

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22, 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 + 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

MONDAY, October 23

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:30 am Tom Thompson

TUESDAY, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:30 am + Franciueo Fergusson

WEDNESDAY, October 25

8:30 am + Jack Kitto

THURSDAY, October 26

8:30 am + Jerald Rani

FRIDAY, October 27

8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:30 am + Deceased of the Parish

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Edward Kneissel

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 29

8:00 am + Linda Johnson

10:30 am + People of the Parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Jerald Rani

MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2024

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

Today is the Weekend of World Mission
Sunday, please be generous to the second
collection to support.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We need to change our way of thinking to be more Christian, more like God's. We cannot control our thoughts but we can re-direct them and feed ourselves with more healthy thoughts. How much effort we put into what we eat and often we never consider what goes into our heads. I have been encouraging you to take a look at what you watch on TV or the computer, the music you listen to and the friendships you form and be more intentional with these things that have such a strong influence on all of us. Make an examination of conscience for a few minutes each day to see what needs to change in your life.

As we continue in the gospel of Matthew (22: 15-21) we hear of a story that happens close to the last weeks of Jesus' life. He enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the crowds love him, but the leaders continue to plot his death. They continue to plot ways to trip him up as if he was some sort of backwards hick, and they think they are smarter. So they pay him an insincere complement to flatter him but they are trying to trip him up. And they ask about paying the census tax.

This was a loaded question because the Jews had to pay taxes to Rome and they were exorbitant and they funded the oppression of the Romans over them. So the taxes were high and humiliating. Also the Roman currency had an image of the Emperor on it that was like a god and the Jews found this very offensive. The Jews thought it was idolatry to use a coin with an image of Caesar on it and yet not paying the tax meant economic ruin or imprisonment.

So the leaders thought they had the Jesus trapped. If he pays the tax then he is condoning idolatry or if he does not pay it then he is in trouble with the Romans. You may also feel stuck when people ask questions about God and suffering or the Church and you are not sure how to handle the situation.

Jesus says show me the coin, show me the money. He asks for evidence. Whose icon is this and whose inscription? Jesus uses the coin itself to show them their blindness. They show the coin and its origin and to whom it belongs and he responds well then give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. But Jesus is judging according to the divine image in the soul of every person. What is your identity, in whose image have you been made? God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him. True holiness is returning each thing to its proper owner and creator. The coin goes to Caesar and your soul to God. The main business of man is to journey back to the Father. The real journey that matters is our quest for God in us.

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	\$4252	4,654
Plate	\$1,082	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$35	
Worship & Liturgy	\$142	
Building Repair Fund 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.

UNIVERSITY OF MARY

The University of Mary (Bismarck, ND) Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Vocal Jazz will present a concert at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 7:30 pm on Sunday, Oct 22. The concert will feature a variety of instrumental and choral music performed by 130 students from 20 different states, including a large contingent from the Twin Cities area. The concert is free and open to the public.



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"

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend. Every parish, school and order celebrates World Mission Sunday and our baptismal call to be witnesses to all. World Mission Sunday is the celebration for the society for the Propagation of the Faith that supports over 1,100 vulnerable communities worldwide enabling those whose "hearts are on fire, and feet on the move" to encounter Christ in mission. Please contribute to this appeal at our parish, or at <http://centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/>.
Thank you.

CHRISTMAS WREATH: Cub Scout Pack 66 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths after masses on 10/21-22. In the church vestibule, Wreaths will be delivered after masses on 11/25-36.