

# 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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 13, 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 + Kathy Janski

### **15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 13**

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

### **MONDAY, July 14**

#### **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **TUESDAY, July 15**

#### **St. Bonaventure**

8:30 am + Wayne Dains

### **WEDNESDAY, July 16**

#### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:30 am Christopher Htoo

### **THURSDAY, July 17**

#### **St. Leo IV**

8:30 am George Albert

### **FRIDAY, July 18**

#### **St. Bruno of Segni**

8:30 am + Tom Perrizo

### **SATURDAY, July 19**

#### **St. Symmachus**

8:30 am + Unborn Children

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Edward Kneissel

### **16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 20**

8:00 am Homebound  
 10:30 am Ryan & Catherine  
 12:30 pm People of the parish

Most of us do not like to look inside ourselves for the same reason we don't like to open a letter that has bad news.

Many souls fail to find God because they want a religion which will remake society without remaking themselves.  
 - Fulton Sheen



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The precept of love your neighbor as yourself already existed in the Jewish law and gave practical details. For example, in the Book of Leviticus it says that when you harvest your land or your vineyard leave something for the poor or the wayfarer; do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but love your neighbor as yourself. However, it was not clear for the Jews about who is my neighbor; is he or she only a member of my family or my clan, or the entire chosen people? Opinions varied and that is why this Doctor of the Law asks this question, and in response Jesus answers with this beautiful parable.

My neighbor is anyone who has need of me. Jesus makes no reference to race, friendship or blood connections. Our neighbor is anyone who is close to us and has need of help. As we go through life we come across people who have been injured and those in need. Our concern is to help them which springs from our closeness to Jesus Christ and helps us to overcome our narrow-mindedness. When we are alert we find that people have been hurt by misunderstanding and loneliness, or by the absence of their parents or basic human needs, or those who have been robbed of their human dignity. Everyday we see people who have been left half-dead because they have no faith or they believe in the lies of the world.

Yes, we need to help them in material ways, but it's *much more important* that we speak to them about the meaning of life, and the need for faith. Of course we want others to grow in human and social means; however, the over-riding concern is to enlighten them in regard to faith and to Jesus Christ. Isn't this the most important aspect of life?

The priest and the Levite pass by the man and cross to the other side. We can call this a sin of omission, which means something that we ought to have done and we did not do out of fear or laziness or whatever. Usually it is not a matter of solving all the problems of a person, but only to pay them a visit, and this would be enough. It is amazing to me how after just a few minutes in visiting someone in the hospital their mood changes; it was a person I did not know, and it was not something the doctor or nurse was able to do. Let us not miss the small things in life, especially among the elderly or those who are alone in our parish. It is important also to alert the priests when you know that someone is in need.

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	\$3283	4,060
Plate	\$948	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$184	
Worship & Liturgy	\$57	
Building Repair Fund Balance		\$43,000

#### 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](http://archspm.org/passport) for information!

### SYNOD YEAR III

To kick off Synod Year III — “Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith” — the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish ‘Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.’ The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday. Thank you to members of the Blue Ribbon Commission for their recommendations, including this guide, to help inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith.

### MUSIC AND FAITH

Music and faith have always been linked for Jill Anderson, a member of St. Joseph in West St. Paul who graduated from St. Agnes School and the University of St. Thomas, both in St. Paul. She has performed with touring choirs, big bands, jazz ensembles and even a country band over the years, but the constant has been singing in church. One of her greatest joys is making the kind of music that people can pray at Mass or in adoration of the Eucharist.

That music took on a deeper meaning when the singer married [Steven C.](#), an accomplished pianist and recording artist. While the two can be seen taking the stage together in concert, they also play at churches across the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Now married one and a half years and living in Lake Elmo, life is busy for the musician who works in digital marketing by day and freelances in music on the side. Jill and Steven will present a free concert of patriotic music, folk songs and hymns at 6:30 p.m. June 30 at St. Joseph. Learn more about their upcoming performances at [stevencmusic.com](http://stevencmusic.com).