

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 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 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

MONDAY, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:30 am + Deceased members of
Fischer Family

TUESDAY, July 25

St. James the Apostle

8:30 am Peg Tyler

WEDNESDAY, July 26

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Mary Agnes Moriarty

THURSDAY, July 27

8:30 am + Mike Fischer

FRIDAY, July 28

8:30 am + Ann Rinehart

SATURDAY, July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:30 am + Brian Keavney

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Mary Agnes Moriarty

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 30

8:00 am Peg Tyler

10:30 am Joseph & Anthony Heim

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. John M. Siebenaler

BOOKS

“Books are the most wonderful friends in the world. When you meet them and pick them up, they are always ready to give you a few ideas. When you put them down, they never get mad; when you take them up again, they seem to enrich you all the more.”
-Bl. Fulton Sheen



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week we hear a parable that complements the one of the Sower from last week. The parables of the gospels need to rest in us before we can be fully conscious of their meaning for us today, and they have an importance for all of us. Did you notice that the explanation of the parable takes place back in the house? This shows a greater intimacy that Jesus Christ has with his disciples, and would like to have with us. He doesn't come to save the crowds but to save individuals, you and me. And we need to continue abiding in his presence in order to understand him, and his words on the Kingdom.

The disciples insist strongly on having Jesus explain the parable to them. They are really hungry for the truth. It is not superficiality or earthly concerns that distract them this week, but someone much more serious, the Devil, as Jesus tells to them.

This parable is very unique in two ways: first, that the identity of the seeds and the weeds is plainly told. The second surprise is the toleration of the evil growth of the weeds among the wheat. The Devil has to penetrate the field in the middle of the night, by stealth. And he does so only for one reason: to choke the wheat.

Jesus knows immediately who sowed the weeds and he knew it probably before the wheat was sown, and he sows anyway. After the damage is done he has a real concern for the wheat and forbids the slaves from pulling out the weeds. The servants have good intentions; however, they are wrong and are impatient to purge the field and the world from sin. It is easy for us to assume we are the pure ones, the ones with the light and yet why do we have this fear when we see evil in others? Jesus reminds them and us that their mission is to win disciples, and not to judge those around them, and not to be afraid. Let us do the same.

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 | \$2,795 | 4,654 |
| Plate | \$1,062 | 962 |
| Church Audio & Lighting | \$551 | |
| Worship & Liturgy | \$1,377 | |
| 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On August 5th & 6th weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html.



SAINT OF THE WEEK:

St. James the Apostle

The English name "James" comes from Italian "Giacomo", a variant of "Giacobo" derived from *Iacobus* (Jacob) in Latin, itself from the

Greek *Ἰάκωβος* "Iakōbos", from Hebrew יַעֲקֹב. In French, *Jacob* evolves into "Jacques". In eastern Spain, *Iacobus* (*Jacobus*) became "Jacome" or "Jaime"; in Catalan language, it became "Jaume". *Santiago* is the local Galician or Spanish (Castilian) evolution of Vulgar Latin *Sanctu Iacobu* "Saint James". "Tiago" is a popular deglutination native to Portuguese language (*santiago* = *san-tiago* = *São Tiago*); it crossed with old *Diago* to give "Diego" in Spanish and "Diogo" in Portuguese, which is also the Spanish name of Saint Didacus of Alcalá. For example, Miguel de Cervantes in his famous *Don Quixote* uses "San Diego" instead of "Santiago".

He is depicted clothed as a pilgrim; note the scallop shell on his shoulder and his staff and pilgrim's hat beside him. Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and, according to legend, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. The traditional pilgrimage to the grave of the saint, known as the "Way of St. James", has been the most popular pilgrimage for Western European Catholics from the Early Middle Ages onwards, although its modern revival and popularity stems from Walter Starkie's 1957 book, *The Road to Santiago. The Pilgrims of St. James*. Some 237,886 pilgrims registered in 2014 as having completed the final 100 km walk (200 km by bicycle) to Santiago to qualify for a Compostela. When 25 July falls on a Sunday, it is a "Jubilee" year (an *Año Santo Jubilar Compostelano* or *Año Santo Jacobo*) and a special east door is opened for entrance into Santiago Cathedral. Jubilee years fall every 5, 6, and 11 years. In the 2004 Jubilee year, 179,944 pilgrims received a Compostela. In 2010 the number had risen to 275,135.

St. Bernard's Club invites everyone for ice cream after all masses this weekend. Have it plain or like a float - just come, spend some time with your fellow parishioners and enjoy a cool treat. We'll be set up right outside of the church. Everyone is welcome, and it's free!