

# 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

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**March 2, 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 + Jerome & Emily Troje

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time , March 2**

8:00 am People of the parish  
 10:30 am People of the parish  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) People of the parish

**MONDAY, March 3**

**St. Cunegunda**

8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, March 4**

8:30 am + Dolores Burg

**ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5**

**(Fasting & Abstinence)**

8:30 am + Unborn children  
 6:00 pm + Souls in purgatory  
 7:30 pm + Souls in purgatory

**THURSDAY, March 6**

**St. Rose of Viterbo**

8:30 am + Paulraj

**FRIDAY, March 7 (Abstinence)**

**St. Perpetua & St. Felicity**

8:30 am + Raymond Burg

**SATURDAY, March 8**

**St. John of God**

8:30 am + Anthony Simon

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Caroline Das

**First Sunday of Lent , March 9**

8:00 am + Santa Mary  
 10:30 am + Philomena  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Francis

**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,

The Sermon on the Plain of Luke which we have been hearing for the last two weeks comes at a good time .

Luke was also concerned with the disciples' tendency to become hypocritical. Hypocrisy is when a person deliberately gives a false impression, and often is deceived about their own condition as men and women. In the gospel today Luke gives us four striking images that hopefully will enlighten us in our service to others. A disciple, first of all, must be sure to see clearly enough in order to guide others in their life of faith. If a Christian sees himself or herself as an excellent guide and does not see their own blindness, they will lead people into a ditch.

We cannot lead others where we have not been ourselves, nor can we be exactly like Jesus Christ. In fact, the more we strive to be like him, the more we realize how far away we are from him. Pride is probably our greatest sin and always blinds us to see ourselves as we truly are.

It has been known that a brother tries to help another with his faults so he can cover up his own faults. Those who are constantly judging others usually have something of their own that they don't want others to know.

The example of the tree reminds us that fruit is always true to its character. An apple tree produces apples, not oranges. A good person produces good fruit, not evil. Disciples of Christ do sin but the witness of their words and works constantly give glory to God. In reference to ministry in our parish, servants of God who are faithful will bring many other people who will be true to the Lord.

As Lent approaches, confession is a good way to start to see the cataracts that harm our vision. Then we can be true ministers of the Lord and lead others to eternal life.

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	\$2,631	4,060
Plate	\$1,060	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$83	
Worship & Liturgy	\$275	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$57,500	

**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!**

### UNBOUND MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernard, I am most grateful to carry home with me fond memories of your beautiful church and loving community. Most importantly I carry back with me 18 sponsorship forms meaning there are that many more children, youth and elderly who have a future that has suddenly become brighter, "unbound" from the constraints of poverty and hope that God won't disappoint.

Be assured that your parish will be greatly Blessed, especially you new sponsors as you come to experience the mutual benefit of sponsorship. Those we sponsor are gifts, a form of grace, for they help unbind us from an over attachment to our own needs and resources; as Proverbs 11:26 says, "Blessings are on the head of one who distributes love; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

You can still become a sponsor by using the Unbound bulletin insert from last weekend or simply going to "unbound.org" to choose from a large list of many persons who are looking to be sponsored. Thank you on behalf of the newly sponsored and thanks for the pleasant stay.

Sincerely in Christ from Unbound,  
Fr. Jerry Hackenmueller

### HOW FASTING CAN LEAD TO A MORE LOVING HEART

Initially, fasting can appear to be a negative practice, concerned about denying ourselves certain pleasures, such as food or entertainment. However, if we fast like Jesus, it will open our heart to our neighbor and lead to a more loving heart. When Jesus fasted in the wilderness, he did so with us in mind. It was not a selfish desire, but one of charity. This gives us the key to fasting in Jesus' example.

We should look forward to fasting as an opportunity to open our heart to God and our neighbor, fasting with a distinct purpose in mind. In other words, we will be successful in our fasting if we do so for someone else, with the intention that the fruits and graces will be showered on them. In this way, fasting becomes an act of love.

Additionally, fasting should also lead us to consider others and seek ways to help the poor and most vulnerable. In a book on fasting for young people the author makes the following points: Isaiah shows us that the outward form of fasting is of no value, unless it leads us first to repentance, then to works of charity.

We are to loose the bands of wickedness, and then to deal our bread to the hungry, the bread that costs us something to give up. We are to bring the poor to our house, to give our time to them, to put aside our pride and draw the poor near to us, and this because they are Christ's poor.

Fasting should lead us to unselfishness. It should make us forget our own wishes in trying to spend our time and our money for others. Fasting should make us long to do more for Christ, and unless we fast with the desire of becoming more like him, it will be of no avail. Christ gave up all that he cared for, and spent forty days and nights fasting, that he might show us how to deny ourselves.

Resolution: I will try to do something each day for some poor or sick person. If I cannot do any outward act for them, I will offer an especial prayer for some one in this parish who is in need or sorrow. Whenever we fast, we should keep this in mind. Fasting is best done for someone else, not to gain graces in a selfish way, but to empty ourselves out for our neighbor in imitation of Christ.