### 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

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 15, 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 + Larry Hacker

#### 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 15

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory 10:30 am + Deceased of the parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Philomena

#### **MONDAY, October 16**

St. Hedwig, religious &

St. Margret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:30 am + Kujawa Family

#### TUESDAY, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am + Anthony Simon

#### WEDNESDAY, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 am + Caroline Das

#### THURSDAY, October 19

Sts. John de Brebeuf & Issac Jogues, Priests, & companions, Martyrs

8:30 am + Richard Garrett

#### FRIDAY, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:30 am + Raymond Burg

#### SATURDAY, October 21

8:30 am + Francis

#### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Marion Kniessel

#### 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 22

8:00 am + Paul Raj

10:30 am + People of the Parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Maria Pachon

## MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2024

Please call or pass by the office to book your mass intentions. Thank you!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend is the final parable of three that speak about entrance into the Kingdom of God and is addressed once again to the religious leaders, and to us. This gospel points out that it is

not enough to have accepted the invitation to the marriage feast; one must also go to the wedding, dressed correctly. Since it is an invitation to a royal wedding it is especially significant and everyone ordinarily would be very happy to receive an invitation and would make a point of being there.

So when the banquet was ready the king sent his slaves to tell the guests that all was prepared. A second invitation was usual since it took a long time to prepare the banquet and it was helpful to receive this reminder. There is a Jewish story that says no one would attend a banquet unless he was invited twice. We have similar customs today.

The refusal of this royal invitation was completely unnatural. The king thinks there must have been a mistake and he sends his servants a second time with an even more explicit call! But again to no avail. The guests did not come and the people were busy with their own affairs. They give many excuses and clearly they have no real reason for staying away; they appear to not care.

Finally, the king's servants are ill-treated and some even killed and he punishes them and sets their city on fire. He then tells his servants to go to the highways and invite as many as you find, both the evil and the good, and the wedding was filled with guests. However, when the king sees that one guest is not wearing the wedding garment he calls him affectionately, 'friend.' And even though he clearly could have worn the right clothes, he failed to do so.

What is the significance of this garment? St. Augustine says that to enter this wedding feast, a symbol of heaven, we need to be clothed in righteousness, in charity. If we have great knowledge and can move mountains and have no love, we are nothing but an empty cymbal, a clanging bell. Let us reflect about this gospel and see what the Lord is saying to us.

It is wonderful opportunity for us, which is what the talks on Mondays and Thursdays are all about: to pass from an infantile faith to an adult faith.

Fr. Doss

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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**

Last Week Budget
Sunday Envelopes N/A 4,654
Plate N/A 962
Church Audio & Lighting N/A

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Building Repair Fund Current 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.

#### NAMES OF THE LOVED ONES

There is a binder available on the Altar of Mary & Joseph to write the names of the deceased of your loved ones 2022—2023.

#### **GENEROSITY**

"When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus."

- St. Rose of Lima



# A CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE COME AND LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS

Monday & Thursday nights at 7 PM in St. Bernard's High school Gym and continues for several weeks.

1 Hour—No Registration—No Fee Come & Listen! Free childcare provided. The Neo-Catechumenal Way.

Many today are suffering from the flight from God in our nation and throughout the world. These series of talks are very lively and answer the important issues of life.

They are called a catechesis, which means something that was spoken called out to me, and resounded in me. They are not classes or sermons but announcements of the good news. Maybe there is someone in your life who is going through a tough time so invite them to come & listen.

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 21/22. This year we consider the missionary journeys and encounters of Christ in mission dioceses worldwide. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith helps through their immense work supporting and nurturing 1,100 new and struggling mission dioceses around the world. This year, we hold up Anne Attea, from our archdiocese, as an example of one whose heart was on fire as she traveled to several Central and South American mission dioceses and returned to share her life transforming encounters. Join those around the world celebrating World Mission Sunday and express your missionary spirit by praying and financially supporting the Church's missions. Thank you.

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