

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 11, 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 + Rev. Fr. Martin A. Beckman

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 11

8:00 am Nathan Rinehart &
All serving in the military

10:30 am + Poor Souls
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Domingo Romero &
Natalia Flores

MONDAY, February 12

St. Julian

8:30 am + Poor Souls

TUESDAY, February 13

St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph

8:30 am + Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast & Abstinence)

8:30 am + Audrey White
6:00 pm + Souls in Purgatory
7:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, February 15

St. Claude de Colombiere

8:30 am Manuel R. M (Birthday)

FRIDAY, February 16 (Abstinence)

St. Gilbert of Sempringham

8:30 am Martin & Lucy Soler

SATURDAY, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites

8:30 am + Poor Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Edward Kneissel

1st SUNDAY OF LENT, February 18

8:00 am + Poor Souls
10:30 am + Kevin Lee Daditt
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in Purgatory

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8:30 AM & 6:00 PM in English
7:30 PM in Spanish



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We heard last week that unintended people benefit from one's loyalty to God. We saw it when the mother-in-law of Peter who was burning up with a fever was instantly healed by Jesus even without anyone making a request. Jesus heals. It is why he became

man for us: in order to heal us. And unfortunately all of us have wounds that need to be healed, especially in the area where we are weak. For greater intimacy with God and with one another we need a pure heart.

As we wrap up this season we want to look at how we go forward from here. The gospel of the leper who came to Jesus and begged him to make him clean can help us. Leprosy at that time was one of the worst diseases you could have and it caused immense suffering and isolation from society.

Jesus is moved with pity for this man touches him and is made clean. He did not need to touch him and the Law stated that one should not be contaminated by the unclean. We see once again how Jesus acts differently with power and authority. By his touch he can restore what was lost and make it whole.

Our culture is correct in thinking that freedom will make us happy, but it has a mistaken notion of true freedom, which is not to do whatever we want. True freedom comes from a pure heart and a relationship with Jesus Christ. The way forward is purity of heart, no matter what happened in the past. People think they need to be perfect. But God is not looking for perfection; he wants to give us this gift of a pure heart.

So we would like to invite you to take a few steps that will help you to have a clean heart. All of us need to filter out the notion that men or women are mere objects for our pleasure. This is something we see constantly in movies, websites, video games, etc. There are also many false ideas about true romance that are marketed by the culture. Married people may need to spend more time on their marriage and not other things that give a substitute experience. Those who are single are also called to be chaste.

Abstinence is the best way to speed up the wedding day. If he cannot honor you and wait for you he is not the right guy for you. For all purity is heroic and a choice that brings one forward and raises one up. It is good that you associate with others who share these values and who you can speak to about this.

There is a real connection between purity and one's capacity to experience a mature relationship. Chastity is an investment in your future happiness, which will bring many rewards to all your relationships. There is a way forward and God will always help us to reclaim what has been lost. This is what God does: he saves us and makes us clean. He restores what was lost. No matter what your past God gives us a way forward and will bring much good out of our mistakes.

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 Mas Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3556	-
Plate	\$986	-
Church Audio & Lighting	\$99	
Worship & Liturgy	\$245	
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.

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.



CHURCH CHUCKLES

A bishop was once quite fond of his daily peg or two. When asked by a colleague why he indulged in this nasty habit, he had to say: "As a spiritual man I wish to be filled with the spirit. Not only the Holy Spirit, but other spirits, as well."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Lourdes—Feb. 11th

St. Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor and she was the first of nine children. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma. Unfortunately, she lived the rest of her life in poor health. On Thursday, February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood, when a very beautiful lady appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle.

Three days later, Bernadette, her sister Marie, and other girls returned to the grotto, where Bernadette immediately knelt, saying she could see "aquero" again. She fell into a trance and one girl threw holy water at the niche and another threw a rock that shattered on the ground. It was then that the apparition disappeared. Bernadette was asked to return to the grotto each day for two weeks and the Virgin Mary appeared to her during this time.

When Bernadette began to visit the grotto, her parents were embarrassed and attempted to stop her, but were unable to do so. On February 25, Bernadette claimed to have had a life-changing vision. The vision had told her "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. Though many townspeople believed she had indeed been seeing the Holy Virgin, Bernadette's story created a division in her town.

Many believed she was telling the truth, while others believed she had a mental illness and demanded she be put in a mental asylum. Some believed Bernadette's visions meant she needed to pray for penance. Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the site of her visions and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world.

Bernadette spent the rest of her life there working as an infirmiry assistant, and later a sacristan. People admired her humility and spirit of sacrifice. Once a nun asked her if she had temptations of pride because she was favored by the Blessed Mother. "How can I?" she answered quickly. "The Blessed Virgin chose me only because I was the most ignorant." She was diagnosed with tuberculosis and died at 35 years of age in 1879. She was buried in a small chapel dedicated to St. Joseph on the property of the convent. Thirty years later her body was exhumed and found to be incorrupt, and can be seen today.