

# 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 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 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                      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

### **MONDAY, January 29**

#### **St. Dallan**

8:30 am                      Stephanie Pommier

### **TUESDAY, January 30**

#### **Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska**

8:30 am                      Stephanie Pommier

### **WEDNESDAY, January 31**

#### **St. John Bosco**

8:30 am                      Stephanie Pommier

### **THURSDAY, February 1**

#### **St. Brigid of Ireland**

8:30 am                      +                      Marjorie Struntz

### **FRIDAY, February 2**

#### **The Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 am                      Stephanie Pommier

### **SATURDAY, February 3**

#### **St. Ansgar & St. Blase**

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

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm                      + Rev. Fr. Martin A. Beckman

### **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 4**

8:00 am                      +                      Barb Lotti  
 10:30 am                      +                      Donald Soler  
 12:30 pm (Spanish)                      Stephanie Pommier

**DISAPPOINTMENT:** "If disappointed, don't say hard things. Only think a little, pray little, and try to remember that God will bring about what is best in God's own time."

- St. Mary MacKillop



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week I would like to address the issue on our buildings and grounds, which I hear many rumors and talks around our faithful. I hope this will make us easy and clear our minds.

As you may be aware, members of the St Bernard's parish, including Parish staff, members of the finance committee, pastoral council and the archdiocese have been working together to address the growing needs of the St Bernard's campus.

The work is still relatively in the early stages and has mainly been gathering information up to this point. Mostly related to the campus needs including repairs to the various buildings, some of which are the parish center, the two gymnasiums, the two school buildings and church.

More information will be shared as more data is known, options are reviewed/assessed, and decisions are made. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out if any specific questions or feedback. Let us pray for this cause that the good Lord may help us to keep our traditions and worships always as we are the sign of the gospel to our neighborhoods.

We hear in the gospel that Jesus spoke with authority. He is able to do this since he is the author of life. God always has a plan for us, which is simple, but not easy. God's simple plan for us can get complicated because of sin, selfishness and ignorance. Jesus speaks with authority because through him all things were made. He teaches this way because he loves us and wants the best for us. What an amazing gift!

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 February 22nd @ 6:30pm**

**Baptism, Sun 25th 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	\$3,325	-
Plate	\$939	-
Church Audio & Lighting	\$34	
Worship & Liturgy	\$25	
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. John Bosco

John Bosco's (1815 – 1888) theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys: shoemaking and tailoring. By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. His interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales. With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

### Reflection

John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too. He is the patron saint of boys, youth and editors.