

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.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 26, 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

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4:00 pm + Anna Elli

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8:00 am + People of the parish

10:30 am + Bob Bendel

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory

MONDAY, November 27

(34th or last week of ordinary time)

8:30 am Gail Thompson

TUESDAY, November 28

8:30 am + Jeraldrani

WEDNESDAY, November 29

8:30 am Elaina Lech

THURSDAY, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 am + Sagayamary

FRIDAY, December 1

8:30 am + Caroline Das

SATURDAY, December 2

(Year of grace ends)

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter &
All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Ann Rinehart

1st week of Advent, December 3

8:00 am + Helen Rechhardt

10:30 am + Deceased of the parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Richard Garrett

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,
Today's solemnity of Christ the King ends the liturgical year and comes to remind us of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The season of

Advent also has this as its purpose. Jesus does not come by force, but as a shepherd. He is looking for those who have gone astray due to sin, or laziness or the distractions of the world and he comes to forgive us, and save us. He comes to build a kingdom of truth, love and peace, especially inside us. Each one of us is called to be part of this kingdom here on earth, and then in heaven. We want him to reign over every aspect of our hearts and our actions, not only what we do on Sundays.

Whatever we do for a little one we do for Jesus Christ. Whatever we do for the least of our brothers or sisters we do for him. The Gospel is reminding us of the corporal works of mercy that we are called to live (feed the poor, give drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, visit the sick and those in prison and bury the dead). The kingdom of God is a call to service, and especially in our parish. *We can use a lot of help to make our parish more open and accessible and outward focused, which is what the Pope is asking of all of us. Reflect on this and see if the Lord is inviting you to give yourself in some way for the service of souls.*

This feast of Christ the King shows us that everything is subject to God and that he is the Lord of life and death. Jesus Christ has the last word over death and destroys it so that we do not need to be afraid. The Lord wants to give us an adult Christian faith and the freedom to rise above our fears and to live in freedom.

As this year ends and Advent begins in another week, let us call upon the Virgin Mary to help us to be humble and to be the servant that Jesus Christ is calling us to be. 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	N/A	4,654
Plate	N/A	962
Church Audio & Lighting	N/A	
Worship & Liturgy	\$N/A	
Building Repair Fund Balance:		\$41,000

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

Many Ways to Prepare Your Boy to be a Great Priest

It's not your job to turn your son into a future priest. It's your job to teach your son to answer God's call, whatever it might be. We hear a lot of noise about praying for vocations, and sometimes it sounds like we're all hoping the Vocations Fairy will sprinkle Magic Vocation Dust on our dioceses, causing priests to pop up in the lawn like mushrooms after wet weather.

Priests don't grow in the grass. Priests grow in families. They are born to parents (a subject treated elsewhere, but not to be underestimated in its importance). As a Christian parent, it's your job to oversee his formation, teaching him some very specific skills that will help him become a man of God.

1. Teach Him to Pray: You do this about like you teach him to eat: Prayer should be a part of your family life from the get-go. It's something you help him with when he's a baby, but that gradually he does better and more independently as he ages. Like family meals, you never completely quit praying together. Prayer ought to be at least as important in your own life as food is; when he's a teenager and eating you out of house and home, that's when you start praying all the more voraciously. Don't worry—he'll naturally inspire you that way. It's what kids do.

2. Teach Him Self-Control: You're raising a man, not a slave. He needs to learn that he doesn't have to have everything he wants. He needs to learn to deny himself now in order to do what needs to be done. He needs to learn to seek the genuine good of himself and others, not the fleeting pleasure of the moment. So do you, probably.

3. Teach Him Responsible Obedience: Obedience is a courageous act of love. It requires doing without complaining things you don't like but which are morally acceptable, and refusing to carry out immoral orders even when it would be much easier and more pleasant to get along and go along. Most of us absolutely stink at this, so you and he can grow together in this regard.

4. Teach Him What Good Liturgy is Like: How open would your son be to marriage if the only girls he ever met were shallow, vain, and boring? Your son needs to meet a Mass that you'd want for a daughter-in-law: Intelligent, reverent, and a pleasure to spend time with day after day, week after week, year after year. She doesn't need to be perfect, but she needs to be a keeper.

5. Teach Him to Sing: They aren't going to cover this in seminary. The people of his future parish thank you in advance. 6. Teach Him How to Fix the Roof: He'll also need to know about drywall, tile, plumbing, electrical, computers, good financial management and accounting—both tax and audit. He doesn't need to be able to make a living at those (though it won't hurt), but he should at least be conversant enough in the basics to make good decisions and hire good help.