

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 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 + Frank Bruns

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , August 30

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am + Frank Bruns

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Vada Mae Dayle

MONDAY, August 31

St. Raymond

8:30 am Karl Pederson

TUESDAY, September 1

St. Egidio

8:30 am + Dan Perfect

WEDNESDAY, September 2

Blessed Andre Grasset

8:30 am + John Thoemke

THURSDAY, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am + Larry Schreifels & John Thoemke

FRIDAY, September 4

St. Boniface I

8:30 am + Greta Thompson

SATURDAY, September 5

St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta

8:30 am + Edward Gunter & family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Cliff & Irene Charpentier

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , Septe 6

8:00 am Jack Perfect

10:30 am + Frank Bruns

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in purgatory

OUR CROSSES IN LIFE

"Do as the merchant does with his merchandise: make a profit on every item. Don't allow the loss of the tiniest fragment of the true cross. It may be only the sting of a horsefly or the prick of a pin that annoys you; it may be a neighbor's little eccentricities, some unintended slight, the insignificant loss of a penny, some small restlessness of soul, a light pain in your limbs. Make profit on every item as the grocer does, and you will soon be wealthy in God."

-St. Louis de Montfort



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to thank all those who made it possible our parish picnic last Sunday. It was wonderful to see the unity of many languages, cultures coming together to thank the Lord with the Eucharist. More than 750 brothers and sisters with many kids participated the Mass and picnic with our English, Karenni and Spanish communities food and kids enjoying the Foggy house games was wonderful to experience the immense love of the Lord for our parish community as Universal, Catholic Church. You can view the picnic pictures in our website under photo Album link.

The gospel of last week was Peter's confession of faith in Jesus Christ. However, this week we can see that Jesus is not the glorious disciple that Peter was expecting but the suffering servant. Peter gets that Jesus is the Savior but does not get how it will be done. Peter will have none of the defeat and suffering announced by Christ. With the same authority that Jesus announced that Peter would have the keys of the Kingdom he now affirms that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise.

So Peter took him to himself pulling him by the cloth of his tunic, perhaps like the devil pulled him in the desert, and said that this shall never happen. The creature always thinks he can do it better and more efficiently than the one who created the world. Christ calls him Satan, not Rock. He is the one who opposes, which is what Satan does: he opposes God's intention to save man. Peter does not think the thoughts of God; he is not of God's mind. Peter thinks he knows God's plan better than Jesus Christ. Isn't this the fundamental problem of discipleship and the spiritual life? We all secretly nurture the conviction that we know better. We easily forget that the Kingdom belongs to the childlike.

Jesus says that Peter is a stumbling block, an obstacle, a scandal; you are no longer a building block or rock. The cross is a stumbling block to Jews, St. Paul writes. We believe it also. But in the Christian life either I embrace it in order to imitate Christ or it becomes a block for me and for the mission of Christ. Many years later in a letter to the churches Peter writes, "They stumble because they do not obey." This is true today.

Jesus says to Peter to get behind him, Satan. To the devil in the desert Jesus says get away from me. He knows that Satan cannot change but Peter can. Peter is Satan metaphorically and temporarily but Satan is always Satan; he cannot be anything but Satan. This can give us hope also; we can change. Peter gets out in front of Jesus and is told that anyone who wishes to come after me must follow me. The disciple cannot go ahead or in front of the Teacher. All leaders in the church must remember that they are called to be servants who wash the feet of the others. When you are behind Christ then you can take up your cross.

Fr. Doss

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,236	\$5,000
Plate	\$1,211	\$1500
Church Audio & Lighting	\$16	
Worship & Liturgy	\$27	
Building Repair Fund Balance:		\$51,500

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 Message from Pope Leo XIV: In the One Christ, We are One

The foundations of Social Doctrine

Along with a greater awareness of the value of every human person and their rights, recognition of minority rights has also grown. Yet, there is still a long way to go to ensure that the rights of a great many, namely women, are equally and genuinely guaranteed throughout the world. It is a fact that "doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights." It is, therefore, not enough to state simply that men and women have equal dignity and rights; it is necessary that this be reflected in concrete decisions, such as in laws, access to employment, education, social and political responsibilities, and the way society listens to and values women's contributions. As long as this gap persists, we cannot say that society truly and fully recognizes that women have the same dignity as men.

It is individuals that matter, each and every person, together with their families. Social movements, communal ideologies and grand political proclamations in favor of a population are worthless unless they lead to the flourishing of persons — men and women — with their inalienable rights. Similarly, it is not enough to extol individual freedom or private enterprise if we then allow a multitude of people to continue living without decent work, protections or access to basic necessities.

Reflections On the New Evangelization

An old proverb says: "Success is not one of the names of God." The new evangelization must surrender to the mystery of the grain of mustard seed and not be so pretentious as to believe it will immediately produce a large tree. We either live too much in the security of the already existing large tree or in impatience for a greater, more vital tree.

Instead, we must accept the mystery that the Church is at the same time a large tree and a very small seed. In the history of salvation, it is always Good Friday and Easter Sunday at the same time.

The correct method derives from the structure of the new evangelization. We must use the modern methods of making ourselves heard in a reasonable way, or better yet, of making the voice of the Lord accessible and comprehensible.

We do not want to listen to ourselves; we do not want to increase the power and influence of our institutions; we wish to serve the good of the people and humanity by giving room to the Lord who is Life. This "expropriation" of one's person, this offering of one's self to Christ for the salvation of men, is the fundamental condition of the true commitment for the Gospel. "I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive," says the Lord (John 5:43). The mark of the Antichrist is the fact that he speaks in his own name. The sign of the Son is his communion with the Father.

The Son introduces us into the Trinitarian communion, into the circle of eternal love, whose persons are "pure relations," the pure act of giving oneself and of welcome. The Trinitarian plan — visible in the Son, who does not speak in his own name — shows the form of life of the true evangelizer. Evangelizing is not merely a way of speaking, but the way we live — living in the listening and giving to the Father's voice. "He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak," says the Lord about the Holy Spirit (John 16:13).

This Christological and pneumatological form of evangelization is also, at the same time, an ecclesiological form: The Lord and the Spirit build the Church, communicate through the Church. The proclamation of Christ, the proclamation of the Kingdom of God presupposes listening to his voice in the voice of the Church. "Not speak on his own authority" means: to speak in the mission of the Church...