

# 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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 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 + 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

### **MONDAY, January 15**

#### **St. Devasahayam Pillai**

8:30 am + Doris White  
Marjorie Struntz (*birthday*)

### **TUESDAY, January 16**

#### **St. Berard & Companions**

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

### **WEDNESDAY, January 17**

#### **St. Anthony of Egypt**

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

### **THURSDAY, January 18**

#### **St. Prisca**

8:30 am + George Soler

### **FRIDAY, January 19**

#### **St. Fillan**

8:30 am Barb Dains & Bavely Orlksen

### **SATURDAY, January 20**

#### **Sts. Fabian & Sebastian**

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Steve Horak

### **3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 21**

8:00 am + Kathleen Lutz

10:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Sr. Andriette (Irene)  
Schommer. OSB

**JOY: "The soul of one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing."**

- St. John of the Cross



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We all have the desire in us to be happy. And God wants us to experience a happiness that does not fade away. As we heard last week, this experience which comes from God is called joy. It is not based on circumstances and is permanent. It is a gift from God. Often we look for things that do not satisfy us and perhaps kill any possibility of joy in our lives. Some of our joy killers are sins that we nourish and hold on to. This week we want to look at what you can do to receive the gift of joy.

In John's gospel he refers to John the Baptist who is hugely popular at this time and crowds are going out to see him in the desert. John tells those who are following him, his disciples, that the one who is walking by, Jesus, is the Lamb of God. This phrase is loaded with meaning since the Jewish people were saved from the slavery of Egypt because of the blood of a perfect lamb that was put on their door posts. Isaiah, the prophet, forecast that the Messiah will redeem his people by offering himself as the lamb before God. This is why we say in the Mass: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

When John said this of Jesus it was a stunning thing to say and He was someone who was really worth following. John and Andrew who had been John's disciples became the disciples of Jesus that day. Jesus turned to them and said, "What are you looking for?" What do you want out of life? It's a great question and they did not have a great response and said can we hang out with you? Jesus responded, "Come and see." Andrew is unable to contain his joy and he runs and tells his brother Simon Peter the news about the Messiah and brings him to Jesus. Joy is something that overflows; it spreads naturally. John and Andrew share their joy of meeting Jesus with others.

One of the worst things that can happen to someone coming back to the church is to run into grumpy Christians who have no joy. But the invitation of Jesus Christ is to come and see! If this is your first time here we are glad to see you and hope you will return. For those of you who are coming out of obligation or duty or "for the kids" I would challenge you to say to Jesus, "I want a personal relationship with you. I want joy and I believe you are the only one who can give it to me." And then repeat that daily for a few minutes in the shower or in the car or a quiet place.

Lastly, for those of you who are church goers and followers of Christ, while your faith is personal it is not meant to be private. If you don't share it you will not grow. To make that happen we need friends in faith. Our small groups are about that: sharing our faith and growing in a relationship with Christ. Come and see, follow the star as the Magi did. Come and learn about it. Only God and his Church are able to give you the gift of joy. 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 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	\$4,303	—
Plate	\$932	—
Church Audio & Lighting	\$323	
Worship & Liturgy	\$136	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$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.

## 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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### 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.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK:

#### *Saint Anthony the Abbot*

The life of Anthony (251- 356 AD) will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables." At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

### Reflection

In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.