

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 12, 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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , July 12

8:00 am + Unborn children
 10:30 am People of the parish
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory

MONDAY, July 13

St. Henry

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

TUESDAY, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 am + Voda Mae Doyle

WEDNESDAY, July 15

St. Bonaventure

8:30 am + Wayne Dains

THURSDAY, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am Christopher Htoo

FRIDAY, July 17

St. Leo IV

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

SATURDAY, July 18

St. Bruno of Segni

8:30 am Sagayamary &
 Jeraldrani

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Edward Kneissel

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , July 19

8:00 am + Fr. Martin B. Shallbetter
 10:30 am + Fr. Martin B. Shallbetter
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory
 "You want perfect life, and perfect truth, and perfect

love. Nothing short of the infinite satisfies you, and to ask you to be satisfied with less would be to destroy your nature. . . Why do you want Life, Truth, and Love unless you were made for them? How could you enjoy the fractions unless there were a whole?" -The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Parables are "examples" of stories that illustrate by analogy a deep spiritual point or divine mystery by using familiar things and happenings. Jesus works to bring what is sublime, divine and profound within the grasp, not of all, but of those who have a pure heart and can understand the words of Jesus Christ. Understanding his parables is one way of "seeing God," of penetrating God's ways and experiencing the mysteries of the Kingdom. On our part, there are conditions for understanding parables: purity of heart and spiritual littleness begin to define those conditions. In addition, parables test our willingness to ponder the Word of God as well as our attitude toward the deeper meanings of the Word of God. There is an old philosophical principle that states that only the God-like can understand the thoughts of God.

Even though man is made in the image of God it has been covered over a lot with woundedness and bad habits. This image needs to be recreated. And this is what we are working on each week as we hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist and reflect on it during the week. When that image of God comes back to life in us we can better understand Jesus' ways, and experience his life.

The moment of His presence in the world is a special time of God's showing himself in a way never done before in salvation history. Through parables Jesus is slowing training us to perceive the deepest mysteries, which are too dazzling for us to see directly. Jesus speaks to the disciples on one level and the crowds at a different level. They have direct access to him in today's gospel even over the waters in the boat where he is sitting at a distance. He welcomes their question and proceeds to open up the ways of the Kingdom to them and us. Jesus came to enlighten and save all, yet not all at the same time or in the same way. Let us imitate the humility of the disciples as they grow in their understanding of these mysteries, and learn to ponder more the ways of God in our life.

Fr. Doss

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2687	4,060
Plate	\$1085	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$5	
Worship & Liturgy	\$5	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$47,500	

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.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO **PATRICE FINSTAD**

Being with us more than three years of dedicated service, Patrice due to her health issues, obeying her doctors; she is no longer to be continuing as Music Director.

Please join me in extending heartfelt gratitude to Patrice for all the great work she has done to beautify our liturgies and to raise our hearts in prayer and song.

Thank you Patrice! May the Lord reward you for your service and bless in all your future endeavors and grant you good health! St. Bernard's assures our prayers and support as always.

Vatican and USCCB resources on *Magnifica Humanitas*

Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), focused on safeguarding the human person in an age of artificial intelligence.

The USCCB has created a dedicated web page for related resources, containing content from the Holy See, USCCB resources on artificial intelligence, and stories from Catholic News Service Rome.

6 men ordained priests as archdiocese marks 175 years: 'The Lord's great anniversary gift'

Newly ordained Fathers Steven Lang, Alexander Hall and Sebastian Spencer used superlatives as they described their emotions at their May 30 ordination Mass in the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul.

"Overwhelmed. Trying to soak it in," said Father Hall, 31. "Joy and gratitude," said Father Spencer, 28. "The number one word is joy. I'm so excited for this (priesthood)," said Father Lang, 26.

Joined by Fathers Charles DeReuil II, 25, Dominic Miller and Peter Romens, both 29, to make an ordination class of six, the men were ordained as the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis celebrates its 175th anniversary. Archbishop Bernard Hebda noted that fact in his homily.

"It's been a moment for reflecting on our history and dreaming about our future," the archbishop said. "I feel particularly blessed in this Jubilee Year to be celebrating the ordination of these six men, all men who have been formed, nourished and called locally. I feel that they are the Lord's great anniversary gift for this archdiocese."

When the first bishop of St. Paul, Bishop Joseph Cr  tin, arrived in Minnesota after his episcopal ordination in his native France, he found only three priests in his territory, which included Minnesota and eastern parts of North Dakota and South Dakota, Archbishop Hebda said. The first two men he recruited were in St. Paul and became leaders in the Church — Bishops John Ireland and Thomas O'Gorman, the archbishop said.

"In the decades since that day, the Lord has continued to provide this local Church with excellent priests," including the six men being ordained, the archbishop said.

"I found myself marveling that the Lord would have placed a holy desire for priesthood in the hearts of a bridge builder, a college basketball player, an aspiring doctor and a linguist; or that he would have sparked an even deeper love for him as they came to study the ancient Church Fathers in dusty Latin tomes or gave tours of the holy sites of Rome and "The Holy Spirit blows where he wills, and as Pope Francis often said, we have a God of surprises," Archbishop Hebda said. "The magnificent humanity and authenticity of these men is so important in a world enamored with and challenged by artificial intelligence. How farsighted that God would have called these men with their unique gifts to begin their ministry precisely at this time and in this place and to translate for God's flock the inspiring vision articulated by Pope Leo (XIV) in his recent encyclical ("Magnifica Humanitas," Latin for "Magnificent Humanity," released May 25)."

(to be continued)