

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 EASTER

May 11, 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. 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

MONDAY, May 12

St. Pancras

8:30 am + Paul Raj

TUESDAY, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am + Caroline Das

WEDNESDAY, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

THURSDAY, May 15

St. Isidore

8:30 am + Andrew Pumphrey

FRIDAY, May 16

St. Alexander

8:30 am + Marie Zech

SATURDAY, May 17

St. Paschal Baylon

8:30 am Helen & Paul Platzer

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Helen White

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 18

8:00 am + John & Mary Mercado

10:30 am + Sagayamary & Jeraldrani

12:30 pm + Francia & Richard Garrett



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday has been called for many years Good Shepherd Sunday and is a special day of prayer for vocations. The sheep hear his voice, follow him and they will not perish. When we follow the Good Shepherd we put into practice what we hear in the preaching and in the Scriptures and we receive eternal life. The Good Shepherd gives his life for his sheep. He has also provided other shepherds so that his flock is not left alone. I hope that all of us have this experience in our parish since this is the purpose of every parish.

This follows somewhat from what we heard last week when Jesus asked Peter three times to feed his sheep, which reversed his triple denial. The most important thing for a shepherd to do is to love his sheep. If he truly loves them he will care for them no matter what the cost. We become Christ's sheep by believing and we believe because we are his sheep. This is a great mystery and something to reflect about.

Also the first reading says something curious and maybe easy to misunderstand: "All who were destined for eternal life came to believe." This is not about predestination which is not part of our faith or tradition. It means those who have been chosen by God for a particular mission came to believe and also are given what is needed to fulfill that mission. The Church calls it the grace of state. The father of a family has the grace to do what is best for his kids. It is not magic but it is a special help that God provides for all of us. It does not mean we cannot make mistakes but that if we are close to God and reflect on his words we will receive the help we need for our state in life. That is a pretty good deal and I imagine many are totally unaware of it.

Jesus says to us this week in John's gospel, "I and the Father are one." It is a very remarkable claim, especially for a Jew to say. And yet this is what Jesus prays for: that all may be one as the Father and I are one. He prays that others may be one in the unity of the Father and the Son. The unity of the Father and the Son is a model for the unity that should exist for all Christians, in the family, among friends. Oh, I wish we would see it more in our parish and among our families. It is one of the best things to pray for during this Easter Season.

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	\$3,965	4,060
Plate	\$1,096	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$102	
Worship & Liturgy	\$278	
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!

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.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

We as parishioners of St. Bernard will make a walking pilgrimage to the cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, June 14th after 8:30 AM Mass in order to receive plenary indulgence for our sins in this Jubilee year. We will have rides back to the church by our youth. It is the great event of this jubilee year. We will be praying rosary and singing songs in English, Karenian and Spanish. Once we enter through the main door of the cathedral, we will profess our faith in three languages and receive our blessings. Those who would like and are interested please come and join.

Receive Holy Communion and Confession within three weeks (before or after) of the visit to one of the Pilgrim churches. Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Have the interior disposition of *complete detachment* from sin. A plenary indulgence takes away all punishment due to sins that were confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Catholic can gain only one plenary indulgence per day.

Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

As Eva Hoefer and other teens and their chaperones prepared to board a flight to Rome with plans to attend the April 27 canonization of Italian teenager Blessed Carlo Acutis, they found that everything about their pilgrimage was suddenly up in the air, except the destination.

With the announcement of Pope Francis’ April 21 death that same day, Hoefer, 14, and others in the group organized through St. John the Evangelist in Little Canada learned that the canonization had been postponed, and the papal funeral would take place April 26.

They missed a canonization, but Hoefer and four other teens from St. John the Evangelist and one from St. Pius X in White Bear Lake, along with their chaperones, received unique opportunities and blessings through the change of events, while still finding a connection with Blessed Carlo.

“I thought I was going to go to the canonization of a great saint but instead we went to the funeral of a great pope,” said Hoefer, who is a member of St. John the Evangelist and is home schooled. “It was stunning and just surprising.”

On their weeklong trip, group leaders often had to recalculate their plans, not only because of the postponed canonization but because of tour cancellations and the addition of events related to Pope Francis’ funeral.

The Minnesota group had the uncommon experience of attending the papal funeral in St. Peter’s Square with 250,000 others. A few days before that, they visited the church and attended Mass in Assisi, Italy, where Blessed Carlo is buried.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!!