

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2025

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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 @ 10 AM & 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 People of the parish

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time , January 26

8:00 am Melissa Smith

10:30 am + Micheal Satler

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Tristan Morrissey

MONDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici

8:30 am +Doug Kitto & John Soler

TUESDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am + Micheal Satler

WEDNESDAY, January 29

St. Dallan

8:30 am Joe Hermerding family

THURSDAY, January 30

Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska

8:30 am Cindy Ramirez

FRIDAY, January 31

St. John Bosco

8:30 am + Marjorie Struntz

SATURDAY, February 1

St. Brigid of Ireland

World Day of Prayer for Peace

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter & family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Micheal Satler

The Presentation of the Lord , February 2

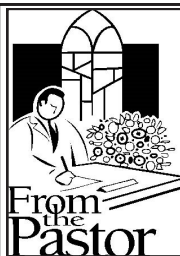
8:00 am + Fr. Thomas P. Fitzgerald

10:30 am + Jerome & Emily Troje

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Mario Priego Solis

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We return to the gospel of Luke this week and we hear the opening sentence of his gospel, which is magnificent and written in a classical Greek vocabulary very much like other works of this time. Luke will in his turn 'hand over' to us an orderly account of what 'eyewitnesses' and 'ministers of the Word' have themselves experienced. He is going to tell you and me the whole story from the beginning so that we may know how well grounded the Christian faith is that we have received.

Luke addresses his two books, his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, to Theophilus, that is, to you and to me. Theophilus means a lover of God, so I hope he is addressing us and that we are listening today and everyday. He is using the testimony of people who have been with the Lord and whose very lives were changed by him, and witnesses who subsequently gave their lives to spread this good news to the four corners of the earth.

Then we hear Jesus' first homily as recorded in Luke's fourth chapter. Perhaps it was not the first time he spoke in the synagogue and yet how dramatic would it have been to have been there. Jesus, not by chance, picks a reading from Isaiah, which refers to him and he tells the people: today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. If we read on in this chapter we see the people of his town completely reject him and consider him mad.

This gospel also tells us something of the Old Testament: that all of it speaks of Jesus Christ and that we need to read it in this light. Most of us, even most priests, are somewhat ignorant of the Old Testament, which is a big mistake since it prepares us to know Jesus Christ. All of the Old Testament is a foreshadowing of the Messiah and this can help us to know him as he is. It is not easy to understand the Old Testament. St. Paul was an expert in it and persecuted Christians before his conversion experience of Jesus Christ on his way to Damascus. The same is true for us, brothers and sisters; we need to have a personal experience of the Lord to understand the Scriptures and the Scriptures can help us to personally see the Lord in our own lives. Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ, said St. Jerome.

Jesus comes to preach the good news to the poor and afflicted, to us. Let us learn to listen to his Word closely when we come to church and even at times during the week. When we hear the Scriptures more deeply, it changes us.

Fr. Doss

SICK OR “HOMEBOUND”

If you are sick or “homebound” (or know someone who is), and would like to receive any Sacrament, please contact 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*

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,098	\$4,060
Plate	\$731	\$940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$45	
Worship & Liturgy	\$2	
Building Repair Fund Balance:		\$58,000

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!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION 2024

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 2024 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2024, received in the collection on December 31st or received at the parish office prior to December 30, 2024. Any donations post-marked or received January 1, 2025, or thereafter will be considered 2025 donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

The Christian soul knows it needs Divine Help and therefore turns to Him who loved us even while we were yet sinners. Examination of conscience, instead of inducing morbidity, thereby becomes an occasion of joy. There are two ways of knowing how good and loving God is. One is by never losing Him, through the preservation of innocence, and the other is by finding Him after one has lost Him. Repentance is not self-regarding, but God-regarding. It is not self-loathing, but God-loving. Christianity bids us accept ourselves as we really are, with all our faults and our failings and our sins.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: JOHN BOSCO, JAN. 31

John Bosco’s 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 in Sardinia 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 in Turin, 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, Don Bosco 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. John’s 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 with St. Mary Mazzarello founded the Salesian Sisters who help our kids prepare for First Communion.

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. He was the first saint in history to submit to a press interview; forty thousand people filed past his body at his death; patron of editors and known as the “Apostle of Youth.”