

# 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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 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 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

### **MONDAY, October 30**

8:30 am + Caroline Das

### **TUESDAY, October 31**

8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

### **6:30 pm (All Saints Vigil Mass)**

People of the Parish

### **WEDNESDAY, November 1**

#### **All Saints Day**

8:30 am (*Thanksgiving*) Khmong Trien &  
Man Tran

### **THURSDAY, November 2**

#### **All Souls Day**

8:30 am + Gunter Family

### **FRIDAY, November 3**

#### **St. Martin De Porres, Religious**

8:30 am + Helen Reinhart

### **SATURDAY, November 4**

#### **St. Charles Borromeo**

8:30 am + Edward Gunter &  
All Souls

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Dearly Departed

### **31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 5**

8:00 am + People of the Parish

10:30 am + Deceased of the Parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in Purgatory

## **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,

Hopefully we are starting to see that it is not easy to change, to think as a Christian and to be on God's grace and His plan. I hope we are all being challenged to direct our thoughts to whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and gracious, as St. Paul said a couple of weeks ago. It is worthwhile to think about these things and not just what enters into our heads.

We were reminded last week that you and I are made in the image and likeness of God and that image needs to be uncovered, awakened, polished. By making an examination of conscience each day we can be more proactive in seeing what type of food are we letting into our heads, and maybe some of it or a lot of it ought to change.

This week we are going to look at a few tell tale signs that we are growing as friends and followers of Jesus Christ, and see if we on getting on God's way of life. Jesus is asked by the Pharisees about which law is the greatest? Of course they are asking this in order to take a shot at him. The Jews at this time, and even today, endlessly debate and discuss the 613 specific commandments of the Law, so to ask which one was greatest suggests a simplification that was never considered before. Jesus answers brilliantly again, without hesitation: "You shall love the Lord, your God, will all your heart, will all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22. 37-39)."

The first commandment which is from Deuteronomy is very famous and said daily by the Jews, but the second commandment is more obscure and even sparked controversy, and was rejected by some Pharisees as no law at all: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. What Jesus did was inconceivable to a Jew. And not only did he put them together but he said all the other laws hung on these two.

When Jesus puts these two commandments together he is not just giving us a higher hurdle to overcome but he is showing us the way to happiness. If we truly seek God and love him first above all things, only then can we truly love our neighbor. If our heart is not purified first from loving God then it is all the more difficult to love the one next to us. When we make time for God then patience, charity, avoiding judgments more easily follow. They are gifts that God will give you as you deepen your relationship with him. This is the way we are wired; our hearts are made for loving God and through him to love others. Let us continue to redirect our thinking to thoughts that are gracious, pure, lovely.

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	\$2155	4,654
Plate	\$1131	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$20	
Worship & Liturgy	\$144	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$52,000

**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.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you for expressing your missionary spirit by offering gifts of support during World Mission Sunday. Our parish collected \$1160.58 to help bring the good news to small, young and often poor, struggling mission dioceses worldwide and to celebrate those individuals whose "Hearts are on fire, and feet are on the move."



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

**Monday & Thursday at  
7 PM in St. Bernard's High school Gym.**

**1 Hour—No Registration—No Fee**

**Come & Listen!**

**Free childcare provided.**

*Last week talks were on the centrality of Christianity and the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. This week we will talk on the Sacrament of reconciliation and will celebrate on Thursday.*

*There are only three weeks remaining in the talks and it is not too late to come.*

*In a few short months you will see how many questions of your life are answered and your knowledge of the Bible will help you to understand and be grateful for your life.*

*For sure there is someone in your life who is going through a tough time so bring them and come & listen.*

**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.

### ST. BERNARD'S BIBLE STUDY

St. Bernard's parish will begin the Bible study on *Galatians* Sunday Nov. 26 at 9:10 am in the Parish Center. The study will be repeated two Thursdays a month beginning Dec. 14 at 5:30 pm in the grade school basement. Participants will view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information and to register, see the display in the vestibule or contact Elizabeth at 651-387-9500

**LOVE:** "Love never says: I have done enough!"

- St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus