

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 1, 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 + Mike Fischer

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 1

8:00 am + Leo Deganda

10:30 am + Jean Schreier

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Francis

MONDAY, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am Fr. Doss

TUESDAY, October 3

8:30 am + Fred Kaiser

WEDNESDAY, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am Steve Schreier Family

THURSDAY, October 5

St. Faustine Kowalska, Virgin & Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:30 am + Larry Kitto

FRIDAY, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:30 am + Mike & Russell Bludorn

SATURDAY, October 7

Our Lady of Rosary

8:30 am + Edward Gunter &
All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Edward &
Marion Kneissel

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 8

8:00 am + Leo Deganda

10:30 am + Valerie Mostrom

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Jerald Rani

BOOYA

St. Bernard's club will have Booya day on **October 7th from 9 am to 2 pm in the parish center**. Please come and get your booya before it runs out.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we close out our series on "Who do people think I am" we continue to look at Jesus Christ and our identity flows out of being his follower. It is not easy but hopefully this is something that you aspire to do. To look at this again let us check out the reading of St. Paul to the Philippians. He is in prison while he wrote this letter and one of his main themes is to have joy always. Paul tells us that if we have received any encouragement from Christ then complete my joy by being of one heart and mind. He is calling all of us to unite around this identity. If you have found encouragement in Christ is similar to the question Do you love your kids? Of course, is the answer. Then do nothing out of selfishness and vanity. Humbly regard others as more important than yourself and view others as more important than yourself.

It does not mean that you should not care for yourself, but view them as more important than yourself. Get into the habit of putting others ahead of you, in line, in your thoughts, it making your plans. Have the same attitude as Jesus Christ. Here is the identity that you are looking for: Christ emptied himself and took the form of a servant. Wow, he did this? Why would he do it and why would I follow him? He knew that God would exalt him in the end, even on the cross he knew this.

So when you have an opportunity serve the other, even on the highway. Leverage your position or your wealth or your influence to serve others. God will reward you. Don't look for human recognition. It is better if you can serve without being noticed or drawing attention to yourself. Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is giving is another way to say it. God sees everything and will lift you up and exalt you. Not just in the life to come but also in this life. Serve without looking for money or being compensated in some way. Your glory will come only from Christ.

So we invite you to look for a chance to serve. It is a key step to more seriously follow Christ: serve on a ministry team. There are people greeting you at the door or even outside. There are people who are taking care of the pre-schoolers, and others who are teaching kids in class rooms, or meeting with them in small groups. There are people who contribute every week to the poor, others who organize and do service projects for the poor in Newark. There are other people who serve in the office and on committees who you never see in these roles, and they have been doing it for years. Lastly, your work should be a service, at home you have many opportunities to serve. Ask the others what you could do to serve them. Teens, you would blow away your parents when you ask this question and follow up on it. When it comes to our identity let us look to Christ. He knows better than anyone else!

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 October 19 @ 6:30pm

Baptism, Sun 22nd at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2851	4,654
Plate	\$915	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$350	
Worship & Liturgy	\$20	
Building Repair Fund Available Balance:		\$51,000

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.

INVITED!!! Our young people often say that one of the biggest reasons they don't consider the priesthood or Religious Life when they think about the future is that NO ONE EVER INVITED THEM to do so. Do you know any young people who have a healthy sense of self, who spend time volunteering to help others, attend Mass regularly, and have leadership potential? Pray for them and invite them to consider a life of service in the Church. For information, call the parish office 651-488-6733 or speak to Fr. Doss. fraggi@churchofstbernard-stp.org (or) 651-558-9301

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

OCTOBER 2nd

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

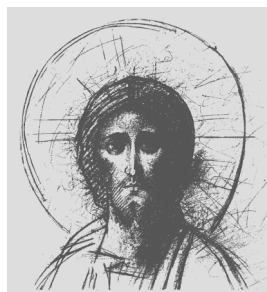
Reflection

Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.

Are you suffering?

Are you overwhelmed, and do you feel alone?

***Are you missing something
in your life?***



Jesus asked them:

***"What are you looking
for?" (John 1:38)***

**GOD LOVES YOU AS YOU
ARE!**

COME AND LISTEN!

Catechesis for Youth & Adults

Mondays and Thursdays 7pm-8pm

St. Bernard's High School Gym
187 Geranium Ave W, St Paul, MN 55117
Free Babysitting provided