

# 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**

**April 19, 2026**

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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 + Souls in purgatory

**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER , April 19**

8:00 am Sam & Nick Thompson  
 10:30 am People of the parish  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) Eliana Ramirez

**MONDAY, April 20**

**St. Anicetus**

8:30 am Eliana Ramirez

**TUESDAY, April 21**

**St. Anselm**

8:30 am + Paulraj

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

**Our Lady of the Valley**

8:30 am + Caroline Das

**THURSDAY, April 23**

**St. George & St. Adalbert**

8:30 am + Philomena Raj

**FRIDAY, April 24**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

8:30 am + Anthony Simon

**SATURDAY, April 25**

**St. Mark Evangelist**

8:30 am + Teresa Sundar Raj

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Irene Charpentier

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER , April 26**

8:00 am + Sagayamary  
 10:30 am + Richard & Francis  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Jeraldrani

“Humility is not self-contempt but the truth about ourselves coupled with a reverence for others; it is self-surrender to the highest goal.”

“Physical idleness deteriorates the mind; spiritual idleness deteriorates the heart.”

- The wisdom of Fulton Sheen.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is possible as we have been saying to touch the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to have an experience of it that is very real. And in order for this to happen we need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He was more than a great man who changed the world and the universe by his rising from the dead. Today's gospel about the two disciples on their way to Emmaus gives us a wonderful insight into the person of Jesus Christ. It was the first day of the week and these two disciples were conversing on their way home after being in Jerusalem for Passover. They were speaking about a very different Passover that took place and were very downcast. They had high hopes in Jesus and now what was to happen?

Jesus drew near to them but they did not recognize him and he started to walk along with them. That's it; it is very simple to begin a relationship with Christ, no rituals or fancy prayers. You can if you want but there is no need of them. You can speak to him, honestly and casually. He asks them a simple question and it reveals the heaviness of their hearts. This could be the reason why they do not recognize him.

Maybe this also describes you. If someone asks a simple question about your marriage, or job, or your career, your kids, your health, your parents or the relationship that just broke up, you might react with sadness also. He understands disappointment; he knows it better than anyone else after what he just went through. You can speak to him about yours. One of the disciples, Cleopas asked if he was the only person who did not know what happened in those days? And Jesus plays along and says, “What things?” He has a sense of humor; he is playful. He makes people laugh. Luke goes on to describe what happened in the past week. They think the whole story is crazy. Not in their wildest dreams did they think of resurrection or angels telling the women this news.

Jesus says how slow of heart they have been and he proceeds to interpret Moses and the prophets to them. When we are heavy hearted we can become slow of heart also, slow to believe, slow to have faith, slow to see the goodness and grace Jesus has given to us. At times slow to be happy and grateful for the gifts given. Some people even spend their whole lives this way, how sad is that? Jesus stayed with them and their hearts were burning, as ours will be as we grow in our love for him.

Fr. Doss

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,995	4,060
Plate	\$973	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$64	
Worship & Liturgy	\$94	
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.

### EASTER FLOWER DONATION

*They will be remembered during the Holy Season of Easter*

Oo Reh  
Ikechukwu Onugha, Denise, Cecilia Okuku,  
Clemens Froehner & Doris Copley  
Gaary Reinhardt, Helen & Les Reinhardt,  
Fred & Josephine Troya & Dennis Troya  
Phyllis Douglas & Kristine Dyrhang  
John Thoemke  
Rita Canine, Jerry Graff, Jeff Graff & Harvey Jansen  
Soler Families & Rinehart family  
Hounder family & Hartsman family  
Joseph, Elizabeth & James Charles  
Guy & Mary Elk / Frank & Adeline Charles  
Larry Kitto, Don & Helen White / Hubert & Alba Kitto  
James Prefrel Jr  
Patricia Pflager, Ruth Strantz & Edward Strantz



### GREAT MISSION

The Neo Catechumenal community brothers and sisters will be going out to evangelize for five Sundays. Let us announce with courage the Resurrection of our Lord and be witnesses.

**Location:** McDonough projects

**Time:** 3 PM

1 Hour—No Registration—No Fee

**Come & Listen!**

### Major changes set to take place at the Basilica of St. Mary in downtown Minneapolis

**1868** The first Catholic church in Minneapolis west of the Mississippi River was built at Third Street and Third Avenue North. Called the "Shed Church" because of its simple design, it was an extension built behind the school for Catholic children living on the river's west bank. The new parish was named Immaculate Conception. Rev. James McGolrick (Rector 1868-1889) soon founded a St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Rosary Society, and became a leader in the Total Abstinence temperance movement in Minneapolis.

**1873** On New Year's Day, the second Church of the Immaculate Conception was dedicated. Built of limestone in the Gothic Revival style on the same lot, it was much more substantial than the Shed Church it replaced.

**1892** As the original parish site was encroached upon by manufacturing and industrial development, Rector Rev. James J. Keane (1892-1902) advocated for a third, larger church to be built on a new location.

**1902** The youthful Rev. Thomas Cullen (1902-1921) is named rector, only a year after his ordination.

**1900s— The vision and plan are carried forth. By the turn of the century** the Immaculate Conception parish was outgrowing its second church building. Archbishop Ireland's vision included two new monuments to the vitality of the Catholic communities in both cities: a new Cathedral in St. Paul and a Pro-Cathedral in Minneapolis.

**On Christmas Day 1903**, Archbishop Ireland proposed plans for a Pro-Cathedral to members of the Immaculate Conception parish. He received the parishioners' support and fund raising began for a new building under the leadership of Rev. Thomas E. Cullen (Rector 1902-1921). Parishes from all over the city and beyond its western borders held bazaars and fairs to raise money for the effort.

**In 1905**, Immaculate Conception parishioner Lawrence S. Donaldson, scion of the Donaldson's department stores, donated land worth more than \$40,000 for the new Pro-Cathedral. Overlooking Loring Park, it was strategically located on the main city thoroughfare, Hennepin Avenue.

**June 2, 1907** The cornerstone was laid for the Cathedral of St. Paul at Selby and Dayton Avenues.

**August 7, 1907** Archbishop Ireland attended a ground-breaking ceremony for the new building along with the building committee and invited guests.

**May 31, 1908** The cornerstone was laid for the Pro-Cathedral at Sixteenth Street and Hennepin Avenue. 20,000 citizens, including 500 students from the College of St. Thomas and more than 300 priests and seminarians, took part in the procession.

**The decision makers: John Ireland** (the third Bishop and the first Archbishop of St. Paul) was born in Ireland and came to the United States when he was eleven years old. He attended the Cathedral School in St. Paul where he attracted the attention of Bishop John Cretin, who sent Ireland and his brother to France for seminary training; they became the first Minnesota seminarians. Upon returning to Minnesota, he founded St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. He served as a chaplain in the American Civil War. Ireland was a prominent national figure, an ardent advocate for the temperance movement, and a strong proponent of Americanism.

**Emmanuel Masqueray**, our architect, was born in France in 1861 and attended the "Ecole des Beaux Arts" of Paris. He was the chief architect and designer of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Archbishop Ireland met Masqueray at the Fair and was impressed with his work.

Archbishop Ireland invited Masqueray to Minnesota to collaborate on his grand plan to simultaneously build both the grand new cathedral in St. Paul and the Pro-Cathedral in Minneapolis.