

# 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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 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 2months 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 + Linda Johnson

### **20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 20**

10:30 am + Richard Kortekaas &  
For all parishioners

### **MONDAY, August 21**

#### ***St. Pius X, Pope***

8:30 am + Robert Kujawa

### **TUESDAY, August 22**

#### ***The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30 am + Harry Churchill

### **WEDNESDAY, August 23**

#### ***St. Rose of Lima, Virgin***

8:30 am + Merle Zechmeister

### **THURSDAY, August 24**

#### ***St. Bartholomew, Apostle***

8:30 am Danica Leier

### **FRIDAY, August 25**

#### ***St. Louis, Joseph Calasanz, Priests***

8:30 am + Edwin & Erwin Sheehan

### **SATURDAY, August 26**

8:30 am + John & Valerie Whitehead

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Nancy Barrios

### **21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 27**

8:00 am + Leo DeGonda  
10:30 am + The Whitehead Family  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. William J. Kenney

### **DISCIPLINE**

“It is impossible for our human nature ever to stop moving; it has been made by its Creator ever to keep changing. Hence when we prevent it from using up its energy on trifles, and keep it on all sides from doing what it should not, it must necessarily move in a straight path towards truth.”

-St. Gregory of Nyssa 2



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy feast of St. Bernard! I am happy to celebrate the 2nd year of our parish feast with all of you. I have been experiencing the faithfulness of God through your great support and prayers.

May our patron saint Bernard continue to intercede for us.

It is a very touching gospel this week of a non-Jewish woman calling out to Jesus and disturbing everyone. As we have heard before this woman is praying. She knows who Jesus is and she knows that he is the only one who can help her and she is not embarrassed to cry out to him. Perhaps, we need this kind of experience of our weakness in order to have the same faith as she did.

I find myself very much like the apostles saying, “Give this woman what she wants and tell her to stop shouting.” Or we could say, get rid of this lady she’s driving me crazy. However, Jesus is very impressed by her faith. Imagine telling someone that it is not fair to take the food that belongs to the children and tell her that giving it to her is to give it to the dogs? The woman is not insulted, she bounces back and says even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table. She means that even gentiles have a right to some happiness, to a few scraps that fall from the table. She persists in her prayer and it is granted: her daughter is cured immediately.

O woman, great is your faith! With what great intimacy Jesus calls her woman who has just gladly humiliated herself to the status of a household dog. Three times she calls Jesus “Lord,” in the most polite form. And she is reaping a blessing from him when he calls out to her, O woman, great is your faith. This declaration raises the status of this woman to beloved.

This encounter of the Canaanite woman with Jesus excellently portrays the soul’s search for love and healing in God. This search might come to us as a time of purification. The initial rigor shown by Christ makes the woman fully aware of the depth of her misery when left to herself. His silence and rebuff test the quality of her love and increase her desire for him. Her running, shouting, insisting and humbly adoring are all indispensable exercises that make her heart grow in its capacity for love and joy. Above all, the process is a trial of her fidelity and of her resolute unwillingness to turn to anyone but Jesus for salvation and healing, no matter what is stacked against her. Let us beg the Lord that we will, one day, have the same faith as this woman.

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 August 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>
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Sunday Envelopes	\$N/A	4,654
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Plate	\$N/A	962
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Church Audio & Lighting	\$N/A	
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Worship & Liturgy	\$N/A	
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Building Repair Fund Donations Remaining:	\$101,726	
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**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.

### THANK YOU!!!

As a pastor, I want to thank all of you who made possible to take this event as one parish family of faith. St. Bernard's club, festive committee, decoration committee, Neo Catechumenal way, Pastoral and financial council and many others made it possible to happen this event. Thanks for the people who donated food, drinks and etc. Thanks for the Karenni and Spanish community who made visible of the Universal Catholic Church in our parish.

**St. Bernard Pray for us!**

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Man of the century! Woman of the century!

You see such terms applied to so many today—"golfer of the century," "composer of the century," "right tackle of the century"—that the line no longer has any punch. But Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," without doubt or controversy, had to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these—and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope. The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster. Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.