



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Contact St. Bernard's

105 Knight Ave. N.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Parish Office Hours
9AM-5PM Mon-Fri
(Office closed from 12 to 12:30 PM)

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

Our Parish Staff

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

School Office Personnel

Laura Brickson, Principal
Rebecca Peralta, Office Administrator

Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	5:15 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:30 AM School Mass
Saturday	8:30 AM 1st Sat. of the month 5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM

Confession Schedule

Tuesday	7:30-7:50 AM
Wednesday	4:45-5:05 PM
Thursday	7:30-7:50 AM
Friday	8:00-8:20 AM
Saturday	4:00-4:50 PM
Sunday	8:00-8:50 AM

See the weekly Mass schedule in the bulletin for any changes to the standard schedule.

From Fr. Vasek

Greetings,

I look forward to our First Communion Mass this coming Sunday. What a gift for our children to receive God's life in the gift of the Holy Eucharist!

I shared an update and vision letter with the parish last weekend, and am glad to have a time to gather with as many parishioners as possible to go further into that sharing. One of the elements shared is that we will have times of consultation as we build a representative team to form vision for the future. We are calling this a National Advisory Committee (NAC), made up of a representative sample of the St. Bernard's family (staff, council members, alumni, and parishioners near and far). This week we are narrowing down the list of chairpersons for the NAC as we think about the various domains of the parish, school, and building project. As I've mentioned before, I am continuing on with what I inherited here. At the same time, years have passed and it is good for us to review where we have been and where we are, to make sure that we have clarity going forward. That is the task of this Spring, Summer, and Fall.





We had a great priest convocation in Bemidji this past week. One of the evenings, our presenter held an open presentation for parish and school staff, ministry leaders, key volunteers, and other eager people. We had over 20 members of the parish go to that presentation - which was very encouraging!

I will be away this coming Monday through Wednesday at another formation workshop. As I mentioned earlier, I need to be away much of this month due to various workshops and ministries for the Eucharistic Revival.

Grace and Peace,

Father Vasek

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;">Become a Parishioner</p> <p>If you aren't already registered at St. Bernard's, we encourage you to register by stopping by the parish office or registering on the website:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;">Get Involved at Mass</p> <p>There are many liturgical and music ministries to participate in at Mass. To get involved in liturgical or music ministries, call Margaret Rasmussen at 218-681-3571 (option 4).</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;">Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Spending an hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a great way to grow your interior life. Commit to an hour by visiting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;">Small Groups and Organizations</p> <p>If you are interested in joining or starting a small group, or would like to get involved in one of the many organizations at St. Bernard's, contact the parish office at 218-681-3571</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

<p>Give at Mass during the offertory</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>Mail it in or stop by the parish office</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>Visit https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p style="text-align: right;">April 13 & 14 Collection \$8,774.00 Weekly Target: \$11,231.00 FY To Date Actual: \$452,017 FY To Date Budget: \$440,740</p>
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FACILITY USE

Baptism
If you are preparing to have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 218-681-3571 (Option 2) to schedule a Baptism Preparation class with Fr. Vasek.

Adults seeking Baptism can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 (Option 6).

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation
Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are coordinated by the St. Bernard's Religious Education program. To enroll your child, please contact Margaret Rasmussen at 218-681-3571 (Option 4).

Adults seeking these Sacraments can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 (Option 6).

Holy Matrimony
If you are planning a wedding, please contact the parish office at 218-681-3571 (Option 2) at least 6 months in advance to reserve the wedding date and to begin Marriage Preparation with Fr. Vasek.

Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available for those suffering an illness or preparing for serious surgery.

Last Rites (Confession and Holy Communion) are given when death is imminent. If your loved one is in need of Last Rites, contact the parish office as soon as possible, even if there are family members who have not arrived yet.

Facility Usage
If you would like to reserve a parish space for parish or non-parish related activities, contact Norm Betland at 218-681-3571 (Option 2) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD'S

- Monday, April 22**
4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
- Tuesday, April 23**
3 AM-10 PM Adoration, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Communion Service, TRF Care Center
- Wednesday, April 24**
8 AM SBIB Contractor Mtg., Rectory Mtg. Rm.
1 PM Communion Service, Skylite Apartment
5:45 PM Exalt Dinner, Parish Hall
6:30 PM Exalt, Church
8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library
- Thursday, April 25**
4 AM-10 PM Adoration, Sanctuary
8:30 AM-12 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
9:30 AM Bible Study, Parish Library
12 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
2-8 PM First Communion Retreat, Parish Hall
4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
- Friday, April 26**
4-5:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, April 28**
9 AM First Communion at Mass
10 AM Pastries and Coffee, Parish Hall
10:15 AM Sunday School
4 PM Grand Knight Banquet, Parish Hall

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22

Monday of the 4th Week in Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, April 23

St. George, Martyr

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Joe Kotok

Wednesday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Pr. & Martyr

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....Brandon Duchesne

Thursday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....Brandon Duchesne

Friday, April 26

Friday of the 4th Week in Easter

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....Don Mack

Saturday, April 27

Saturday of the 4th Week in Easter

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....Don Mack

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday in Easter

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....Pro Populo

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/> to read the Mass readings each day. You can also sign up to have the readings sent to your inbox each morning!

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

April Devotion in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

For the Members of our Parish

Ray Hedlund, Matthew Kaiser, Jan Kramer, Roger Amundson, John Barry, John Wawrzyniak, Jim Breth, Carole Glass, Jackie Hunt, Pat Odette

Call Norm at the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the list.

For the Seminarians of the Diocese of Crookston

Lawrence Wirries, Tim Guidry, Jon Stone, and Westin Gourneau

Envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the Gathering Space. Intentions can be placed in the offertory or mailed/dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate intentions for a deceased individual with a "+" in front of their name. Masses can be requested up to one year in advance. Masses are currently scheduled out about 4 months and requested dates are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The customary offering for a Mass intention is \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bernard's Adoration Society has an immediate need for a committed adorer on Tuesdays from 6PM to 7PM starting at the beginning of May. If you are able to fill this need please call Norm at the parish office 218-681-3571 (option 2) or register for the slot at stbernardscc.weadorehim.com

The Home Mission Appeal Collection will be taken during next weekend's Masses (April 27 & 28). This appeal assists dioceses across the US that are unable to provide pastoral support (Mass, Sacraments, RE and ministry training) without outside help. The Diocese of Crookston is a Home Mission Appeal diocese.

ParishSOFT e-giving launches this weekend. We are providing this option in addition to cash or check donations so that you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or an electronic check. This program is beneficial to you, in that you do not need to worry about have cash or check on hand at Mass, and it benefits the Parish by reducing the time needed to process donations and integrates more tightly with our accounting and parish database programs. To give online through our new platform, visit our giving page on our website, or text "Give" to 218-644-6811.

The final Exalt of the year is this Wednesday, April 24. Come join us as Fr. Vasek preaches, leads us in prayer and guided adoration, and St. Bernard's musician lead praise and worship. Dinner begins at 5:45 PM in the Parish Hall and the event starts at 6:30 PM in the Church. All are welcome.

St. Bernard's Marvelous May Raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are only \$10 and there are 31 days of giveaways. Winning tickets are thrown back in the pot, so you have 30 chances to win up to \$3,400 in prizes!!! All the proceeds support St. Bernard's School.

The Annual Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, April 28. Social starts at 5:30PM and a catered meal will begin at 6PM. Fr. Vasek will be the featured speaker. Scholarships and the Knight and Family of the Year recognition will be awarded. Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance at a discount.

Confirmation at St. Bernard's is scheduled for the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, May 4. Bishop Cozzens will preside and administer this Sacrament for 22 of our young adults, which seals the soul with the Holy Spirit, completing what began at Baptism. Please consider attending this Mass to celebrate this moment.

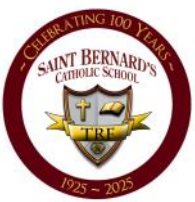
The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is May 17 and 18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. A collaboration between the Dioceses of Crookston and Duluth, it kicks off the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at Lake Itasca. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire the faithful to increase their devotion in the Eucharist through powerful talk, testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. Speakers include Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Jude Andrew Link, OP, Christina Lamas, Tanner Kalina, Aly Aleigha and Hallow. This event is for the entire family! Register soon as spaces are limited. For more information and to register visit CrookstonEucharist.org.

To request an announcement in the bulletin, please visit <https://bit.ly/StBBulletinReq>

"There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is love."

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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