

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

T HIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 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 + 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)
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MONDAY, January 22

(Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of Unborn Children)
St. Vincent

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

TUESDAY, January 23

St. Vincent & St. Mariann Cope

8:30 am + Francis & John Lauinger

WEDNESDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am + J. John Mercado

THURSDAY, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 am Stephanie Pommier (Surgery)

FRIDAY, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

8:30 am Stephanie Pommier (Surgery)

SATURDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici

8:30 am + John Soler

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Stephanie Pommier (Surgery)

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 28

8:00 am + Pam Rinehart
 10:30 am Stephanie Pommier
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Rev. Fr. Martin A.
 Beckman

FRIENDSHIP: "God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."
 - St. Maximilian Kolbe



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we have been saying you and I are always searching for happiness; we have been made for it, and it takes place on many levels. God wants to give us something even greater than happiness, something that money cannot buy. Joy is a gift from God, and is fruit of the Holy Spirit. When we live with joy it transforms the people around us, and brings them to Christ.

Our Small Groups have as their purpose a way to share our faith and grow in our relationship with Christ, and to support and care for one another. It is difficult to get to know people when hundreds are present at a Mass, but in a small group we can get more personal.

In the gospel Jesus is inviting us to experience the Kingdom of God. It is not a place but a presence or a power, and we can share in that today when we believe the preaching of the Good News. God invites us right now to enter his kingdom and sense his presence among us now. You do not have to wait for your death to enter this kingdom. However, he does say that to enter it you and I need to repent, not a word we like to hear, nor do most people like to feel guilty about themselves.

When you look at the roots of this word, repent, it is actually an invitation; it literally means, "Why not change your mind!" He is asking you to think differently and believe in the gospel. Another way of saying it is, "Why not change your mind about the Good News?" Good News is that there is a God in heaven who loves you immensely, that he sent his Son to die for you, that his Spirit will remain with you and direct you, that no matter what you do wrong he never gives up on you, that he is not finished with you yet and wants to make you like himself, that life despite all its challenges can be lived with joy. Why not change your mind about that?

To change our mind means to ultimately to change our behaviors, to live according to the life of Christ. When there is a change and it is followed in a disciplined manner it leads to joy. If we are honest with ourselves we need to admit that we have lived much of our life apart from joy. I live in anxiety, worry, fear, frustration, anger, but not always in joy. God wants you and me to live in peace, in joy, and it is a total gift. Don't miss it.
 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	\$1706 -	
Plate	\$68+ -	
Church Audio & Lighting	\$0	
Worship & Liturgy	\$6	
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.

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:

St. Francis de Sales, Jan 24

Francis (1567- 1622) was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity.

Reflection

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint." He is the patron saint of authors, deafness, journalists and writers.