

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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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 27, 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 + Fred & Jennifer White

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY , April 27

8:00 am Ethan Leier
10:30 am Fr. Arnold Sauber
12:30 pm Fr. Arnold Sauber

MONDAY, April 28

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:30 am Debbie Schreifels

TUESDAY, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

WEDNESDAY, April 30

St. Pius V

8:30 am Mary Rinehart

THURSDAY, May 1

St. Joseph the worker

8:30 am The Trung Troung Family

FRIDAY, May 2

St. Athanasius

8:30 am Diane Kinkhamer

SATURDAY, May 3

St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter &
his family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Irene Charpentier

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 4

8:00 am + Dolores Schloesser
10:30 am Jana Hayden-sofia
12:30 pm + Dan Perfect



In this Easter season, as we proclaim that Christ is risen and death is not the end, we entrust Pope Francis to the risen Lord whom he followed so faithfully. May Christ, our hope and resurrection, welcome him into the fullness of joy and peace.

Let us give thanks for his life, his witness, and his love for the People of God. And may we honor his memory by building a Church that reflects the face of Jesus — merciful, welcoming, and always near to those on the margins.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, rejoice because then we too will never die and will rise with him. In the gospel of the doubting Thomas this week we hear once again about the bravery of the holy women. From early in the morning the women go to the tomb, until very late at night when Jesus comes to comfort his closest friends. At that point he says to them, “Peace be with you!” When he had said this, He showed them his hands and his side. On that occasion, Thomas was not with the other apostles: he was not able to see the Lord or to hear his consoling words.

This is the same apostle who had said on one occasion: “Let us go too and die with him.” At the Last Supper he had expressed his ignorance to the Lord in the simplest terms: “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Filled with joy, the apostles would have looked for Thomas throughout Jerusalem on the very same night or the next day. As soon as they found him they would not be able to tell him quickly enough: “We have seen the Lord.” But Thomas, like all the others, had been deeply affected by what happened: he would never forget the crucifixion and death of the Master. Thomas does not believe what the others came to tell him.

Thomas thought the Lord was dead. The others assure him that he is alive, that they have seen and heard him, and that they have been with him. That is what we need to do also; it is important for us to be with the Lord during these fifty days of Easter. Then we can announce that Christ is alive and gives meaning to our life. By announcing him we can make him known to others and contribute to building up the Church, as the apostles and early Christians did and we see in the Acts of the Apostles: “And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.”

The resurrection is a call to us to show with our lives that Christ lives. The deeds of a Christian should be the fruit and the manifestation of his love for Christ. Let us ask the Lord to make this possible in our lives.

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	\$8406	4,060
Plate	\$ - -	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$ - -	
Worship & Liturgy	\$21	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$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!

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.

Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke to begin

The newest study from Ascension Press is here! *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* takes us on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, we witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. Luke's Gospel continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With this study we will experience joy as we see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide us in our everyday lives.

Join us for this 8 week study on Luke at St. Bernard's beginning at the end of May on Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings between the two morning Masses. For more information or to register for the study, visit the display in the Church vestibule or contact Elizabeth at 651-387-9500 or by email at steelikat@polsons.net

Jubilee of the Poor: A Spiritual Reflection

The Jubilee of the Poor is an invitation to embody the spirit of Jubilee, a time to recommit ourselves to uplifting and supporting the poor and ensuring that all people can live with dignity. In the United States, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is at the forefront of this effort, supporting programs and initiatives that empower communities to overcome poverty and achieve lasting change.

Supported through a national collection that occurs annually on World Day of the Poor each November, the work of CCHD allows the Church to actively participate in bringing the good news to the poor, echoing the mission of Jesus proclaimed in the synagogue, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

Through grants to community-driven, low-income-led economic and community development initiatives, CCHD uplifts the voices of the poor and empowers them to create sustainable solutions to the challenges they face. This work reflects a deep commitment by the U.S. Church to the preferential option for the poor, a foundational principle of Catholic Social Teaching that calls us to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable and to uphold their God-given dignity. As the Catechism reminds us, "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. . . . "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2444, 2448, quoting *Centesimus annus*, no. 57, and *Libertatis conscientia*, no. 68).

The Jubilee of the Poor is not only an opportunity to recommit to the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, but also an invitation to take one step further into the challenge of living in true solidarity with the poor, something Pope Francis explains "means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money. . . . Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history" (Fratelli Tutti no. 116, quoting Address to the Meeting of Popular Movements).

As we anticipate the Jubilee of the Poor, this invitation to solidarity with those poor and most vulnerable in our communities is also an opportunity to support the vital work of programs like CCHD, which embodies this solidarity by addressing the root causes of poverty in communities across America. The Jubilee of the Poor is a time to renew our commitment to the Church's mission to walk with the poor and bring about transformative change. Together, we can live out the Gospel call to serve our brothers and sisters most in need, ensuring that all may experience the fullness of God's love and mercy.

(A selection from "[*Pilgrims on the Way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of the Poor, Jubilee 2025*](#)," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).