

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 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 Edward Kneissel

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , July 19

8:00 am + Fr. Martin B. Shallbetter

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12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory

MONDAY, July 20

St. Apollinaris

8:30 am + Fr. Martin B. Shallbetter

TUESDAY, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am + Nadia Henein

WEDNESDAY, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am + Nadia Henein

THURSDAY, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden

8:30 am + Nadia Henein

FRIDAY, July 24

St. Sharbel Makluf

8:30 am + Vada Mae Dayle

SATURDAY, July 25

St. James, Apostle

8:30 am + Nadia Henein

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Irene Charpentier

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , July 26

8:00 am + Chrispin Victoria

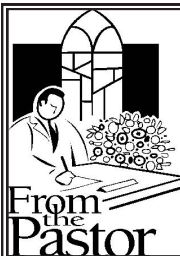
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BOOKS

“Books are the most wonderful friends in the world. When you meet them and pick them up, they are always ready to give you a few ideas. When you put them down, they never get mad; when you take them up again, they seem to enrich you all the more.”

-Bl. Fulton Sheen



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week we hear a parable that complements the one of the Sower from last week. The parables of the gospels need to rest in us before we can be fully conscious of their meaning for us today, and they have an importance for all of us. Did you notice that the explanation of the parable takes place back in the house? This shows a greater intimacy that Jesus Christ has with his disciples, and would like to have with us. He doesn't come to save the crowds but to save individuals, you and me. And we need to continue abiding in his presence in order to understand him, and his words on the Kingdom.

The disciples insist strongly on having Jesus explain the parable to them. They are really hungry for the truth. It is not superficiality or earthly concerns that distract them this week, but someone much more serious, the Devil, as Jesus tells to them.

This parable is very unique in two ways: first, that the identity of the seeds and the weeds is plainly told. The second surprise is the toleration of the evil growth of the weeds among the wheat. The Devil has to penetrate the field in the middle of the night, by stealth. And he does so only for one reason: to choke the wheat.

Jesus knows immediately who sowed the weeds and he knew it probably before the wheat was sown, and he sows anyway. After the damage is done he has a real concern for the wheat and forbids the slaves from pulling out the weeds. The servants have good intentions; however, they are wrong and are impatient to purge the field and the world from sin. It is easy for us to assume we are the pure ones, the ones with the light and yet why do we have this fear when we see evil in others? Jesus reminds them and us that their mission is to win disciples, and not to judge those around them, and not to be afraid. Let us do the same.

Fr. Doss

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3246	\$4,500
Plate	\$1,010	\$1500
Church Audio & Lighting	\$20	
Worship & Liturgy	\$45	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$44,500	

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html.

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

"As Pope Leo noted, we're at a crossroads and have to choose between building a new Babel that leads to destruction or constructing a new Jerusalem — a God-centered community that recognizes the dignity of each human life," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Hebda also noted the six men now share an ordination anniversary with one of his favorite saints, St. John Henry Newman, who was ordained a priest in Rome on May 30, 1847, and was recently declared a doctor of the Church. Quoting the great saint, Archbishop Hebda said, "Christ's priests have no priesthood but his. They are merely his shadows and organs. They are his outward signs, and what they do, he does. When they baptize, he is baptizing. When they bless, he is blessing. He is in all acts of his Church, and one of his acts is not more truly his act than another, for all are his. Thus, we are in all times of the Gospel brought close to his cross."

"I suspect that it is for that reason that this Cathedral is packed this morning," the archbishop said, referring to the 3,000 people filling every pew. "Our excitement at recognizing the work that Christ will soon be accomplishing through the six men about to be ordained his priests as they selflessly bring us close to his cross."

Joining the archbishop at the altar were Auxiliary Bishops Kevin Kenney and Michael Izen, Bishop Emeritus Richard Pates, Chorbishop Sharbel Maroun, pastor of St. Maron of the Maronite Catholic Church in Minneapolis and many priests of the archdiocese. Deacons participated in the Mass and were present in the congregation, as were men and women in consecrated life and the lay faithful.

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