

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 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 + 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

MONDAY, March 31

St. Benjamin

8:30 am + Patrick Borich

TUESDAY, April 1

St. Hugh

8:30 am + The Leonard Beatty family

WEDNESDAY, April 2

St. Francis of Paola

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

THURSDAY, April 3

St. Richard

8:30 am + Joseph Soler

FRIDAY, April 4 (Abstinence)

St. Isidore

8:30 am + Sagayamary & Jeraldrani

SATURDAY, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30 am +Edward J. Gunter & family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm People of the parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent , April 6

8:00 am Paul Platzer

10:30 am People of the parish

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,

We are already into the fourth Sunday of Lent and the time is passing by so fast. I don't know how is your lent going personally and as a family. There seems to us a lots of works to be done and trying to be busy everyday but God is calling us to offer peace and serenity to spend some times every day to be with Him by placing ourselves in front of Blessed Sacrament and to ask Him for wisdom and discernment to be good stewards as our Lord Jesus Christ.

The key to the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father is the first two lines of the gospel: tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to listen to Jesus and the Pharisees and scribes began to complain. We might have the same reaction at times as the religious leaders since many here have been faithfully coming to the church forever. There maybe a temptation to think: who are these new people who take my seat at the holidays or don't stay to say prayers after the mass or etc.

In some ways the people who are far off from the Church when they reconnect with it are more grateful and willing to offer themselves and their time and talents to the parish. What a miracle it was that tax collectors flocked to Christ and became his apostles and disciples? To me it is amazing that the religious leaders were not moved by this. The mission of the Church is to be a light and leaven to those who are far away. By your lives and attitudes towards life and suffering people ought to think about God and his Church. And you are the best ones to attract people who have fallen away.

Let us not forget to meet the merciful Father who is always waiting for us to return. He is calling to participate in the wonderful banquet with the rich food and tasty drink, which is His only Son our Lord's precious Body and Blood. By receiving Him, our lives may be full of feast. For this let us use the weapons that the church gives us during this lent; Fasting, Prayer and alms giving.

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	\$3,253	4,060
Plate	\$1,139	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$5	
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!



CHURCH CHUCKLES

He liked her for a longtime. Finally he spoke to her. "There comes a time in every man's life when he longs for companionship, for someone who will regard him as perfect. Someone who will be kind, loving and devoted. Someone. .." She interrupted, "Are you planning to buy a dog?"

GOD'S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?

—St. Francis de Sales

HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all. —Anonymous

The more you are led by God's love, the more you become yourself and it is all done without ever losing your freedom.

- Fulton 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Vincent Ferrer, April 5

The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is. Despite parental opposition, he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna—who would figure tragically in his life.

Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination. The Western schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid, though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope. In the service of Cardinal de Luna, Vincent worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do. He remained stubborn, despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all of the cardinals. Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ," though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgment.

Vincent tried unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding, and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.

The split in the Church at the time of Vincent Ferrer should have been fatal—36 long years of having two "heads." We cannot imagine what condition the Church today would be in if, for that length of time, half the world had followed a succession of popes in Rome, and half an equally "official" number of popes in another country. It is an ongoing miracle that the Church has not long since been shipwrecked on the rocks of pride and ignorance, greed and ambition.