

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.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 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 + Cliff Charpentier

Second Sunday of Lent , March 16

8:00 am + Jane Anderson
 10:30 am Clare Oleaga
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Patrick J. Ryan

MONDAY, March 17

St. Patrick

8:30 am Natalie Rodrigues

TUESDAY, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am + Patrick Borich

WEDNESDAY, March 19

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

8:30 am +The Leonard Beatty Family

THURSDAY, March 20

St. John Nepomucen

8:30 am Mike Pitzl

FRIDAY, March 21 (Abstinence)

St. Nicholas of Flue

8:30 am + Rob Sheehan

SATURDAY, March 22

St. Lea di Roma

8:30 am Fr. Arokiadoss Raji

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Fr. Joseph Kureh

Third Sunday of Lent , March 23

8:00 am Stephen Launger
 10:30 am + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY

5:00 PM in Karenni
 6:00 PM in English
 6:30 PM in Spanish



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hear an incredibly awesome version of the Transfiguration from Luke on this Second Sunday in Lent. It has many different nuances from the Transfiguration accounts in Mark and Matthew. One thing for sure that Luke is highlighting for us is that this is a prayerful experience and that God is inviting us to be silent, to be quiet and listen to him. I hope during this time of Lent that we are making time for God by going to daily Mass, by reading Scripture or the life of a saint, by fasting and/or giving alms. It is a great season of conversion, for all of us.

Luke has Jesus heading for the holy city of Jerusalem throughout his whole gospel where he will make his “exodus.” Jesus is a prophet like Moses who will not only take us out of the slavery of Egypt; he will free us from the slavery of sin and death. And in his “exodus” (his death and resurrection) his glory will be revealed. Jesus’ human nature is covering his glory as the cloud on the mountain covers his father’s glory from Peter, James and John. It was a glory so great that Moses had to cover his face after being in the presence of God.

Let us reflect and think about the reaction of the apostles during this scene. They are overcome with a heavy sleep as we will see later in the garden of Gethsemane, and as we experience ourselves. When they awaken and see what is happening Peter wants to somehow capture this moment; he is like the bothersome tourist with a camera who is so busy taking pictures that he misses the experience. They became frightened and eventually they fell silent in wonder and awe at what was before them.

Let us learn from the apostles to be in wonder about what God is doing in our life and to look for and set aside moments for silence in our life. What are we offering God during this time of Lent? Allow me to suggest that it can be times of silence, alone with him, at the start of the day, to light a candle and spend some minutes in prayer with the Bible. God tells Peter, James and John to *listen to his Son*. They were so much in awe that they did not tell anyone what happened, like the three children at Fatima after the appearance of the Angel of Peace. It is only much later, after the resurrection where they start to more fully understand who Jesus is. They recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Let us take advantage of this time of grace for us in Lent.

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

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,926	4,060
Plate	\$1,018	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$108	
Worship & Liturgy	\$66	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$55,500	
Ash Wednesday		\$821

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!

Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. All the faithful are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once during the year and to confess any grave sin before receiving the Host.

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.

Pope Francis bestows honors upon four individuals for exceptional service as Catholic educators

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is grateful to announce that Pope Francis has bestowed papal honors upon four individuals for their exceptional service to the Catholic Church, especially in Catholic education. Receiving the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* award are: Mr. Frederick Blonigen: Retired teacher, Saint Agnes School, Saint Paul — 32 years of service. Mrs. Jane Bona: Retired principal, Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Columbia Heights — 15 years of service. Sister Tresa Jose Athickal, Franciscan Clarist Congregation: Retired teacher, Saint Therese Catholic School, Deephaven — more than 50 years of service. Mr. Gary Wilmer: Retired Catholic education administrator, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis — 58 years of service.

On record, this is the first time that a Catholic educator of the Archdiocese has received this honor. "As the Archdiocese begins its celebration of the 175th anniversary of our founding, I am delighted that the Holy Father has recognized the dedicated service of these faithful women and men in Catholic education. Their contribution is still felt throughout our Archdiocese today," said Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda. "What a selfless gift they have given to countless children, families and schools. We are so grateful for their ongoing witness to Jesus Christ in their communities."

"We are thrilled to be able to celebrate these deserving Catholic educators for their papal honor," said Dr. Jason Slattery, director of Catholic education and superintendent of schools. "These women and men have helped to lay a strong foundation for our entire Catholic school system, and we are grateful for their tremendous contributions to help form students and educate them for life. What a remarkable legacy of helping hand on the Catholic faith." Archbishop Hebda will present the medallion and scrolls associated with these honors on April 3 during the Archdiocesan Catholic School Leadership Convocation at Saint Mary in Stillwater. The *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (Latin for "For the Church and the Pope") was established in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. It is awarded to Catholics who have shown long and distinguished service to the Church and to the papal office.