



# St. Bernard's Catholic Church

January 21, 2024

## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. Bernard's Catholic Church

105 Knight Ave N.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Parish Office Hours  
9AM-5PM Mon-Fri

*(The office is closed from 12 to 12:30PM)*

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### School Office

**Laura Brickson**, School Principal  
**Rebecca Peralta**, Office Administrator

*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

*Mark 1:15*

### Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	5:15 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:30 AM (School Mass)
Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM

See the bulletin for weekly changes to the regular schedule.

### Confession Schedule

Saturday	4:00-4:50 PM
Sunday	8:00-8:50 AM
Weekdays	30 min. before Mass, ending 10 min. before Mass

### Adoration Schedule

Tuesday	8:30 AM—10:00 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM—10:00 PM

# Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions for this Week

Mon., Jan. 22	No Mass	
Tue., Jan. 23	8:00 AM	Reparations to the Holy Name of Jesus
	10:30 AM	+Virgil Burger
		+John Sherack
Wed., Jan. 24	5:15 PM	Anna & St. Joseph's Intentions
Thu., Jan. 25	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt Kraemer
Fri., Jan. 26	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sat., Jan. 27	5:00 PM	+Stanley Stancyk
Sun., Jan. 28	9:00 AM	

## Feasts and Readings

### Mon., Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn

1st Reading: 2 Sam. 5:1-7, 10  
 Psalm: Ps. 89:20, 21-22, 25-26  
 Gospel: Mk. 3:22-30

### Tue., Jan. 23 St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

1st Reading: 2 Sam. 6:12b-15, 17-19  
 Psalm: Ps. 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
 Gospel: Mk. 3:31-35

### Wed., Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

1st Reading: 2 Sam. 7:4-17  
 Psalm: Ps. 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30  
 Gospel: Mk. 4:1-20

### Thu., Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16  
 Psalm: Ps. 117:1bc, 2  
 Gospel: Mk. 16:15-18

### Fri., Jan. 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

1st Reading: 2 Tim. 1:1-8  
 Psalm: Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10  
 Gospel: Mk. 4:26-34

### Sat., Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin

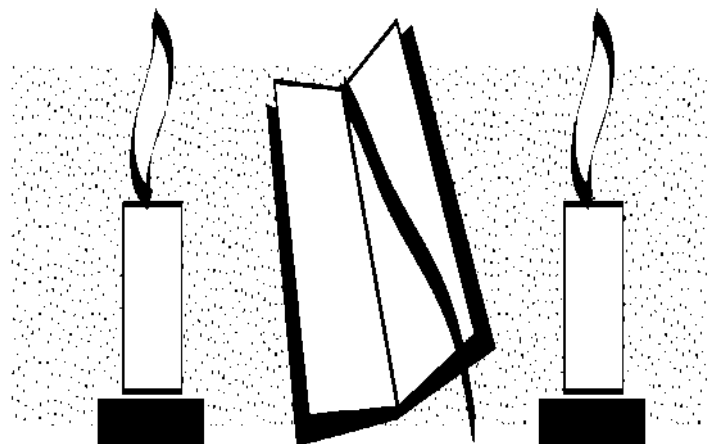
1st Reading: 2 Sam. 12:1-7a, 10-17  
 Psalm: Ps. 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
 Gospel: Mk. 4:35-41

### Sun., Jan. 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut. 18:15-20  
 Psalm: Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:32-35  
 Gospel: Mk. 1:21-28

## This Week in the Parish

Mon., Jan. 22	
6:30 PM	OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
Tue., Jan. 23	
8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Mass at Care Center
Wed., Jan. 24	
6:30 PM	RE- Grades 6 & 7
8:00 PM	Men's Group, Parish Library
Thu., Jan. 25	
8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
8:30 AM	OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Library
Sun., Jan. 28	
8:10 AM	Lauds (Morning Prayer), Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship, Parish Hall
10:15 AM	Sunday School



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## Coming Up!

Feb. 4 9AM	First Holy Communion Enrollment at Mass	Mar. 30	Easter Vigil
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	Eastertime	Adoration Chapel Opens
Feb. 16	First Lenten Fish Fry	May 4 5PM	Confirmation
Feb. 19	Youth Ski Trip, Bemidji	May 5	Piano Recitals
Feb. 23	UND Hockey Game Youth Event	May 17-18	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Bemidji
Mar. 9	Confirmation Retreat	July 17-21	National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis
Mar. 16	Confirmation Retreat	Aug. 20	St. Bernard's Day
Mar. 24-29	Holy Week		

# *From St. Peter's Square*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel passage shows us, so to speak, the "passing of the baton" from John the Baptist to Jesus. John was His precursor; he prepared the terrain for Him and he prepared the way for Him: Jesus can now begin his mission and announce the salvation by now present; He was the salvation. His preaching is summarized in these words: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." Simply. Jesus did not mince words. It is a message that invites us to reflect on two essential themes: time and conversion.

In this text of Mark the Evangelist, time is to be understood as the duration of the history of salvation worked by God; therefore, the time "fulfilled" is that in which this salvific action reaches its pinnacle, full realization: it is the historical moment in which God sent his Son into the world and his Kingdom was rendered more "close" than ever. The time of salvation was fulfilled because Jesus arrived. However, salvation is not automatic; salvation is a gift of love and as such, it is offered to human freedom. Always, when we speak of love, we speak of freedom: love without freedom is not love; it may be interest, it may be fear, many things, but love is always free, and being free it calls for a freely given response: it calls for our conversion. Thus, it means changing mentality — this is conversion, changing mentality — and changing life: no longer following the examples of the world but those of God, who is Jesus; following Jesus; "doing" as Jesus had done, and as Jesus taught us. It is a decisive change of view and attitude. In fact, sin — above all the sin of worldliness which is like air, it permeates everything — brought about a mentality that tends toward the affirmation of oneself against others and against God. This is curious... What is your identity? And so often we hear that one's identity is expressed in terms of "opposition". It is difficult to express one's identity in the worldly spirit, in positive terms and in those of salvation: it is against oneself, against others and against God. And for this purpose it does not hesitate — the mentality of sin, the worldly mentality — to use deceit and violence. Deceit and violence. We see what happens with deceit and violence: greed, desire for power and not service, war, exploitation of people... This is the mentality of deceit that definitely has its origins in the father of deceit, the great pretender, the devil.

Pope Francis  
Angelus Address, January 24, 2021

To read the full Angelus Address:  
[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20210124.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210124.html)

## Jan 27 & 28 Weekend Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Sat 5PM Mass	Sun 9AM Mass
Accompanist	Katie Hahn	Laura Brickson
Cantor	Douglas Meyer	School Choir
Hospitality	Carl Bruzek Tom Pederson Laura Williams Jeremy Williams	Janet Griffith Marge Miller Rick Reiersen Robert Wald
Sacristan	Margaret Rasmussen	Charlie Vogel
Ministry Captain	Michelle Johnson	Misty Mehrkens
EMHC	Pinky DeHaan VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Deb Buresh Randy Malo
Lector	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	School Mass Lector
Commentator	Elijah Williams	School Mass Commentator
Alter Servers	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	School Mass Server
Technology	10th Grade Boys	Bob Buresh

# Faith Formation

## Religious Education Schedule

January 24-Grades 6 & 7 RE  
January 28-10:15 am Sunday School  
January 31-Grades 6 & 8 RE  
February 4-9 am Mass First Communion Enrollment:  
Parent Meeting after Mass  
February 4-10:15 am Sunday School  
February 7-6:30 pm Exalt (Dinner at 5:45pm)  
February 11 – 10:15 am Sunday School  
February 14 – Ash Wednesday – attend a Mass!  
February 18 – No Sunday School  
February 21- Grades 6 & 8 RE  
February 25- Sunday School  
February 28- Grades 6 & 7 RE  
March 3 – 10:15 am Sunday School  
March 6 – Grades 6 & 8 RE

## Youth News

**Ski Trip to Buena Vista, Bemidji:** Monday, February 19th: **SAVE THE DATE!** I'm in the process of getting everything lined up for our annual ski trip to Buena Vista in Bemidji. Open to all 6-12th grade youth. More details are coming soon!

**Hope Retreats:** Only 2 left this year so if you still need an Encountering Event, I strongly recommend attending one of these! Cause of Our Joy (rescheduled from December) will be on January 27th & 28th. The Lion and the Lamb retreat will be on February 10th & 11th. These retreats are for all high school students. You can register for either retreat by going to <https://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope>.

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp:** This summer, the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp will be "on wheels". Students in the Diocese of Crookston, currently in grades 8-12 are invited to register for a once in a lifetime experience as this year's "camp" will be a 9-day experience, beginning at the Pastoral Center in Crookston, and traveling to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates of this year's camp are July 14-22, 2024. Registration is open! Contact me at [misty.mehrkens@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:misty.mehrkens@stbernardstrf.com) or go to [www.crookston.org/TOCcamp](http://www.crookston.org/TOCcamp) for more information.

**Saint John Paul II Camp 2024: Abide in Me: July 28-August 1, 2024.** Camp for incoming grades 7 & 8 will once again take place at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, MN. The theme of this year's camp is "Abide in Me" and will follow the story of Jesus accompanying his disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Registration opens Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00am. More details of camp will come in early January!



## O.C.I.A.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Faith? Consider St. Bernard's O.C.I.A. program (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Through O.C.I.A. you will be able to learn more about what the

Church believes and teaches and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

If you'd like more information, contact Carolyn Holecek at [Carolyn.holecek@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:Carolyn.holecek@stbernardstrf.com) or call the parish office.



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# Stewardship

## Sunday Stewardship

January 13 & 14

Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 11,231.00
Weekly Offertory Total	\$ 9,634.50
Fiscal Year-To-Date Offertory Budget (Through Dec)	\$297,499
Fiscal Year-To-Date Offertory Total (Through Dec)	\$307,658

## St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 3,693,001.07  
Received to Date: \$ 3,440,613.00



### Calling all snow-birds!

If you need to temporarily halt offering envelopes or change your winter address, please contact the parish office at (218) 681-3571.



### Recommended Sacrificial Giving Distribution

As percentage of total income.

Parish	5%
Diocese	3%
Other Giving	2%

## Diocesan Annual Appeal

### Help us reach our goal!

St. Bernard's has donated/pledged \$44,182.73 with 147 parish donors participating as of December 29, 2023.

St. Bernard's goal for this year is \$49,448.00. Help St. Bernard's reach our goal by donating online at [www.crookston.org/onlinegiving/daa](http://www.crookston.org/onlinegiving/daa)

Thank you to all that have participated!

## Stewardship Includes Time and Talent as Well!

Getting involved in weekend ministries is a great way to share in parish life. St. Bernard's is looking for individuals to be trained and scheduled to be Sacristans (prepping Sacred vessels and books before Mass), Pianists, Cantors, Extraordinary Ministers (distributing Communion during Mass and to the homebound), Altar Servers, MC-s (junior & senior boys and young men to assist altar servers), and Hospitality Ministers. To learn more, please call the parish office.

# Prayer Intentions

## Parish Prayer List

Jackie Hunt, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Roger Amundson, Ron Winter, John Sherack, Tom Super, Mary Hemstreet, Jim Breth, Robert Walrath, Elliana Rose Viktora, Tim Kramer, Christine Oliver, Margaret Koldon, Luke Noreen, Sid Brouse, Gale Schmitz, Tori Hovelsrud, Ray Hedlund, Emil Vanyo, Jan Kramer, Tim Bulger, John Barry, Alberta Johnson, Daniel Bernard, Alice Stancyk, Steph Kaiser

If you wish to have someone placed on, or removed from, the prayer list, please call (218) 681-3571 or email [norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com](mailto:norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com)

Names will often be forgotten on the list even after they can be removed. All names will be removed twice a year to keep it up-to-date: 1st Sunday of Lent and after St. Bernard's Day (August 20)

## Pope Francis' Intentions for January

### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Church, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

## Mass Requests

If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention, you can request a Mass in multiple ways. You can stop by the parish office, send them by mail or drop them in the collection basket. When requesting a Mass for the deceased, be sure to indicate this with " + " before their name. The customary offering is \$10. Masses are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, and can be scheduled up to 1 year in advance.

# Parish Life

## NEW KNIGHT AVENUE ENTRANCE

During weekend Masses, the **north side** of the new entrance on Knight Avenue will be available for entering and exiting the Church. Please note that the elevator is not installed yet, and this entrance is not handicapped accessible at this time. On weekdays this entrance will be closed as construction continues, so please use the west entrance and ramp in the school parking lot.

## St. Bernard's Adoration Society

*Perpetual Adoration Sign-Up*

The St. Bernard's Adoration Society is grateful for every one who has signed up for a holy hour so far. Two reminders:

1. Your sign-up is not complete until you register and claim your holy hour(s) on the We Adore Him website: <https://stbernardscc.weadorehim.com/>
2. Adoration outside of our current schedule (Tu/Th 8:30am—10pm) does not begin until significant consecutive hours have adorers signed up. You are still encouraged to come pray during your hour when the Church is unlocked. You will be notified adoration during your holy hour is set to begin.

Please keep a watch on St. Bernard's social media for videos from Fr. Vasek with tips for Eucharistic Adoration.

If you would like more information about the Adoration Society the parish office.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Mark your calendars for the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, to take place May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Bishop Cozzens, and Bishop Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to this collaboration between our dioceses to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Immediately following the congress, the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin at the headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca State Park. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire your devotion to the Eucharist through power talks, witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, and confession. Register at [crookstoneucharist.org](http://crookstoneucharist.org)

## LITURGICAL ITEMS

### *Chalice Items: The Purificator*

The purificator is a rectangular white linen folded 3 times length-wise and draped over the opening of the Chalice. At first glance, it may seem like an unassuming piece of cloth, but it is very sacred object. Purificators are primarily used to clean and dry the inside of the Chalice, along with with the edge of any Chalices used to distribute Holy Communion. They also are used to dry the priests fingers and lips, as well as the fingers of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, since they may have particles of the Eucharist on their hands.

Because purificators may have particles of the Blessed Sacrament (both under the appearance of bread and wine), the Sacristan (a person who takes care of the sacred vessels and linens before and after Mass), must use special procedures to wash them to avoid defiling the Body of the Lord, Purificators should not be used at more than one Mass between washings.

Fresh purificators (those properly cleaned after being used at Mass) are also used during the veneration of the cross at the Good Friday liturgy, the veneration of relics, underneath the monstrance during Exposition and sometimes as a lavabo towel.



*Purificator draped over the Chalice*



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

**Our local group of St Bernards' Vincentians has helped so many in the area, who had no where else to turn for help. Thank you for your Donations!**

### Cursillo 2024

“Where two or three meet together in my name, I shall be there with them.”  
-Matthew 18.20-

Cursillo is a three-day learning, sharing and inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. During the three days of a Cursillo weekend a person not only hears inspiring talks on what it really means to be a Christian, but actually experiences the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community.

#### Spring Cursillo Weekends

Men: February 22-25, 2024

Women: March 14-17, 2024

For more information visit Crookston Diocese Cursillo page or reach out to Stephen Wegscheid, Randy Malo, David Holecek or Tom Schaefer.

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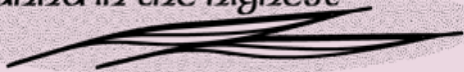
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### 2023 Palm Sunday Branches

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching on February 14. Have you ever wondered where the ashes used during the liturgy come from? They come from burning the blessed palm branches distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. Beginning next weekend, through the end of this first part of Ordinary Time, baskets will be available in the Gathering Space for you to drop off any blessed palm branches you have from last year (or previous years).

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Please join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for peace in our country, from 5 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of each month.



Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and pastries after Mass on Sundays from September to May. If interested, contact Julie Peterson at (218) 686-8599.

### New Parishioner or Change of Address?

If you are a new parishioner or need to update your contact information, you can register or update your information on our website at [stbernardscc.org](http://stbernardscc.org) or by calling the parish office at (218) 681-3571.

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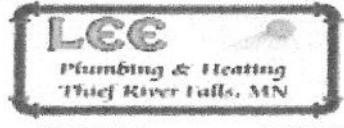
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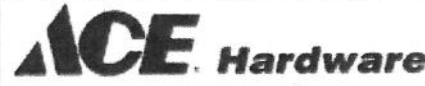


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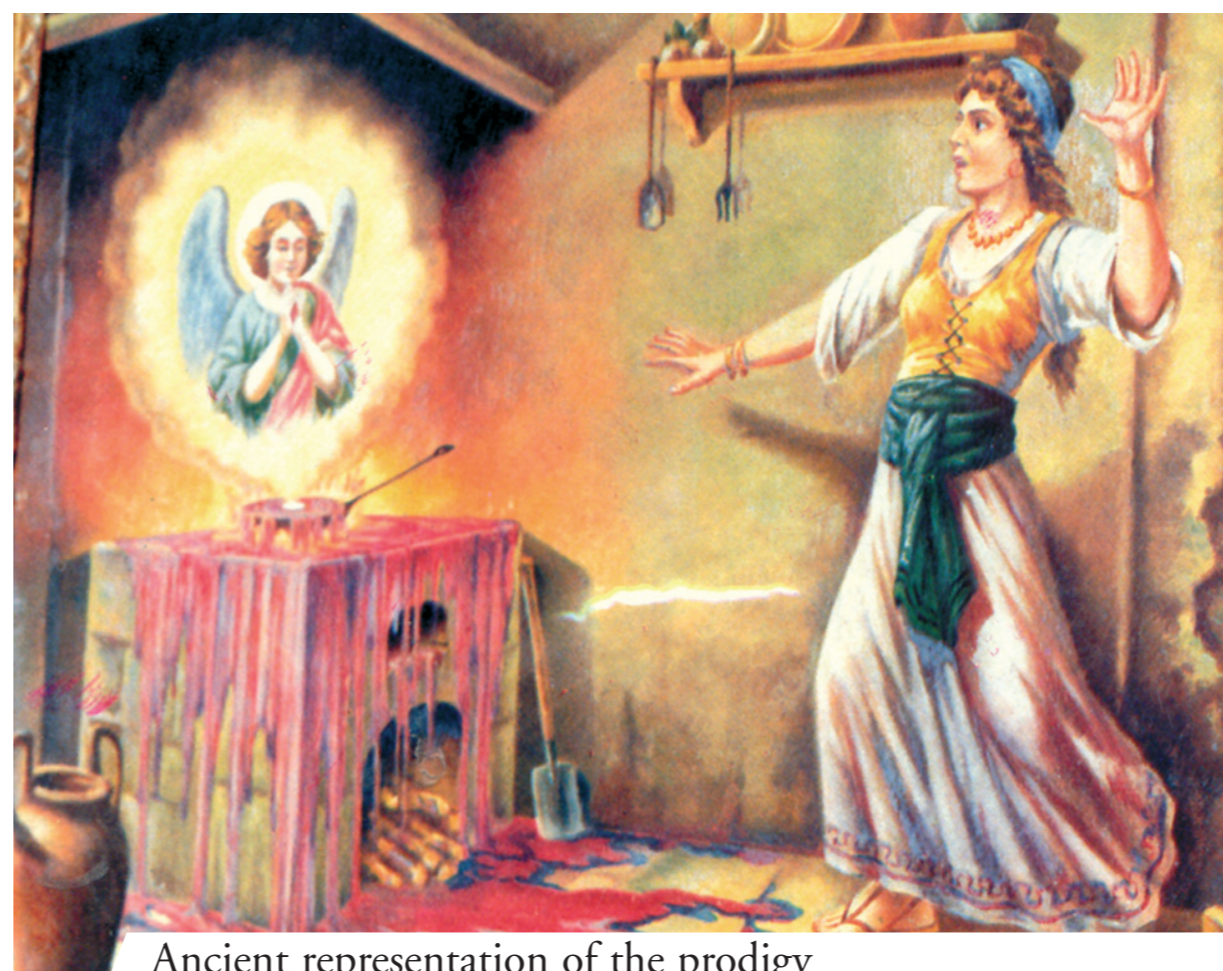


# Eucharistic Miracle of TRANI

ITALY, ELEVENTH CENTURY



A non-Christian woman who did not believe the true Catholic dogma of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, aided by some of her Christian friends, managed to steal a consecrated Host during the celebration of a Sacred Mass. The woman, as if daring God, put the consecrated Host into a frying pan of oil. Suddenly the Host spilled out masses of Blood, which poured to the floor and out the door of the house.

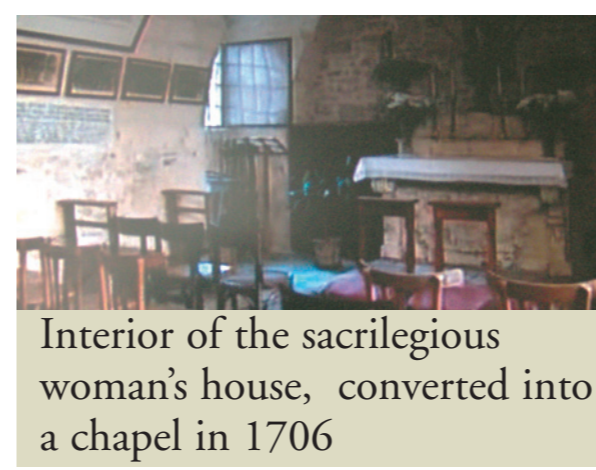


Ancient representation of the prodigy

PADRE PIO DISSE:  
"TRANI E' FORTUNATA, PERCHE' PER  
BEN DUE VOLTE IL SANGUE DI CRISTO  
HA BAGNATO LA SUA TERRA.,,  
Father Pio said: "Trani is fortunate because not once, but twice, its land was bathed by the Blood of Christ."



The pan that the woman used to fry the Host



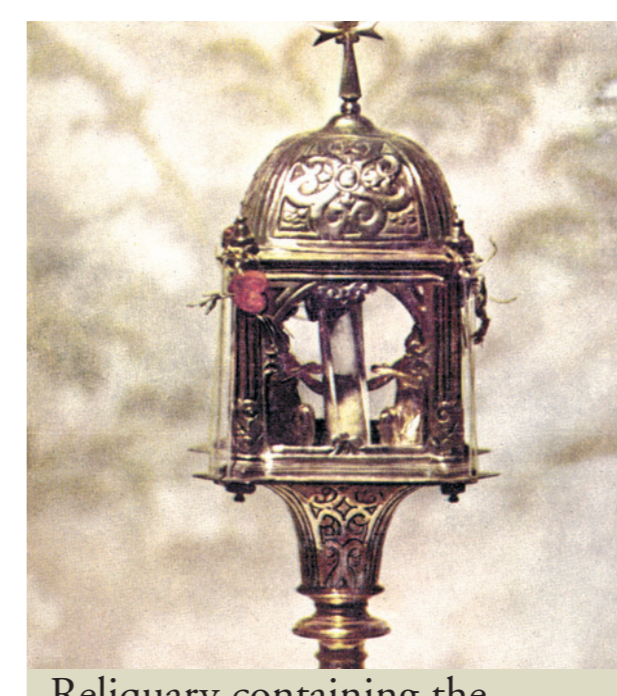
Interior of the sacrilegious woman's house, converted into a chapel in 1706



Interior of Trani's cathedral



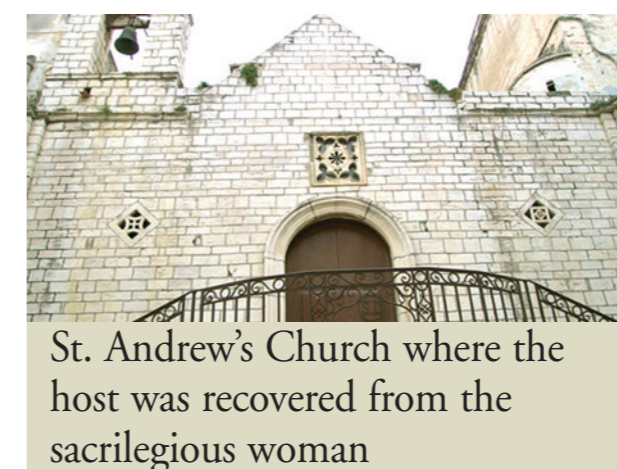
Cathedral Holy Mary of the Assumption in Trani. For many years the relics of this miracle were kept here.



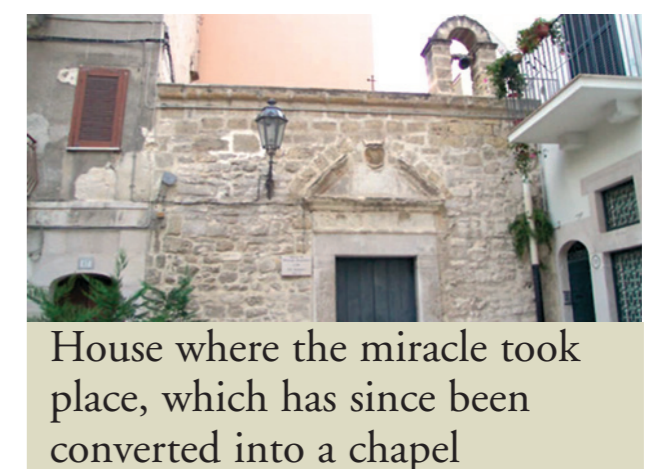
Reliquary containing the miraculous Host from the 17th century



Chapel, inside St. Andrew's Church, dedicated to the miracle where the precious shrine is housed



St. Andrew's Church where the host was recovered from the sacrilegious woman



House where the miracle took place, which has since been converted into a chapel



Detail of the painting by Paolo Uccello that retells the Prodigy. Museum of Urbino

To this day in Trani, Puglia, the relic of this miracle which happened around the year one thousand, is housed in the Cathedral of Holy Mary of the Assumption. There are numerous documents which retell this miracle; among them are Eucharistic monograms, which are on the ancient streets of the city. Brother Bartolomeo Campi describes in his work, "L'Inamorato di Gesù Cristo" (1625), an accurate account of the unfolding of the facts: "Pretending to be Christian, the woman received Communion with the others... and took the consecrated Host from her mouth and transferred the Holy Eucharist to a handkerchief. Once home she wanted to experiment with whether or not the Blessed Sacrament was bread and put the consecrated Host into a heated frying pan filled with oil. Upon contact with the boiling oil, the consecrated

Host miraculously became Bloody Flesh and a hemorrhage, so to speak, would not stop flowing and went from the pan all over the cursed woman and her house. Terrorized, the woman began to scream... and the neighbors ran over to find out the reasons behind her cries...".

*The archbishop* was immediately informed of the events and he ordered the return of the consecrated Host to the church. That same Cistercian Abbot Ferdinando Ughelli (1670), in his well-known encyclopedic work "Italia Sacra", wrote in a notation of his seventh volume: "In Trani a sacred Host was fried to the dismay of our Faith..., the true Flesh and Blood of Christ was unveiled in the unleavened Bread which fell to the ground". An indirect confirmation to this miracle is also

found in the affirmation of St. Pio from Pietreclina, which exclaimed: "Trani is fortunate to have been bathed by the Blood of Christ twice", the first reference being to this miracle and the later to the miracle of the Colonna Crucifix from which an abundant stream of blood flowed from Jesus' nose. Thanks to the generosity of the nobleman Ottavian Campitelli, the house of the woman was converted into a chapel in 1706. In 1616 the relic of the Host was transferred to an antique silver shrine donated by Fabrizio de Cunio. Throughout various eras, many tests were performed on this sacred relic and verified, the last one took place in 1924 at the Inter-diocesan Eucharistic Congress headed by Monsignor Giuseppe Maria Leo.

# St. Bernard's Fish Frys

2024



## 3 ways to enjoy St. Bernard's Fish Fry!

### 1. Delivery

Have your meal delivered by placing your order online between Tuesday and Friday of each week at [bit.ly/2024FishFry](https://bit.ly/2024FishFry) or calling St. Bernard's on Friday between 2-6pm at 681-3560.

### 2. Take-Out

Take out orders can be purchased and picked up inside the detached garage west of the church.

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# IT'S TIME TO GO SKIING!!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024

Buena Vista Ski Resort, Bemidji, MN

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

All forms and payments need to be completed and submitted by Friday, February 9th and can be found on our Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/stbernardsyouth>



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When you think of the life of the Church in dioceses and parishes, the first ideas that come to mind might be evangelization efforts, catechesis programs, sacramental preparation for families, or support for seminaries and religious communities that encourage young people to discern vocations as priests or religious sisters or brothers. While such faith-strengthening pastoral ministries are among the visible ways the Church carries out its mission to prepare Christian disciples, the Church also needs responsible administration of parish and diocesan resources. A solid foundation in financial management and recordkeeping helps pastors build trust in the local church and use limited financial resources with transparency and responsibility.

Recognizing this need, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports episcopal conferences' efforts to train pastors, administrators, and financial staff in budgeting, management, and procedures to improve transparency and accountability. A Solidarity Fund grant to the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon helped the Diocese of Ngaoundéré train 136 members of 29 parish councils in these skills, empowering them to manage financial matters with competence and reliability. The Solidarity Fund also granted funds to the National Episcopal Conference of Congo (in the Democratic Republic of Congo) to conduct financial management training for 121 diocesan and parish staff from the Diocese of Buta. Through this training, the diocese has prepared diocesan clergy and parish staff to manage development projects, social ministries, and parish resources, thereby becoming better and more effective ministers to those they serve.

By participating in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you show your dedication to the growing African Church and its commitment to being good stewards of resources, building trust, and delivering the Gospel to all.

Please be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).



## 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

**Total Grants: 91**  
**Total Granted: \$2,669,600**

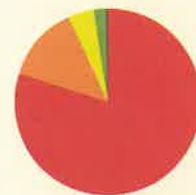


PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Leadership Formation	23	\$696,300	26.08%
Construction	16	\$617,700	23.14%
Church Capacity Support	18	\$428,600	16.06%
Communications	11	\$291,300	10.91%
Justice and Peace	8	\$242,500	9.08%
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	4	\$107,500	4.03%
Evangelization	4	\$92,500	3.46%
Youth Ministry	3	\$83,200	3.12%
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	2	\$61,800	2.31%
Child Protection	2	\$48,200	1.81%

## EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,654,141	80.09%
Program Costs	\$430,944	13.00%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$149,345	4.51%
Administrative Expenses	\$77,305	2.33%
Allocations-Internal Grants	\$2,048	0.06%

**Total Expenses \$3,313,783**



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