



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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
School Office: 218-681-1539

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,

Holy Week and Easter was awesome! It was so very wonderful to be with so many people for the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday morning Mass was standing room only, praise the Lord!





I'm going to be gone quite a bit during the weekdays of April for our Clergy Conference, a professional development conference, and some travel preaching for the Eucharistic Revival in San Antonio, Toronto, Ann Arbor, Colorado Springs, and Denver. In May, Fr. Rick will sub on a weekend as I plan to join the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji the whole weekend. Join me in Bemidji!

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

Pastoral Council Report (March meeting)
St. Bernard's Feast Day, August 20th evening Mass and meal.
St. Bernard's Block Party, August 21st for the whole community, with color run, live music, games, food.
St. Bernard's pursuing being included in the Art and Wine Walk this summer.
Pastoral Council to meet with Parish Staff to study parishioner engagement in ministries and life of the parish. Ease heavy volunteers, involve more / new people in ministries.
Discussion of 'weekend experience' for parishioners - how to improve culture, guest experience, liturgical engagement with Scripture and music.

Finance Council Report (March meeting)
The school's heating needs improvement. Studying possible remedies at present.
Charlie presented on establishing operation endowments for parish future.
Charlie presented on strategic plan for building project and school expansion. Spring chairperson selection; fall plenary gathering of parishioners, stakeholders, alumni to build consensus and plan for future.
Father Vasek inquired about establishing an annual recognition event for celebrating and honoring key parishioners, employees, possibly around the same time as the annual celebration of the dedication of the church - Nov 15th.
Charlie presented on establishing an annual fund appeal, goes to school alumni.
Finance council spoke about how to craft language for endowments for parish and school.

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<p style="text-align: center;">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;">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;">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;">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: center;">March 30 & 31 Collection \$23,934.03 Weekly Target: \$11,231.00 Year To Date Actual: \$452,017 Year To Date Budget: \$440,740</p>
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FACILITY USE

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<p>Baptism</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Adults seeking Baptism can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 (Option 6).</p> <p>First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Adults seeking these Sacraments can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 (Option 6).</p> <p>Holy Matrimony</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites</p> <p>The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available for those suffering an illness or preparing for serious surgery.</p> <p>Last Rites (Confession and Holy Communion) are given when death is imminent. If your loved one is need of Last Rites, contact the parish office as soon as possible, even if there are family members who have not arrived yet.</p> <p>Facility Usage</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 8</p> <p>4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 9</p> <p>3 AM-10 PM Adoration, Sanctuary 9 AM SBIB Contractors, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 10:30 AM Communion Service, TRF Care Center 5 PM Faith Formation Board, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 7 PM Knights of Columbus, Parish Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 10</p> <p>7 AM Buildings and Grounds, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 4-10 PM Adoration, Sanctuary 6:30-8 PM RE, Grades 6 & 7 7 PM Lenten Study on Prayer, Parish Hall 8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 11</p> <p>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. 4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 6PM Pastoral Council, Parish Hall Mtg. Rm. 6:30 PM First Communion Parent/Candidate Meeting, Parish Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday April 12</p> <p>4-5:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 5:30 PM Proclamation Retreat, Sanctuary & Parish Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 13</p> <p>8 AM-4 PM Proclamation Retreat, Sanctuary & Parish Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 14</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship, Parish Hall 10:15 AM Sunday School</p>

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, April 8

Annunciation of the Lord

No Mass

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Easter

No Mass or Confession

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Easter

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....James & Eloise Solsten

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....Mormon Elders Beals, Taylor & Kesler

Friday, April 12

Friday of the 2nd Week in Easter

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....+Dane Kanutz

Saturday, April 13

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....+Deceased Kanutz Family

Sunday, April 14

Third 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

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

The Proclamation Retreat will be hosted by Fr. Bryan Kujawa on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. This 24-hour retreat centers on the story of salvation history and the mercy that Jesus pours out on humanity by rescuing us from bondage to the Evil One. The retreat begins at 5:30 PM on Friday. Call/text 218-289-4473 for more information.

A Mercy Hour will be hosted at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Greenbush on April 14. Join Bishop Cozzens at 3 PM for a service of healing which includes a talk by the Bishop, adoration, prayer and intercession, music, and prayer stations. The service will be followed by a light reception.

The Diocese of Crookston Priest Convocation will be held next week, April 15-18, in Bemidji. Please pray for our priests as they gather for prayer and continuing education.

First Communion at St. Bernard's is scheduled for the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, April 28. There will be 27 children receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord at this Mass. Please consider attending this Mass to celebrate this joyous occasion.

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 scheduled for May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. This inter-diocesan event will inspire your devotion to the Eucharist and will kick-off the pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Register for the conference at crookstoneucharist.org.

Dedication of the New Altar will take place at the Saturday, May 25, weekend Mass. Bishop Cozzens will preside over dedication and consecration of our new altar. Altar dedications usually only happen once-in-a-lifetime, so all are encouraged to attend this special Mass.

St. Bernard's School enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is now open, including for the new 6th grade class! Visit the website for more information or call the school office at 218-681-1539.

The St. Bernard's Parish Block Festival is scheduled for August 20 & 21. August 20 is the Solemnity of St. Bernard, which will be marked with a solemn Mass and other parish activities. On August 21, there will be a block party at the Floyd B. Olson Park, open to everyone in Thief River Falls. More details will be released as we get closer to the event.

Check out the St. Bernard's Podcast where you can listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more. Visit stbernards.podbean.com to subscribe.

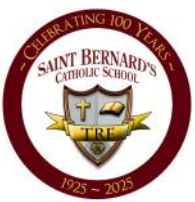
For the latest youth news, please visit bit.ly/StBYouthNews

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

"If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things:
one is the receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering"

-St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul

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Five new members entered the Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30.
 L to R: Fr. Vasek, Mariah Peralta, Megan Chromy, Dillon Nelson, Emilie Bubolz,
 Caden Carlson, and OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek