout Catholic parents on July 22, 1559, in the Italian town of Brindisi, on the Adriatic side of the peninsula's heel. His father, William de Rossi, gave him the baptismal name of Julius Caesar, little realizing that their bundle of joy (his father was wont to rave excessively about the baby boy) would also lead troops into battle and uniquely impact the history of Europe.

Julius was a precocious child who from early childhood gave evidence of a religious vocation. He was already orating at six and when only twelve he was chosen to give a Christmas address, as was the Italian custom, to the local citizens. When his father died that same year the young man went to Venice to live under the tutelage of his uncle, a priest, and study with the clerics of St. Marks. Impressed by the Capuchin friars at Verona, Julius sought entrance to their novitiate and was accepted and given the name Lorenzo, Lawrence. In preparation for the priesthood he studied philosophy at the University of Padua and returned to Venice to study theology.

While still a deacon Brother Lawrence was assigned to give the Lenten sermons at San Giovanni Nuovo in Venice and so great was the young preacher's passion and eloquence in the pulpit that the whole city was in admiration of him. Father Lawrence excelled in languages, not only the principal ones of Europe, of which he was fluent in five, but also in the Semitic tongues of Hebrew and Syro-Chaldaic (Aramaic), as well as Greek. It was very unusual in the sixteenth century for even the most scholarly theologian to be proficient in Hebrew, and on account of this skill Pope Clement VIII assigned him, while he was serving in Rome as the Capuchin Definitor General, to preach to the Jews of the city. In the papal states Jews over twelve years old were required to hear a weekly sermon. When their rabbis heard this long-bearded friar preach in their own tongue they were astonished. They thought that he must be a Jewish Christian. Many converts were won among the Jews in Rome and elsewhere when Padre Lawrence, with his ready familiarity of the Old Testament, demonstrated for them how perfectly Christ fulfilled the types and figures of the Old Covenant and the Mosaic Law. Some of them actually began calling him "the living Bible." When a friend once asked him what would happen if the Protestants, who were producing the vast majority of printing presses, somehow managed to bury the authentic scriptures beneath a mountain of corrupted translations? The saint answered that he could re-write the whole Bible from memory.