

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 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 + Jack Tschida

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 17

8:00 am Monica Marie Moris

10:30 am + Jack Tschida

12:30 pm + Souls in purgatory

MONDAY, August 18

St. Helen

8:30 am + Sagayamary

TUESDAY, August 19

St. John Eudes

8:30 am + Linda Johnson

WEDNESDAY, August 20

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

THURSDAY, August 21

St. Piux X

8:30 am + Robert Kujawa

FRIDAY, August 22

The Queenship of the Bl Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Merlr Zechmeister

SATURDAY, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Jack Tschida

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 24

10:30 am Don Grundhauser
Junior and family &
Danica Leier

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus tells us that he comes to cast fire on the earth and he desires to be baptized, which meant a total immersion in his sufferings and death. Somehow we make Jesus into a sweet man who never spoke a harsh word but this gospel shows us something different. And it can help us to reflect about the judgment that each one of us will face at the end of our lives, as we heard last week. Fire many times in the Scriptures can refer to the Holy Spirit or a fire that will purify our hearts and make us clean.

The Greek work *baptizein* means to dip, to be submerged or immersed. It can be used to speak of a boat that is sunk or a man that is dead drunk or a scholar that is sunk by his examiner's questions. In general it means that a person is overwhelmed by some grim and terrible experience. Jesus uses the word in this way.

He knows there is a terrible experience that he has to pass through and he will not be distracted from it. The movement in Luke's gospel is always aimed at Jerusalem, at Calvary; his immersion in his suffering and death. It is the culmination of his life and of his desire to do the will of the Father.

Somehow we might tend to think that suffering is going to kill us and overwhelm us and, therefore, we avoid it. For all of us there will always be suffering in life, and not everyone reacts the same.

In the second reading St. Paul tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus because He is the leader and perfecter of our faith. There is a greater joy waits for us who endures the suffering and cross of our lives that God permits to purify us. This is also our baptism in the Lord. The division between faith and reason always a struggle in the families. Today's generation believe in the reason not faith, which we see clearly with the attendance of our youth in the Sunday liturgy. They don't want to come to church because it is boring but when the suffering appears in their life they wonder why. Peace will come to us as a result of embracing our cross, not from running away from it. Let us ask God for the courage to die a little to ourselves each day and face the sufferings in our life with courage.

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	\$2,730	4,060
Plate	\$1,183	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$27	
Worship & Liturgy	\$34	
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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer shawl group at St. Bernard's? This fall we are celebrating our 20th year of making and praying over shawls and lap blankets that are given to someone experiencing a serious illness or living through a difficult time in their lives. While we make an item we pray for the receiver, and pray that the item will provide protection, strength, healing and patience. Other prayers are directed to the doctors, nurses and technicians, and families and friends of the person who will be receiving the crafted item.

The group meets once a month at a parishioner's home. We share crafting tips and ideas, give instruction where we can, and socialize. We work on our items during the month and during the monthly meeting. There is no requirement for the number of items that one completes. We purchase our own materials and donate the finished items to either St. Bernard's, to the HealthEast Woodwinds Campus in Woodbury or to Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul. Sometimes we take on special projects like "chemo caps" and caps for newborns via a program that is working to reduce infant mortality by hypothermia in underdeveloped countries. We've also made themed baby hats for a fundraiser for a Pro-life group and made scarves for the Winter Special Olympics.

All prayer items are blessed by our priests before they are given to someone in need of comfort. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl or blanket, please contact the Parish Office. The receiver does not need to be a member of the parish.

For more information about our group, or if you would like to join this merry band of crafters, please contact Elizabeth at 651-387-9500.

RELIGIOUS CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for Atrium class from Pre-K is open. Also for the 1st communion and confirmation re-registration for the 1st & 2nd year class is open. Please pass by the office or stop by the vestibule of the church to register your kids.

MASS INTENTION CARDS

We have mass intention cards available in two different styles (plain & folded). If you are interested to get please pass by the office. This will help to remember the mass date and time and to send it to your beloved ones as remembrance. Your generous donation to the parish is appreciated.

St. Bernard's Picnic !

Next Sunday, August 24th we will have our parish feast with outdoor picnic in the parking lot of parish center. There will be only one mass at 10:30 am in Trilingual. **(No 8:00 am or 12:30 pm Masses that day)**

Music and dance and Bingo game would be played at the picnic, free of charge. There will be a jump house and a bubble station and more games and fun for the children.

If you would like to make any donations of change (any amount) or child & adults prizes (up to \$5 in value suggested), they can be brought to the parish office during business hours, through Friday, August 22nd.

Multicultural food and drinks and music will be available. All grilled, cooked and cut-up by: The Club (hamburgers and hot dogs), and our Karenni (fruits, spring rolls, chicken and noodles) and Hispanic communities (tacos and more.)

Come, have fun and enjoy the fellowship with others and to ask the blessings and graces of our Patron Saint Bernard.