

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 EASTER

May 4, 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 2 months 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 Irene Charpentier

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 4

8:00 am + Dolores Schloesser

10:30 am Jana Hayden-sofio

12:30 pm + Dan Perfect

MONDAY, May 5

St. Hilary of Arles

8:30 am + Andrew Lotz

TUESDAY, May 6

St. Fracois de Laval

8:30 am + Roy Sheehan & Lucy Solar

WEDNESDAY, May 7

St. Placid

8:30 am + Luke Miller

THURSDAY, May 8

Bl Catherine of St. Augustine

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

FRIDAY, May 9

St. Louise de Marrillac

8:30 am + Andrew Pumphrey

SATURDAY, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

8:30 am Brian Dobie Family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Agnes M. Janski

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 11

8:00 am + Late Pope Francis

10:30 am + Late Pope Francis

12:30 pm + Late Pope Francis



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is easier to see Christ when a person is in darkness than in the light. The Easter Vigil began in total darkness which is our situation at times. Into that darkness came the Paschal Candle, a sign of Jesus Christ, and a parallel of what happens in the life of a Christian. If you find yourself a bit anxious or fearful or alone then don't be afraid; now is the moment that Christ can speak to you more effectively. We must obey God and not men. This was the response of the apostles to the religious leaders when told to stop preaching about Jesus Christ. They did not stop speaking and were arrested again. When you have an experience of the resurrection that comes from believing in the Gospel and the readings proclaimed today your wounds can be healed. Once healed you are more able to heal others, not by your own strength but by the power of God.

In John's Gospel (21: 1-19) today the apostles have not caught any fish, then after obeying the command of Christ they bring in a record catch, an impossible task. They are hungry and find that breakfast is prepared for them. Their friend is dead, and now he's alive. Jesus always reverses the situation, and much more than that: he conquers the things that kill us; he conquers death, and lives in a totally new dimension, which changes the cosmos. Christianity is not about rules, practices and traditions. It is about an event that still impacts us today.

Jesus rose from the grave and lives in a new dimension. He is not a resurrected corpse or a ghost. He is more alive now than he was before his passion. It is a sign of how our bodies will be when we rise from the dead.

It is not by accident that Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him, but the third time Christ uses a different word meaning: will you love me totally, and unconditionally? Peter responds: Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you. What is more beautiful than that?

Peter's denial leads him to love even more now that he is humbled and knows that by himself he cannot love in this way. And as predicted he will give his life one day soon for Christ. How about you?

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	\$2,212	4,060
Plate	\$938	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$233	
Worship & Liturgy	\$19	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$56,000	

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See’s Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a “bishop in white” who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. People linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope JP II in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002. The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary’s request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II’s public consecration in St. Peter’s Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary’s request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000, document explaining the “third secret.”

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response “Let it be done to me as you say” (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church’s teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.