

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

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

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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 + Dearly Departed &
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SUNDAY, January 7

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am + Anton Ngugen Huu Van
10:30 am + People of the parish
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Leonardo Ramirez Campos

MONDAY, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

TUESDAY, January 9 (1st week in Ordinary Time)

St. Adrian of Canterbury

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

WEDNESDAY, January 10

St. Gregory of Nyssa

8:30 am + Dorothy Stuber

THURSDAY, January 11

Bl. William Carter

8:30 am Mary Jo & Judy Kitto
+ Larry Kitto & Thomas Zech

FRIDAY, January 12

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:30 am Alfred R. B (*Birthday*)

SATURDAY, January 13

St. Hilary of Poitiers

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Sr. Andriette (Irene)
Schommer, OSB

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 14

8:00 am + Francis & John Lauinger
10:30 am + Sr. Andriette (Irene)
Schommer, OSB
12:30 pm (Spanish) + People of the Parish

WELCOME TO OUR THREE KINGS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas season was blessed in many ways as it comes to a close tomorrow. It is true that we all desire happiness and we are hoping for it in the New Year. But God does not want you to be happy; he wants something more for you than sheer happiness. Let's look at today's gospel to get a look at what God really wants for you.

You know this gospel and it comes from Matthew and it tells of the magi who come from the East in search of the Messiah. They are pagan foreigners, completely unchurched, unreligious people who are one of the first to comprehend that Jesus is someone special. The religious people miss out on who Jesus is, while the shepherds and Persian Wise Men get it.

They had every reason not to follow the star since they had no idea where they were going, the trip was difficult and dangerous, and there were no promises that the star would lead to anything. However, there were clearly looking for something more in life. They were people of affluence who enjoyed the possibility of travel and in view of the gifts they brought. They lived a comfortable life, but were looking for something more. Discontent is not what we are looking for, but it can often lead us to something great when it motivates us to take action.

They go to King Herod asking for this newborn King of the Jews and Herod learns that this child is to come to Bethlehem and he plots to kill him. The star leads the Magi to the Holy Family and they prostrate themselves, worship him and open their gifts. Their worship is active, if not it is not really worship!

At the end Matthew tells us that they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. For us there are different levels of well-being. One is on the physical plane, which we call pleasure and usually has to do with our senses. God created pleasure and wants us to enjoy a good meal or song or a nice chair. But this is something that passes. The next level is something more interior and includes experiences like happiness, contentment, and gratitude. Hopefully after time with family and friends these weeks you had this experience.

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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 January 25th @ 6:30pm

Baptism, Sun 28th at 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3493	4,654
Plate	\$954	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$326	
Worship & Liturgy	\$38	
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.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION 2023

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Saint Bernard will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish.

A reminder that all 2023 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2023, received in the collection on December 31st or received at the parish office prior to December 29, 2023. Any donations postmarked or received January 1, 2024, or thereafter will be considered 2024 donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

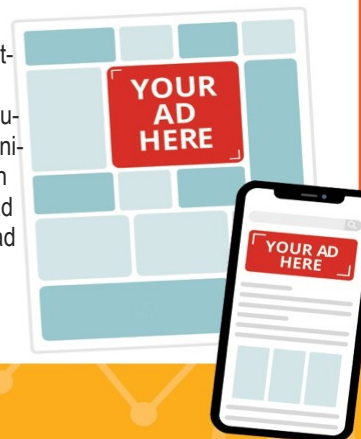
REMEMBER ST. BERNARD'S IN YOUR WILL

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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Rick Brown from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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But God wants something more for us than pleasure and happiness which are temporary and circumstantial. There is something that you can feel in the deepest part of your soul and this is joy! It does not depend on circumstances and it is not temporary. We can acquire pleasure on our own and many people spend a lot of time and money doing so, but joy is not something that someone can give you; it is a gift from God. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is not just about us, but about the people you encounter every day and work and live with as well as those who you don't care for.

When you live your life with joy it changes your relationships and rubs off on them. If you are an adult Christian, a disciple of Christ, joy is essential. Joy is the most compelling case for others to find Christ. You need to pursue it and leave behind 'your things' and follow that star. How do you do that? Well, follow this series and be open to this possibility.

Fr. Doss

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
-St. Catherine of Siena