

# 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**April 6, 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 Agnes M. Jansk

### **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

### **MONDAY, April 7**

#### **St. John Baptist de la salle**

8:30 am Judi & Rick Zech

### **TUESDAY, April 8**

#### **St. Dionysius**

8:30 am + Patrick Borich

### **WEDNESDAY, April 9**

#### **St. Casilda**

8:30 am +The Leonard Beatty family

### **THURSDAY, April 10**

#### **St. Magdalene of Canossa**

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **FRIDAY, April 11 (Abstinence)**

#### **St. Stanislaus**

8:30 am Grace Gajeski

### **SATURDAY, April 12**

#### **St. Teresa of Los Andes**

8:30 am + Unborn children

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Homebound of the parish

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's passion , April 13**

8:00 am People of the parish  
 9:45 am (Procession with Palms)  
 10:30 am People of the parish  
 12:00 pm (Spanish) Procession with Palms  
 12:30 pm People of the parish

### **GOOD FRIDAY STATION**

12 noon in Karenni / 3 pm in Spanish &  
 6 pm in English



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

When the Scribes and Pharisees confronted Jesus with the decision about stoning the woman who was caught in adultery he was put in a very difficult spot.

If he condemned her he would lose forever his reputation for mercy and love, and would never be called a friend of sinners. Also, he would immediately be in trouble with the Roman authorities since the Jews had no power to carry out the death sentence. On the other hand, if Jesus pardoned her it could be said that he was condoning adultery, and breaking the law of Moses. This was the trap that they sought to use. As usual, Jesus employed it in such a way that it fell back against them.

At first Jesus stooped down and wrote with his finger in the sand. What did he write? According to one Armenian manuscript Jesus was writing down the sins of the accusers in the sand. If this is true, he was confronting the self-confident leaders with their own sins. And then Jesus said, "Let the man without sin be the first to cast a stone." The word that Jesus used means not only *without sin*, but even *without a sinful desire*. He was saying, "You may stone her but only if you never wanted to do the same thing yourself." There was a silence—and then they slowly drifted away, one at a time.

Jesus and the woman were left alone and he said to her, "Has no one condemned you? Then neither will I; go and sin no more." The Lord says the same to us. It is a solemn time to take a good look at ourselves and our innermost desires, and to ask God for his mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. We will have a longer time for Penance on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Come and celebrate God's forgiveness. Let us as one family of faith of St. Bernard parish prepare ourselves by confessing our sins and receiving the forgiveness, will get ready to celebrate the Holy Triduum. May God bless you all.

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	\$5526	4,060
Plate	\$807	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$268	
Worship & Liturgy	\$25	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,815

### 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!

### COVERING OF CROSSES

The Church says that from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent until Good Friday the crosses may be covered in purple. Why do we do this? To remind us of the weeks before the Passion when Christ no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. There is a papal chapel where this custom was lived that had the words of the Gospel in Latin inscribed: "*Jesus autem abscondebat se.*" Jesus hid himself. Another reason given is that Christ's divinity was hidden at the time of his suffering and death.

### CONFESSION FOR THE PARISH

**Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 PM** in the Church. Please come and receive the forgiveness of your sins and ready to enter the Holy Triduum.

#### Holy Triduum Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** The Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (Trilingual)  
**Good Friday:** Veneration of the Cross @ 7 PM (Trilingual)  
**Easter Vigil** (April 19): 8pm (Trilingual)  
**Easter Sunday** (April 20) @ 8 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (Spanish)

### CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, of Holy Week at 10 AM, April 17th. It is a beautiful celebration where priests renew their vows and the new holy oils are consecrated. It is very worthwhile. The Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside.

### 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.



### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

On Palm Sunday there will be a longer procession outside of the church for those who wish to come. We invite you to gather at 9:45 AM at the parking lot of the parish center, where we will begin and then process into the church by passing through some streets. Young children are especially invited!

### LENTEN ACTS OF KINDNESS

*Besides sacrifices, we are called to be more giving during the Lenten Season, and we would appreciate your help!*

To prepare for the next mass, before you leave your pew, please; (1) remove any water bottles, tissues, bulletins, etc. and (2) place the song books and missalettes into the racks. If you have used or moved the songbooks or Missalettes from their proper place in the pew, please return them to their designated spots.

### My Family—My Parish—My Responsibility

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$15, and milk is almost \$4 a gallon? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? Our church heating bill alone is nearly \$8,000 a month and our salaries for our small staff of 3 full-time people & few others is about \$25,000 a month. Those two items alone consume nearly 75% of our collection. Alms are a good way to build up our treasure in heaven.

### EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$10 \_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_