



# St. Bernard's Catholic Church

## 5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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](http://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





Congratulations to all of our First Communicants! We are a made a temple of the Holy Spirit in our baptism, and Jesus comes to dwell in us as King in Holy Communion. Even as the gift of Holy Communion strengthens a bond between our soul with God, a popular way to think about His presence is that He takes up His seat upon the throne of our heart - Jesus is the King of my heart! I read this passage this week and have been delighting in the gift of the Holy Eucharist: "We believe that the Word became flesh and that we receive his flesh in the Lord's Supper. How then can we fail to believe that he really dwells within us? When he became man, he actually clothed himself in our flesh... in the sacrament of his body he actually gives us his own flesh" (St. Hilary, bishop). God dwells in us in Holy Communion!

It must be the tireless mission of our entire parish to invite everyone in our area to believe in Jesus, to be baptized and become a temple of the Holy Spirit, and to be invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb, present for us in Holy Mass - to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Let us rejoice in this special day for our parish, and let us commit ourselves to going out into the city, throughout the county, to bear witness to the treasure we celebrate. Jesus is seeking the 13K.

Grace and Peace,

Father Vasek

## WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<p><b>Become a Parishioner</b></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><a href="https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration">https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration</a></p> 	<p><b>Get Involved at Mass</b></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> 	<p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b></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><a href="http://stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com">stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com</a></p> 	<p><b>Small Groups and Organizations</b></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> 

## WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

<p>Give at Mass during the offertory</p> 	<p>Mail it in or stop by the parish office</p> 	<p>Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving">https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving</a></p> 	<p>April 20 &amp; 21 Offertory  <b>\$8,652.12</b>                      Weekly Target: \$11,231.00</p> <p>FY To Date Actual: \$475,492                      FY To Date Budget: \$437,610</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 29

4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

### Tuesday, April 30

3 AM-10 PM Adoration, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, May 1

4-10PM Adoration, Sanctuary  
 8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

### Thursday, May 2

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.

### Friday, May 3

9 AM First Friday Fellowship, Parish Hall  
 10 AM Oakland Park Communion Service  
 4-5:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.  
 7PM-12AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil, Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 4

12AM-8:20AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil, Sanctuary  
 7:50 AM First Saturday Devotions, Sanctuary  
 7:50 AM Confessions  
 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass  
 10 AM Confirmation Brunch & Rehearsal, Parish Hall  
 5 PM Confirmation @ Mass with Bishop Cozzens

### Sunday, May 5

10:15 AM Pastries and Coffee, Parish Hall  
 11AM-7PM Piano Recitals, Sanctuary and Parish Hall

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 29**      **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, April 30**      **St. Pius V, Pope**  
7:30 AM      Confession  
8:00 AM      Mass.....+Josh Broten

**Wednesday, May 1**      **St. Joseph the Worker**  
4:45 PM      Confession  
5:15 PM      Mass.....Robin Betland

**Thursday, May 2**      **St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor**  
7:30 AM      Confession  
8:00 AM      Mass.....Sara Broten & Children

**Friday, May 3**      **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**  
8:00 AM      Confession  
8:30 AM      Mass.....+Joe Kotok

**Saturday, May 4**      **Sat. of the 5th Week of Easter**  
7:50 AM      Confession  
8:30 AM      Mass.....Reparations to the Holy Name of Mary  
4:00 PM      Confession  
5:00 PM      Mass.....Special Intention of J.G.

**Sunday, May 5**      **Sixth 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 May

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

#### May Devotion in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O God, who didst will that Thine eternal Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the angel delivered his message: grant that Thy petitioners, who verily believe her to be the Mother of God, may be assisted by her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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, Luke & Sharon Noreen

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

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](http://stbernardscc.weadorehim.com)

**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.

**First Friday fellowship** happens each month in the parish hall after the daily Mass. All are welcome to join for coffee and rolls after the 8:30AM school Mass on May 3.

**First Saturday Adoration vigil** begins at 7PM on Friday evening May 3 in the Sanctuary and continues until 8:20AM Saturday, ending with Benediction and Mass.

**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](http://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 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.

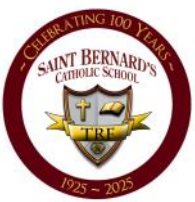
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To request an announcement in the bulletin, please visit <https://bit.ly/StBBulletinReq>

"Is not Mary the treasure of God? Where she is, there also is the Heart of God."

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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## 2024 First Communion Class

Maria Elizabeth Broome + Murphy Emelia Bruggeman + Jocelyn Marie Casavan + Naomi Rose Christiansen  
 Korbin Michael Dallmann + Aubrey Stella Determan + Sawyer Paul Dick + Zoey Catherine Eidelbes  
 Eli Edward Efta + Evelyn May Efta + Henley Suzanne Haase + Benson Wayne Juhl  
 Hadley Marie Larson + Aurora Von Lofberg + William Charles Matter + McCoy Allen Nordby  
 Wayde Joseph Novak + Hadleigh Mae Peralta + Reagan Lynn Restad + Izzy Hilda Schantz  
 Maven Therese Baylon Sistad + Austin Marc Skjerven + Lilly Ann Marie Sorenson + Dawson Jake Sorvig  
 Jude Michael Syvertson + Leo Kevin Yaggie



*May the love of Jesus shine in your heart on your  
 First Communion Day and always.*