



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 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
Pat Sagsveen, Business Manager
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
Saturday	8:30 AM <i>1st Sat. of the month</i>
	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,

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting last weekend was very encouraging. We have bright minds and strong hearts thinking through the many facets of parish and school life. There will be a further parish consultation prior to the closing of the NAC in mid-November.

I will be away for a few weeks in the second half of October. One weekend is tied to the National Eucharistic Revival since I am still on contract until mid-2025. The other is a week-long retreat which I am co-directing with my dear priest friend, Fr. John Burns. Each year, he and I direct a retreat for a different group of nuns of the religious order of St. Mother Teresa. They spend themselves in service to the poorest of the poor throughout the world each year, and they take a week each year to step back, to rest, to pray. It is a singular grace in my life to be able to assist in their spiritual lives so that they can be strengthened to continue the noble work of ministering to, as Mother Teresa said, "Jesus in His distressing disguise in the poor." If you would, please pray for the continued fruitful mission of the National Eucharistic Revival as well as a fruitful retreat for the Missionaries of Charity.

I've already turned my eye to November 15th, which will be the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the new parish church. We plan to have an evening Mass on Friday, November 15th, a Solemnity for us, to honor the dedication of our church.

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT

Become a Parishioner

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:

<https://www.stbernardscc.org/parish-registration>



LITURGY

Get Involved at Mass

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 ext. 211.



PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration

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:

stbernardscc.weadorehim.com



COMMUNITY

Small Groups and Organizations

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



WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S



During Mass

Sept. 21 & 22 Offertory

\$9,251.28



Mail to the office

Weekly Target: \$12,787.61



Online at <https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving>

Jul'24 to Aug'24 Actual: \$70,384
Jul'24 to Aug'24 Budget: \$110,826

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD'S

Monday, September 30

2:45–8:30PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library
5PM–8:30PM OCIA, Mtg. Rm. 2 & 3

Tuesday, October 1

3AM–5PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
9:30–11AM Parish Staff Meeting, Mtg. Rm. 2
12–7:15PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library
4:45PM Men's Staff Vespers, Mtg. Rm. 3
7–8PM K of C Officers, Mtg. Rm. 1
7:30PM Pastoral Council Planning, Mtg. Rm. 3

Wednesday, October 2

10AM–2:30PM St. Bernard's Quilters, Parish Hall
12–5PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library
4–5PM St. Vincent de Paul, Mtg. Rm. 2
4–6PM Faith Builders, 6th grade classroom
6–8PM Bible Study–Letter of James, Mtg. Rm. 3
6–8PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library
7:30–9PM Choir Rehearsal, Church
8PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

Thursday, October 3

5AM–11PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
9:30–11AM Bible Study, Parish Library
11:15AM–7:30PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library
12PM Cursillo Men's Group, Mtg. Rm. 1
12:30–3PM Flu Shots, Mtg. Rm. 2
6–8PM Environment Team, Mtg. Rm. 1

Friday, October 4

9AM First Friday Coffee & Rolls, Parish Hall
10AM Oakland Park Communion Service
7PM–12AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil

Saturday, October 5

12–8:30AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil
8:30AM First Saturday Mass & Fellowship

Sunday, October 6

8AM–12:30PM K of C Pancake Breakfast
8:10AM Lauds, Church
10:30–11:30 AM First Reconciliation Enrollment, Parish Hall
4–5PM Lectio Divina, Parish Library

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FACILITY USE

Baptism

If you are preparing to have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 218-681-3571 ext. 201 to schedule a Baptism Preparation class with Fr. Vasek.

Adults seeking Baptism can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 ext. 209.

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 ext. 211.

Adults seeking these Sacraments can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 ext. 209.

Holy Matrimony

If you are planning a wedding, please contact the parish office at 218-681-3571 ext. 201 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 ext. 201 for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor

No Mass

Tuesday, October 1 St. Therese of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Roy Gowan

Wednesday, October 2 Holy Guardian Angels

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....Fr. Scott Pogatchnik

Thursday, October 3 Thu. of the 26th Week in Ord. Time

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Theresa Olson

Friday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....+Rosemary Demeyere

Saturday, October 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

7:50 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....+Doris Vasek

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....Pro Populo

Sunday, October 6 The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....Westerhaus Family

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

For a shared mission: we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. Amen.

Those in Need of Prayer

Deb Perreault, Ray Hedlund, Mickey Morrissey, Larry Bjerken, Carol Amundson, Roger Amundson, Tim Cramer, Dale Jendro, John Berry, Becky Berry

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

Request a Mass Intention

The customary offering for a Mass intention is \$10. Intentions can be placed in the offertory or sent to the parish office. Indicate deceased individuals with a "+" before their name. Masses are scheduled in the order they are received. We make every effort to accommodate requested dates, but cannot guarantee them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for those in the parish who have recently died: Ron Winter.

Eucharistic Adoration is in Need of Adorers. As we prepare to move into our new adoration chapel this month, there are several hours in great need of new or additional adorers:

Tuesdays 12PM to 1PM

Tuesdays 6PM to 7PM

Thursdays 9AM to 10AM

Thursdays 11AM to 12PM

Our goal is to continue filling more hours to open up additional blocks of Adoration and move closer to having Adoration 24/7 at St. Bernard's. You can commit to an hour at

<https://stbernardscc.weadorehim.com/en>

or by calling Norm at the parish office.

Cursillo's three-day fall men's retreat is coming up October 24-27, at the Crookston Pastoral Center. Applications can be found at <https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com/>

St. Bernard's Altar Server Training is beginning in October. The altar server program is open to Catholic youth in grades 3-12 who have received First Communion. Training will be held monthly between now and March for all new and returning servers. Each server needs to attend one of these sessions. The first session is Saturday, October 12 from 10AM to 2:30PM. To sign-up or get more information, visit <http://bit.ly/StBAltarServerTraining>

St. Bernard's Quilters will meet October 2, 2024, at 10 AM to 2:30 PM in Parish Hall. Any skill level is welcome. Questions contact Donna Koehmstedt, 218-681-2921.

St. Bernard's School is hiring a part-time Food Service Director. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: developing nutritional menus, managing purchase of food, overseeing food preparation, supervision of food service staff, regulatory compliance, and coordination of operations with school events. If you have food service management experience, are well-organized, able to work with children and adults, and can work with a flexible schedule, submit a resume and cover letter to Laura Brickson at the school office or send to 117 Knight Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN, 56701.

Flu shots will be offered at St. Bernard's on October 3 from 12:30 to 3PM in Meeting Room 2. You can schedule your shot at <https://bit.ly/FluConsentForm24>

St. Joseph's in Fertile is hosting a fall dinner on October 6 from 11AM to 2PM. On the menu is turkey with trimmings, real mashed potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, and apple crisp. Dine-in or take out is available or \$15, kids 6-12 are \$10 and kids 5 and under eat for free.

Check out the St. Bernard's Podcast where you can listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more. Visit stbernards.podbean.com to subscribe, or visit the embedded podcast player on the parish website.

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

*"While the world changes, the cross stands firm."
-St. Bruno, Founder of the Carthusian Order-*

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It's not too late to join us for OCIA–Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA)!

The group experience of OCIA Adult Faith Formation and Enrichment Opportunity has begun! We meet Monday evenings at 6:00. Individual sessions are available year-round upon request. Come and learn more about the wonderful treasures of the Catholic faith and develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ!

Topics covered include...

- The Holy Bible
- Fostering a relationship with Jesus
- The beauty and history of the Mass
- The graces, and Biblical basis of the Sacraments
- Deepening your prayer life

The sessions invite you to experience God's tremendous love in the person of Jesus Christ and His Church on earth; those interested in Baptism, Confirmation, coming into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and Catholics who desire to deepen their love for God and grow in their Catholic faith. If you would like to grow in faith and learn more about the gifts of God through the Sacramental life of the Church, please contact Carolyn Holecek to arrange an informational meeting at 218- 686-0811. Or contact Fr. Vasek at the parish office 218-681-3571.