

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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 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 + Dick Kortekaas &
Lucille Lutz

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 6

8:00 am Bria Leier
10:30 am Ryan & Catherine
12:30 pm + Souls in purgatory

MONDAY, July 7

St. Apollonius

8:30 am Milo Zech

TUESDAY, July 8

St. Kilian

8:30 am + Unborn children

WEDNESDAY, July 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:30 am + Larry Kitto

THURSDAY, July 10

St. Anatolia & St. Victoria

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

FRIDAY, July 11

St. Benedict

8:30 am People of the parish

SATURDAY, July 12

St. John Gualbert

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Kathy Janski

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 3

8:00 am People of the parish
10:30 am Ryan & Catherine
12:30 pm + Souls in purgatory

The real test of a Christian is not how much he loves his friends, but how much he loves his enemies.

No man discovers anything big unless he makes himself small.
- Fulton Sheen



Dear brothers and sisters,

The gospel of today tells us how Jesus Christ sent his disciples out to announce the coming of the Kingdom of God. Wherever they went miracles occurred: blind men saw again, lepers were cleansed and sinners converted. They carried with them the peace of Christ. Before sending them on their mission Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' And if a son of peace is there your peace will rest upon him." The Church always repeats this message.

After so many years we can see that the world is not at peace; it desires peace and clamors for it, but it does not find it. Even after seventy years of the United Nations, are the nations more united? The word 'peace' is pronounced often today and perhaps there are few ages that are so far from it. There is no peace in society, in the family or in souls. Why is this? Why so much tension and violence, anxiety and sadness, if what everyone wants is peace?

I sense the world is looking for peace where it cannot be found. Also we are confusing peace with a quiet life. We think peace depends on external circumstances that have nothing to do with man himself. Peace is a gift from God and it is a gift that passes all understanding. It is granted only to men and women of good will. Peace and the joy that goes with it cannot be given by the world. Men are forever 'making peace' and forever starting wars. This is because they have forgotten that our true enemy is inside of us and to go to God for help. God will help us to conquer ourselves, and then we will obtain peace for ourselves, society and the whole world.

When we act in this way we will have joy since it comes only to those who struggle against the old man inside of us. And with the grace of God we can never lose as long as we count on him and humble ourselves. When we are bearers of true peace we take it wherever we go. It is the gift we can give to the world. Let us pray that God gives it to us in abundance.

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	\$6,655	4,060
Plate	\$961	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$20	
Worship & Liturgy	\$177	
Building Repair Fund Balance	\$42,000	

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.

Archdiocesan Passport Adventure

We are 175 years strong Catholics around the world are marking 2025 as a Year of Jubilee, while at the same time we as an Archdiocese celebrate 175 years since our founding on July 19, 1850. Archbishop Hebda invites you to become an Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrim:

- This summer through October 12, visit seven or more parishes.
- Include our Jubilee co-cathedrals: the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary and look for the Jubilee Cross in each of them.

- Visit one of our oldest, newest and/or newly renovated churches.
- Participate in a Mass that expands your liturgical experience.

- Join us October 12 for Mass + Ice Cream Social at the Cathedral of Saint Paul Lawn.

Download or print your passport here and visit archspm.org/passport for information!

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS, JULY 9

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.

The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging in age from nine years to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians, and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized together in Rome on October 1, 2000.

The People's Republic of China and the Roman Catholic Church each have well over a billion members, but there are only about 12 million Catholics in China. The reasons for that are better explained by historical conflicts than by a wholesale rejection of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Chinese-born martyrs honored by today's feast were regarded by their persecutors as dangerous because they were considered allies of enemy, Catholic countries. The martyrs born outside China often tried to distance themselves from European political struggles relating to China, but their persecutors saw them as Westerners and therefore, by definition, anti-Chinese.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is intended to benefit all peoples; today's martyrs knew that. May 21st-century Christians live in such a way that Chinese women and men will be attracted to hear that Good News and embrace it.