

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 12, 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 Cliff Charpentier

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 12

8:00 am + Frank Elli

10:30 am Bily Sypniewski

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Sagayamary

MONDAY, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:30 am + Barbara Dains

TUESDAY, November 14

8:30 am + Helen & Leo Reinhart

WEDNESDAY, November 15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Timothy Morrissey

THURSDAY, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:30 am + Jason Morrissey

FRIDAY, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:30 am Kiillian Zech

SATURDAY, November 18

The dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30 am + Leo Morgan

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Deceased members of Fischer family

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 19

8:00 am + Dolores Weiler & family

10:30 am + Karen Nordman

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Mario Priego Solis

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A World Beyond we ponder the beauty of a wedding feast where the ten virgins represent Christians waiting for Christ. He may be slow in coming but they must be watchful and keep their lamps burning.

Jesus' burning concern for the Kingdom and his desire to find new and creative ways to describe it is striking. The reality of this Kingdom must be so intensely rich and multi-layered that even human language used by the Word Incarnate cannot fully describe it. How could it be otherwise since the Kingdom of God is nothing less than the full participation in the very life of God? Only the Son can reveal this to humankind.

This Parable of the Ten Virgins is only found in Matthew and so must have held a special significance in his vision of the Kingdom. He goes on to say, "Then the Kingdom will be like..." He gives one the impression that its eruption into our human world is around the corner. This idea of a marriage feast is not just a metaphor of the Kingdom but actually states that the Kingdom of God is a Marriage Feast. Every nuptial experience is a revelation of the Kingdom.

Jesus says that these ten virgins do not go out to meet a bridegroom, but the Bridegroom, and this encounter is what the kingdom will be like. It is mysterious that there is no mention of a bride. The very heart of the parable is readiness and willingness to engage in a wedding celebration, and having enough oil to generate light. The light acts as the symbol of the glory of God's love erupting into our world in the person of Christ and the wholehearted joy when men reciprocate God's advances. The oil represents man's self-surrender, which provides the "fuel" to enable God's love to be a shining light.

This great encounter between God and mankind is a spousal encounter. Other metaphors give a partial view of the encounter, only marriage imagery ultimately does justice to the deepest nature of the God-man relationship. It is an image recurring consistently throughout Scripture and perhaps is the most comprehensive one. Due to Mary's fiat (let it be done) the Most High has taken to himself a bride and conceived his Son in time and in the flesh. In her flesh our human nature is married to the divine nature in Jesus Christ. In and with Mary, the whole human race becomes the Bride of God.

By Mary's highly personal and all-engaging surrender to God can his will take root in our world. How beautiful and mysterious that these nuptials of a Creator Lord uniting his creature to himself as spouse takes place under the humble and very ordinary form of the marriage of a lowly Jewish couple in Galilee. As we saw in the parable of the wedding feast the guests are the bride, which is the Church! The gospel reminds us that the Lord delights in you and wants to marry you!

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 December 14 @ 6:30pm

Baptism, Sun 17th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,397	4,654
Plate	\$998	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$99	
Worship & Liturgy	\$291	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$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.

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 11/25-26.

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



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.

This week we will see how the Word of God acting, accompanying and surpassing our history, which God is making with each one of us.

This is the last week remaining in the talks and it is not too late to come or join us for the weekend retreat from Friday 9 pm to Sunday 4 pm.

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.

Visiting the Graves of Loved Ones: This month is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones. Rooted in ancient tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988 AD. St. Augustine reminds us: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them." The theological basis of this feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life, but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. Please remember to pray for the souls of the dead. To bury the dead is a corporal work of mercy, to pray for the dead is the spiritual work of mercy.

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection. *Catechism of The Catholic Church, 366.*