

# 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 OF LENT**

**March 23, 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 Fr. Joseph Kureh

### **Third Sunday of Lent , March 23**

8:00 am Stephen Lauinger

10:30 am + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer

### **MONDAY, March 24**

#### ***St. Catherine of Sweden***

8:30 am + Dick Kortekaas

### **TUESDAY, March 25**

#### ***The Annunciation of the Lord***

8:30 am Mary Olson

### **WEDNESDAY, March 26**

#### ***St. Ludger***

8:30 am White Family

### **THURSDAY, March 27**

#### ***St. Rupert***

8:30 am Anita Scbaeh

### **FRIDAY, March 28 (Abstinence)**

#### ***St. Castor***

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **SATURDAY, March 29**

#### ***St. Eustasius***

8:30 am + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Sr. Mary Lou Dummer

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent , March 30**

8:00 am People of the parish

10:30 am Joe Thompson

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory

### **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,

I hope the Transfiguration of Christ last week helped all of us to see the aim of Lent, which is to experience more deeply the resurrection. And also to look up and see what God is preparing for all of us.

We hear this week that often we think that the suffering of people is a result of their sins or their bad character, which sometimes is true. Jesus is telling us that unless we repent from our sins worse things may happen to us. The gospel also says that a mature Christian should bear fruit in their lives. What does this mean? In a Christian man or woman one ought to see signs of forgiveness, of mercy, of generosity, of apostolic zeal, etc.

We continue to take a look at why we do things, and why does the Church exist? Jesus tells us very clearly that the mission of the Church is to go out and make disciples. Many parishes miss that. Discipleship requires faith. We heard from Abraham last week of his need to move, to get away from his comfort zone, and he becomes the father of faith. At times also we need to wait; we are on God's schedule, not ours. To be a disciple means I need to get out of my pew and serve in a ministry. Also one day we will go to Haiti or China and help the poor. This is fundamental for a church.

If you are resistant to getting up and out of your pew, you are in good company. Someone in the Bible is very famous and is like you; his name is Moses. His story is in the book of Exodus which he wrote parts of. The Israelites have been in Egypt for over four hundred years, and they all forgot about Joseph who saved them. They are being kept in a brutal slavery and there is no end in sight. The Pharaoh is worried that the Jews multiply so fast that soon they will outnumber the Egyptians. So he orders the midwives to drown the boys who are born. The mother of Moses hides him for a few months after his birth but at some point she sends him in a basket into the river, and the wife of Pharaoh finds him. She wants to keep him and asks his mother to be his wet-nurse. So Moses grows up in the house of Pharaoh.

Later in life Moses sees a dispute of a Jew with an Egyptian and he kills the Egyptian, and flees to the south out of fear of being seen. He becomes a shepherd and one day sees a bush on fire but not consuming itself. He goes over to see it and God tells him to take off his sandals since he is on holy ground. God tells Moses that he hears the suffering of his people and he will rescue them. God always hears our cries and often one can think that God is not there. The mission of God is to take us out of slavery and bring us to a better place. Don't give up.

Lastly, Moses says that he is not the right one; he stutters, he doesn't speak well; go find someone else. But God gives him Aaron to help him. They get to know God by serving and you will also. Do not hesitate. Join us in the back of the church and give one of the ministries a try; you will not be disappointed.

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              | \$2,534   | 4,060  |
| Plate                         | \$1,219   | 940    |
| Church Audio & Lighting       | —         |        |
| Worship & Liturgy             | —         |        |
| Building Repair Fund Balance: | \$54,500  |        |

### 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!**

**DID YOU KNOW?** Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected and is often used for humor. (Winston Churchill loved them)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it. 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list. 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak. 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong. 5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public. 6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left. 7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad. 8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research. 9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you. 10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor". 11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look good.

If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy.

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

### 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.

### ‘SON, GIVE ME THY HEART’ —THE EXTRA-ORDINARY LIFE OF AN IRISH-CATHOLIC PRIEST

In a simple stained-glass window standing directly over the high altar in Christendom College’s Christ the King Chapel, Jesus Christ points to his sacred heart. Beneath Christ’s feet lays an inscription: “Son, Give Me Thy Heart.” For the hundreds of mourners that had gathered Feb. 25 to bid farewell to Father Seamus Pdraig O’Kielty (1930-2019), how Jesus’ followers must answer that invitation fully manifested itself in the life of this beloved Irish-Catholic priest and college chaplain.

Since 2002, Father O’Kielty had been part of the community of Christendom College, a Catholic liberal arts community located in the Shenandoah Valley of northern Virginia. The Irish priest said in his first homily as chaplain that he wanted to finish the remainder of his priestly days among them, knowing that the Christendom community would pray for his soul upon his passing. He finally went to his reward on Feb. 18, after a battle with sepsis.

“The Catholic faith was deep in his bones,” Timothy O’Donnell, Christendom College’s president, said in his eulogy, underscoring a truly remarkable and extraordinary life of a man who had been to them a “spiritual father and grandfather” and was characterized by Irish wit and wisdom. “Who can forget his opening-semester homily, when we were told, ‘Seamus is James in Irish, and Kielty is Bondsman. So I ... am James Bond.’”

Father O’Kielty had been widely known and loved as Christendom’s chaplain. He was known for calling the young men nicknames like “Billy” and the young women “Sheila,” even though he knew their names and who they were. The priest had a roguish Irish form of humor for people he cared for deeply: heaping over-the-top praise on women, mock derision on men, and telling every crew of altar servers for Mass that he had been stuck with “the bottom of the barrel.”

### WHAT A LAUDABLE EXCHANGE! —St. Clare

What a great and laudable exchange: to leave the things of time for those of eternity, to choose the things of heaven for the goods of earth, to receive the 100-fold in place of one, and to possess eternal life. Because of this I have resolved to beg your Excellency by my humble prayers in the mercy of Christ, to be strengthened in His service, and to progress from good to better so that He Whom you serve with the total desire of your soul may bestow on you the reward for which you long.