



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

March 24, 2024

The Sixth Sunday in Lent
also known as Palm Sunday

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)

Parish Office: (218) 681-3571
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www.stbernardscc.org

Parish Staff
 Fr. Craig Vasek, Pastor and Superintendent
 Norm Betland, Office Manager and Executive Assistant
 Carolyn Holecek, OCIA Coordinator
 Misty Mehrkens, Youth Minister
 Manuel Peralta, Buildings and Grounds
 Margaret Rasmussen, Religious Formation Coordinator
 Charlie Vogel, Advancement Director

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

*Christ became obedient to
 the point of death, even
 death on a cross.
 Because of this, God
 greatly exalted him and
 bestowed on him the name
 which is above every
 name.*

Philippians 2:8-9

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	3:00 AM—10:00 PM
Wednesday	4:00 PM—10:00 PM
Thursday	4:00 AM—10:00 PM

Confession & Holy Mass Schedule for this Week

	Confession	Mass	Mass Intention
Mon., Mar. 25			
Tue., Mar. 26	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	+Frank Womack
Wed., Mar. 27	4:45 PM	5:15 PM	+Tony Kozojed
Thu., Mar. 28		7:00 PM	Pro Populo
Fri., Mar. 29		1:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat., Mar. 30		8:00 PM	Emilie Bubolz, Caden Carlson, Megan Chromy, Dillon Nelson, & Mariah Peralta
Sun., Mar. 31	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Pro Populo

Feasts and Readings

Mon., Mar. 25 Mon. of Holy Week

1st Reading: Is. 42:1-7
 Psalm: Ps. 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
 Gospel: Jn. 12:1-11

Tue., Mar. 26 Tue. of Holy Week

1st Reading: Is. 49:1-6
 Psalm: Ps. 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17
 Gospel: Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed., Mar. 27 Wed. of Holy Week

1st Reading: Is. 50:4-9a
 Psalm: Ps. 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 11:23-26
 Gospel: Jn. 13:1-15

Thu., Mar. 28 Holy Thursday

1st Reading: Is. 52:13-53:12
 Psalm: Ps. 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
 2nd Reading: Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 Gospel: Jn. 18:1-19:42

Fri., Mar. 29 Good Friday

1st Reading: Jer. 20:10-13
 Psalm: Ps. 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
 Gospel: Jn. 10:31-42

Sat., Mar. 30 Easter Vigil

1st Reading: Gen. 1:1-2:2
 2nd Reading: Gen. 22:1-18
 3rd Reading: Ex. 14:15-15:1
 4th Reading: Is. 54:5-14
 5th Reading: Is. 55:1-11
 6th Reading: Bar. 3:9-15, 32-4:4
 7th Reading: Ex. 36:16-17a, 18-28
 8th Reading: Rom. 6:3-11
 Gospel: Mk. 16:1-7

See bible.usccb.org for the 8 responsorial Psalms.

Sun., Mar. 31 Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm: Ps. 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 2nd Reading: Col. 3:1-4
 Gospel: Jn. 20:1-9

This Week in the Parish

Mon., Mar. 25

6:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
 7:00 PM Holy Week Rehearsal, Church

Tue., Mar. 26

3:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
 10:30 AM Care Center Communion Service
 2:30 PM Lenten Study on Prayer, Offsite
 6:00 PM Seder Meal, Parish Hall

Wed., Mar. 27

8:00 AM SBIB Meeting, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
 1:00 PM Skylite Apartments, Communion Service
 4:00-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
 5:45 PM Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Hall
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
 8:00 PM Men's Cursillo Group, Parish Library

Thu., Mar. 28

8:30 AM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
 9:30 AM Bible Study, Library
 12:30 PM Men's Cursillo Group, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass
 8:30-10:00 PM Adoration, Parish Hall
 9:45 PM Tenebrae, Sanctuary

Fri., Mar. 29—Day of Fasting and Abstinence

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
 9:45 PM Tenebrae, Sanctuary

Sat., Mar. 30

9:00AM-3PM OCIA Retreat
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sun., Mar. 31

8:10 AM Lauds, Sanctuary

Mon., Apr. 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Coming Up!

Mar. 26	New Altar Installation
Apr. 12/13	Proclamation Retreat
May 4 5PM	Confirmation
May 17-18	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
July 17-21	National Eucharistic Congress
Aug. 20	Solemnity of St. Bernard
Aug. 21	Parish Block Party

From the Desk of Fr. Vasek

Greetings,

This week the parish has many special Masses, liturgies, and prayer opportunities to assist you with entering into the mysteries of the Lord's Passion. I encourage you to participate in as many of them as you are able. May your Holy Week be a blessed time for you and your family.

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

Mar 30 & 31 Weekend Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Sat 8PM Mass	Sun 9AM Mass
Accompanist	Kristi LaSalle	Jim Dahlstrom
Cantor	Easter Choir	Douglas Meyer
Hospitality	Tom Pederson Bruce Skalsky Carl Bruzek Laura Williams	Marge Miller Rick Reierson Robert Wald Kevin Yaggie
Sacristan	Norm Betland	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Ministry Captain	Dave Bennett	Charlie Vogel
EMHC	Mark Thune Pinky DeHaan	Katie Fogarty Bill Fogarty
Lector	Assigned Lectors	Assigned Lector
Commentator	Joann Holten	Liz Wavra
Alter Servers	Assigned Servers	Lenore Vogel
Technology	Jeremy Williams	Kayden Scholin



Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule

March 31 – No Sunday School – Happy Easter!
April 3 - 6:30 pm –Grades 6 & 8 RE
April 7- 10:15 am Sunday School
April 10 - 6:30 pm Grades 6 & 8 RE
(8th grade switched with 7th grade)
April 11 – 6:30 pm First Communion Meeting
April 14- 10:15 am Sunday School
April 17- 6:30 pm Grades 6 & 7th grade
(Switched with 8th grade)
April 21- 10:15 am Sunday School
April 24 – EXALT
April 25 – 6:30 pm First Communion Retreat
April 28- 9:00 am Mass with the Celebration of
First Holy Communion
10:15 am last day of Sunday School



Formed is a streaming service for the entire family which provides Catholic Content including podcasts, Bible studies, educational series, movies, prayers, books, and more.

Formed is available St. Bernard's parishioners for FREE. Visit formed.org and search for St. Bernard's parish to sign-up for an account. You can view content on your web browser or on the free app available on Android, iOS, Roku and Apple TV devices!



**DO THIS
IN MEMORY
OF ME**

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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 or call the parish office.

Youth News

Click on the QR to read this week's news for St. Bernard's Youth Group. In this bulletin you'll find...



- Seder Meal (March 26th)
- Registration Information on St. John Paul II Camp & Service Team
- Encountering Events (Chrism Mass & Mercy Hours)
- Save the Dates
- Communications



St. Bernard's Podcast



Listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more on the new St. Bernard's Podcast. Find it out on podbean at stbernards.podbean.com or search 'St. Bernard's TRF' wherever you listen to podcasts.

St. Bernard's Adoration Society

There are multiple opportunities for you to learn more about Eucharistic Adoration from Fr. Vasek! Fr. has created some short videos regarding Adoration that will be posted on the St. Bernard's YouTube page regularly between now and Corpus Christi. Check them out at:

<https://bit.ly/3Vcv03b>

Fr. Vasek has also been working with an organization called *Bread* to put together a video series about entering into Holy Week. You can sign-up to receive these videos here:

<https://bit.ly/3Vki37l>

We are still seeking adorers to fill our perpetual adoration schedule. You can register for an hour or to be a substitute at:

stbernardscc.weadorehim.com



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Stewardship

Sunday Stewardship March 16 & 17

Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 11,231.00
Weekly Offertory Total	\$ 10,073.52
Fiscal Year-To-Date Offertory Budget (Through Feb.)	\$385,647
Fiscal Year-To-Date Offertory Total (Through Feb.)	\$415,984

St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 3,693,386.32
Received to Date: \$ 3,447,072.43



Recommended Sacrificial Giving Distribution

As percentage of total
income.

Parish	5%
Diocese	3%
Other Giving	2%

Diocesan Annual Appeal

St. Bernard's 2024 Parish Goal is **\$47,644***.
As of Mar. 18, **\$24,519** has been given by 74 donors.

Visit www.crookston.org/DAA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



**In the previous few bulletins, the 2023 goal was mistakenly published as the 2024 goal.*

Finance Council

Brenda Bruggeman, Trustee, Tim Benedict, Trustee, Kathy Casavan, Jim Retka, Mark Thune, Kevin Yaggie, & Fr. Craig Vasek

Pastoral Council

Rob Burkel, Tom Schaefer, Michelle Johnson, Lucy Scholin, Joan Lubitz, Kyle Mehrkens, Tevia Strand, Jacob Rath, Mike Wavra & Fr. Craig Vasek

Prayer Intentions

Parish Prayer List

Ray Hedlund, Matthew Kaiser, Jan Kramer, Roger Amundson, John Barry, John Wawrzyniak, Jim Breth, Tim Bulger

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

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 March

For new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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

Easter Environment Setup

Come One, Come all, to join in the decorating for the Easter environment! This will take place directly after the Good Friday Liturgy on Friday, March 29th. Your help is appreciated, even if for a bit.

2024 KC Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus in Thief River Falls is offering four \$500 educational assistance scholarships for students currently attending an institution of higher education. Two of these scholarships are awarded to council members or their families, and two are open to the general public. In addition, two \$250 educational assistance scholarships will be offered specifically to 2024 high school graduates who are also 5th grade graduates of St. Bernard's School. These scholarships can be used at an institution of higher education of their choosing. The Fleegel Family Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will also be awarded to a 2024 graduate who is also a St. Bernard's 5th grade graduate.

Applications are available in the gathering space at St. Bernard's..

The application deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024

Completed applications can be dropped off at the St. Bernard's School Office, scanned and e-mailed to lynn.dyer@myprowler.org or sent by regular mail to: Lynn Dyer, 14365 Riverbend Trail, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. For any questions, call Lynn at 218-689-0112.

Distribution of the Precious Blood

During the Sacred Holy Triduum, Holy Communion will be distributed under both kinds: the Consecrated Host and the Chalice. This is particularly fitting on Holy Thursday in commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil when new Catholics receive Holy Communion for the first time, and on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the bodily Resurrection of Christ. The constant teaching of the Church still remains: the Real Presence of Christ, Body and Blood, is fully present in the Consecrated Host and is also fully present in the Chalice. A person does not receive less of Christ should they choose to receive only the Host or only from the Chalice, nor do they receive more if they choose to receive both kinds during Holy Communion.

Easter Environment at

Saint Bernard's

If you would like to contribute a gift in honor or memory of a loved one for the Easter Environment in the Sanctuary, complete this offering form. Place it with your gift in the offering basket at Mass or send it to the parish office: 105 Knight Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN. You can also make a flower donation through online giving!

Gifts received by March 24 (Palm Sunday) will have the name of the honoree or memorial published in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

Name of Donor: _____

Phone Number: _____

This gift is in *honor/memory* (circle one) of:

Amount of Gift: \$ _____



Please have any items for the bulletin in to the Office Manager by Tuesday at Noon. Email: norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is assisting families in the community in great needs of beds and small couches. If you are able to meet this need please call 218-416-1963 and ask for Dave.



Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Lourdes



Council #4619 – January / February 2024

Annual Fishing Derby.

This year marked the 67th annual fishing derby. We would like to thank all of our brother knights (and spouses) who purchased a book of tickets as



well as those who sold additional tickets and books of tickets. Also, a big thanks to all our members who sold tickets and picked up prizes from area

businesses and professionals. Finally, thanks to all our members who worked so hard at the Fishing Derby during set-up, take-down, hole drilling, ticket selling, and all of the tasks in and around the concession stand and after the Derby lunch. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and you made the Derby a great success! Thank You!

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Jordon Olson was awarded \$50.00 for the 1st fish caught. Mike Anderson and Hadley Ingram tied for the largest northern and were awarded \$100.00 each. There were five \$100.00 tickets drawn, and



they were: Sharon Harris, Geno Kalinoski, Bob Wilson, Gary Johnson, and Brian Bugge. The \$500.00 winner was Laon Watne. And congratulations to the grand prize winner of

\$1000.00. Darren Panek



Valentines and Wine Tasting

We had another great evening for our Valentine's wine tasting and member appreciation lunch. Participants sampled many different wines from around the globe. Thank you to Peg Mehrkens for sharing her knowledge of the different wines available.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Our regular meetings are held each month in the church basement. The officers' meeting is on the first Tuesday, and the full council meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month. All Brother Knights are welcome at either meeting. Speaking of council meetings (and Officers), there are several Brother Knights who have dedicated more than their share of time and talents to this council. It's time that we give them their due and have the next generation of Brother Knights take over this council. There are three (among others) positions that we need to fill. They are the financial Secretary, Reporter, and Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these positions.

GRAND KNIGHTS BANQUET

The Next major event coming up is our Grand Knights Banquet, scheduled on April 28th. The program consists of a catering meal, keynote speaker, Knight, and Family of the Year, and we will be awarding the 2024 scholarships. So, mark your calendars and save the date for a special evening. **(we are open to nominations for family and Knight of the Year)**

ALTER SERVERS' APPRECIATION Party (May)
Vietnam Veterans Memorial (March 30th)
Tootsie Roll Drive (May)

FINAL THOUGHTS

Brother Knights, we are all called to lead in one form or another. We must lead by example, by our actions, and by what we say or do not say. What better example of leadership do we have than none other than Jesus Christ himself? He said in order to be a good leader, we must first be a good servant. Servant Leadership is the most effective kind of leadership. Some of the ways that we can become leaders are to be involved in the different ministries in our parish, hospitality, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and KC council officers, just to name a few.

God Bless
Grand Knight
Randy Malo

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