

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

January 14, 2024

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

105 Knight Ave N.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Parish Office Hours
9AM-5PM Mon-Fri

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Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

John 1:42

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 changes 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 8:30 AM—10:00 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM—10:00 PM

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions for this Week

Mon., Jan. 15	No Mass		
Tue., Jan. 16	8:00 AM		Mathias Schaack
Wed., Jan. 17	5:15 PM		+Raymond and Laura Shumway's Stillborn Children
Thu., Jan. 18	8:00 AM		+Cecelia Stoltman
Fri., Jan. 19	No Mass		
Sat., Jan. 20	5:00 PM		Mathilda Shumway
Sun., Jan. 21	9:00 AM	Bishop Cozzens Presiding	Pro Populo

Feasts and Readings

Mon., Jan. 15 Mon. 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 15:16-23
Psalm:	Ps. 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Gospel:	Mk. 2:18-22
Tue., Jan. 16 Tue. 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 16:1-13
Psalm:	Ps. 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Gospel:	Mk. 2:23-28
Wed., Jan. 17 St. Anthony of the Desert, Abbot	
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Psalm:	Ps. 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Gospel:	Mk. 3:1-6
Thu., Jan. 18 Thu. 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 18:6-9, 19:1-7
Psalm:	Ps. 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Gospel:	Mk. 3:7-12
Fri., Jan. 19 Fri. 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 24:3-21
Psalm:	Ps. 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Gospel:	Mk. 3:13-19
Sat., Jan. 20 St. Sebastian, Martyr	
1st Reading:	2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Psalm:	Ps. 80:2-3, 5-7
Gospel:	Mk. 3:20-21
Sun., Jan. 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading:	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm:	Ps. 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading:	1 Cor. 7:29-31
Gospel:	Mk 1:14-20

This Week in the Parish

Mon., Jan. 15	Parish Office Closed for MLK Jr. Day OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
6:30 PM	
Tue., Jan. 16	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary Communion Service, TRF Care Center
8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	
10:30 AM	
Wed., Jan. 17	Finance Council, Rectory Mtg. Rm. SBIB Contractor Mtg, Rectory Mtg. Rm. RE- Grades 6 & 7 Men's Group, Parish Library
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
6:30 PM	
8:00 PM	
Thu., Jan. 18	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm. Bible Study, Library
8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	
8:30 AM	
9:30 AM	
Fri. Jan. 19	Oakland Park Prayer Service
10:00 AM	
Sat. Jan 20	Special Collection: Church in Africa
5:00 PM	
Sun., Jan. 21	Lauds (Morning Prayer), Sanctuary Bishop Cozzens Presiding at Mass Rite of Welcome at Mass Special Collection: Church in Africa Fellowship, Parish Hall Sunday School
8:10 AM	
9:00 AM	
10:00 AM	
10:15 AM	



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Coming Up!

Jan. 8-19	Fr. Vasek away	Mar. 30	Easter Vigil
Feb. 4 9AM	First Holy Communion Enrollment at Mass	Eastertime	Adoration Chapel Opens
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	May 4 5PM	Confirmation
Feb. 23	UND Hocky Game Youth Event	May 5	Piano Recitals
Mar. 9	Confirmation Retreat	May 17-18	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Bemidji
Mar. 16	Confirmation Retreat	July 17-21	National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis
Mar. 24-29	Holy Week		

From St. Peter's Square

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Buongiorno !

The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time presents the meeting between Jesus and his first disciples. The scene unfolds along the River Jordan the day after Jesus' baptism. It is John the Baptist himself who points out the Messiah to the two of them with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" And those two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realizes this and asks: "What do you seek?", and they ask Him: "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Jesus does not respond: "I live in Capernaum, or in Nazareth", but says: "Come and see." Not a calling card, but an invitation to an encounter. The two follow him and remain with him that afternoon. It is not difficult to imagine them seated, asking him questions and above all listening to him, feeling their hearts inflamed ever more while the Teacher speaks. They sense the beauty of the words that respond to their greatest hope. And all of a sudden they discover that, as evening was drawing around them, the light that God alone can give was exploding within their hearts. One thing catches our attention: 60 years later, or perhaps more, one of them would write in his Gospel: "it was about four in the afternoon" — he wrote the time. And this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in memory; it is never forgotten. You forget many encounters, but a true encounter with Jesus remains forever. And many years later, those two even remembered the time. They were unable to forget this encounter that had changed their lives and was so happy and so complete. Then, when they leave from that encounter and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon — whom Jesus will call Peter when He meets him — "We have found the Messiah." They left sure that Jesus was the Messiah, certain.

Pope Francis
Angelus Address, January 17, 2021

To read the full Angelus Address:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210117.html

Jan 20 & 21 Weekend Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Sat 5PM Mass	Sun 9AM Mass
Accompanist	Laura Brickson	Jim Dahlstrom
Cantor	Laura Brickson	Beth Zerr
Hospitality	Carl Bruzek Tom Pederson Laura Williams Jeremy Williams	Janet Griffith Marge Miller Rick Reiersen Robert Wald
Sacristan	Pinky DeHaan	Charlie Vogel
Ministry Captain	Dave Bennett	Carolyn Holecek
EMHC	Mark Thune VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Paulette Holthusen Marie Weets
Lector	Samuel Rath	Lee Genereux
Commentator	Jacob Rath	Marcus Langevin
Alter Servers	Kooper Geiser	Lenore Vogel
Technology	Darryl Tveitbakk	Kayden Scholin

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule

January 17-Grades 6 & 7 RE
January 21-10:15 am Sunday School
January 24-Grades 6 & 8 RE
January 28-10:15 am Sunday School
January 31-Grades 6 & 7 RE
February 4-9 am Mass First Communion Enrollment:
Parent Meeting after Mass
February 4-10:15 am Sunday School
February 7-6:30 pm Exalt (Dinner at 5:45pm)
February 11 - 10:15 am Sunday School
February 14 - Ash Wednesday - attend a Mass!
February 18 - No Sunday School
February 21- Grades 6 & 8 RE
February 25- Sunday School



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.



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Youth News

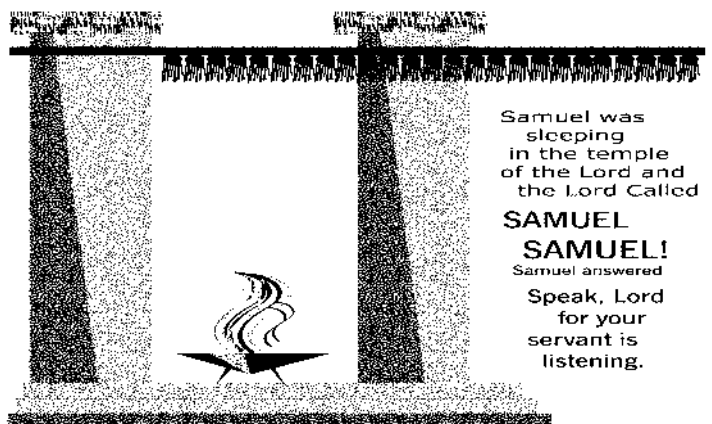
Hope Retreats: Only 2 left this year so if you still need an Encountering Event, I strongly recommend attending one of these! Cause of Our Joy (rescheduled from December) will be on January 27th & 28th. The Lion and the Lamb retreat will be on February 10th & 11th. These retreats are for all high school students. You can register for either retreat by going to <https://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope>.

Padre Apla's Leadership Program: Guatemala, June 15-23, 2024. This is an incredible opportunity! Keep in mind that it's not a trip for mission but for LEADERSHIP. This is an application/acceptance program so applying does not mean you are committed to going. It's just the first step. Details and application are found at www.crookston.org/padreaplas. **This is the most time sensitive one so please note that January 5th is the deadline for applications.**

UND Hockey Game: Who wants to watch UND play hockey? We need a group of 10 or more fans to attend the hockey game on Friday, February 23rd against Duluth in order for us to go. Tickets are \$20 for grades 6-8 and \$25 for 9th grade and older. Tickets are selling FAST so the *NEW* deadline to sign up for the game is January 23rd. Please go to <https://bit.ly/StBUNDRegistration> to register for a fun game!

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp: This summer, the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp will be "on wheels". Students in the Diocese of Crookston, currently in grades 8-12 are invited to register for a once in a lifetime experience as this year's "camp" will be a 9-day experience, beginning at the Pastoral Center in Crookston, and traveling to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates of this year's camp are July 14-22, 2024. Registration is open! Contact me at misty.mehrkens@stbernardstrf.com or go to www.crookston.org/TOCCamp for more information.

Saint John Paul II Camp 2024: Abide in Me: July 28-August 1, 2024. Camp for incoming grades 7 & 8 will once again take place at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, MN. The theme of this year's camp is "Abide in Me" and will follow the story of Jesus accompanying his disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Registration opens Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00am. More details of camp will come in early January!



Stewardship

Sunday Stewardship

January 6 & 7

Weekly Offertory Budget \$ 11,231.00
Weekly Offertory Total \$ 12,930.22

Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget (Through Dec) \$297,499
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total (Through Dec) \$307,658

St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 3,488,116.59
Received to Date: \$ 3,152,629.20



Calling all snow-birds!

If you need to temporarily halt offering envelopes or change your winter address, please contact the parish office at (218) 681-3571.



Recommended Sacrificial Giving Distribution

As percentage of total income.

Parish	5%
Diocese	3%
Other Giving	2%

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Help us reach our goal!

St. Bernard's has donated/pledged \$44,182.73 with 147 parish donors participating as of December 29, 2023.

St. Bernard's goal for this year is \$49,448.00. Help St. Bernard's reach our goal by donating online at www.crookston.org/onlinegiving/daa

Thank you to all that have participated!

Stewardship Includes Time and Talent as Well!

Getting involved in weekend ministries is a great way to share in parish life. St. Bernard's is looking for individuals to be trained and scheduled to be Sacristans (prepping Sacred vessels and books before Mass), Pianists, Cantors, Extraordinary Ministers (distributing Communion during Mass and to the homebound), Altar Servers, MC-s (junior & senior boys and young men to assist altar servers), and Hospitality Ministers. To learn more, please call the parish office.

Prayer Intentions

Parish Prayer List

Jackie Hunt, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Roger Amundson, Ron Winter, John Sherack, Tom Super, Mary Hemstreet, Jim Breth, Robert Walrath, Elliana Rose Viktora, Tim Kramer, Christine Oliver, Margaret Koldon, Luke Noreen, Sid Brouse, Gale Schmitz, Tori Hovelsrud, Ray Hedlund, Emil Vanyo, Jan Kramer, Tim Bulger, John Barry, Alberta Johnson, Daniel Bernard, Alice Stancyk, Steph Kaiser

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 after the 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 January

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Church, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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 a + 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

NEW KNIGHT AVENUE ENTRANCE

During weekend Masses, the **north side** of the new entrance on Knight Avenue will be available for entering and exiting the Church. Please note that the elevator is not installed yet, and this entrance is not handicapped accessible at this time. On weekdays this entrance will be closed as construction continues, so please use the west entrance and ramp in the school parking lot.

St. Bernard's Adoration Society

Perpetual Adoration Sign-Up

The St. Bernard's Adoration Society is grateful for every one who has signed up for a holy hour so far. Two reminders:

1. Your sign-up is not complete until you register and claim your holy hour(s) on the We Adore Him website: <https://stbernardsc.weadorehim.com/>
2. Adoration outside of our current schedule (Tu/Th 8:30am—10pm) does not begin until significant consecutive hours have adorers signed up. You are still encouraged to come pray during your hour when the Church is unlocked. You will be notified adoration during your holy hour is set to begin.

Please keep a watch on St. Bernard's social media for videos from Fr. Vasek with tips for Eucharistic Adoration.

If you would like more information about the Adoration Society the parish office.

St. Bernard's is looking for a few volunteers to help launder liturgical linens for the month of June and August. If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions, please contact Misty Mehrkens by calling the parish office or emailing her at misty.mehrkens@stbernardstrf.com



Mark your calendars for the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, to take place May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Bishop Cozzens, and Bishop Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to this collaboration between our dioceses to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Immediately following the congress, the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin at the headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca State Park. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire your devotion to the Eucharist through power talks, witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, and confession. Register at crookstoneucharist.org

LITURGICAL ITEMS

Chalice Items: The Chalice

The Chalice and its associated items are arguably the most important liturgical items along with the altar.

The Chalice is the cup used during the sacrifice of the Mass. Chalices must be made of either gold or silver. If it is made with silver, the interior must be plated gold. During the Mass, the priest pours wine (mixed with a small amount of water) into the Chalice. During the Eucharistic Prayers, the priest consecrates the wine with this prayer:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

During this prayer, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the substance of wine mysteriously is transformed into the substance of Christ's Body and Blood. In this moment, the Chalice, itself becomes a symbol of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, because it contains the very same blood that Christ's heart contained.



In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

Your gift to the St Bernards' SVDP shows that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Cursillo 2024

“Where two or three meet together in my name, I shall be there with them.”
-Matthew 18.20-

Cursillo is a three-day learning, sharing and inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. During the three days of a Cursillo weekend a person not only hears inspiring talks on what it really means to be a Christian, but actually experiences the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community.

Spring Cursillo Weekends

Men: February 22-25, 2024

Women: March 14-17, 2024

For more information visit Crookston Diocese Cursillo page or reach out to Stephen Wegscheid, Randy Malo, David Holecek or Tom Schaefer.

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2023 Palm Sunday Branches

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching on February 14. Have you ever wondered where the ashes used during the liturgy come from? They come from burning the blessed palm branches distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. Beginning next weekend, through the end of this first part of Ordinary Time, baskets will be available in the Gathering Space for you to drop off any blessed palm branches you have from last year (or previous years).

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Please join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for peace in our country, from 5 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of each month.

Special Collection January 20th and 21st



There will be a special collection for the Church in Africa at the weekend Masses. Contributions can be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Space.



Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and pastries after Mass on Sundays from September to May. If interested, contact Julie Peterson at (218) 686-8599.

New Parishioner or Change of Address?

If you are a new parishioner or need to update your contact information, you can register or update your information on our website at stbernardscc.org or by calling the parish office at (218) 681-3571.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number).



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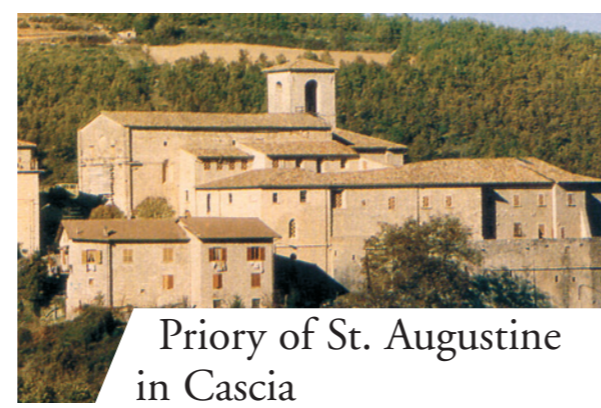
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Eucharistic Miracle of CASCIA

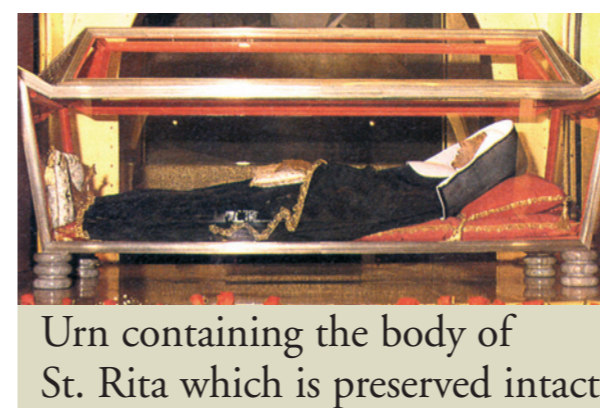
ITALY, 1330



In 1330, at Cascia, a gravely ill peasant called the priest so he could receive Communion. The priest, partly through carelessness and partly through apathy, instead of taking the ciborium with him in order to carry the Eucharist to the house of sick man, irreverently placed a Host in a prayer book. When he reached the peasant the priest opened the book and with astonishment saw that the Host was transformed into a clot of blood and the pages of the book were marked with blood.



Priory of St. Augustine in Cascia



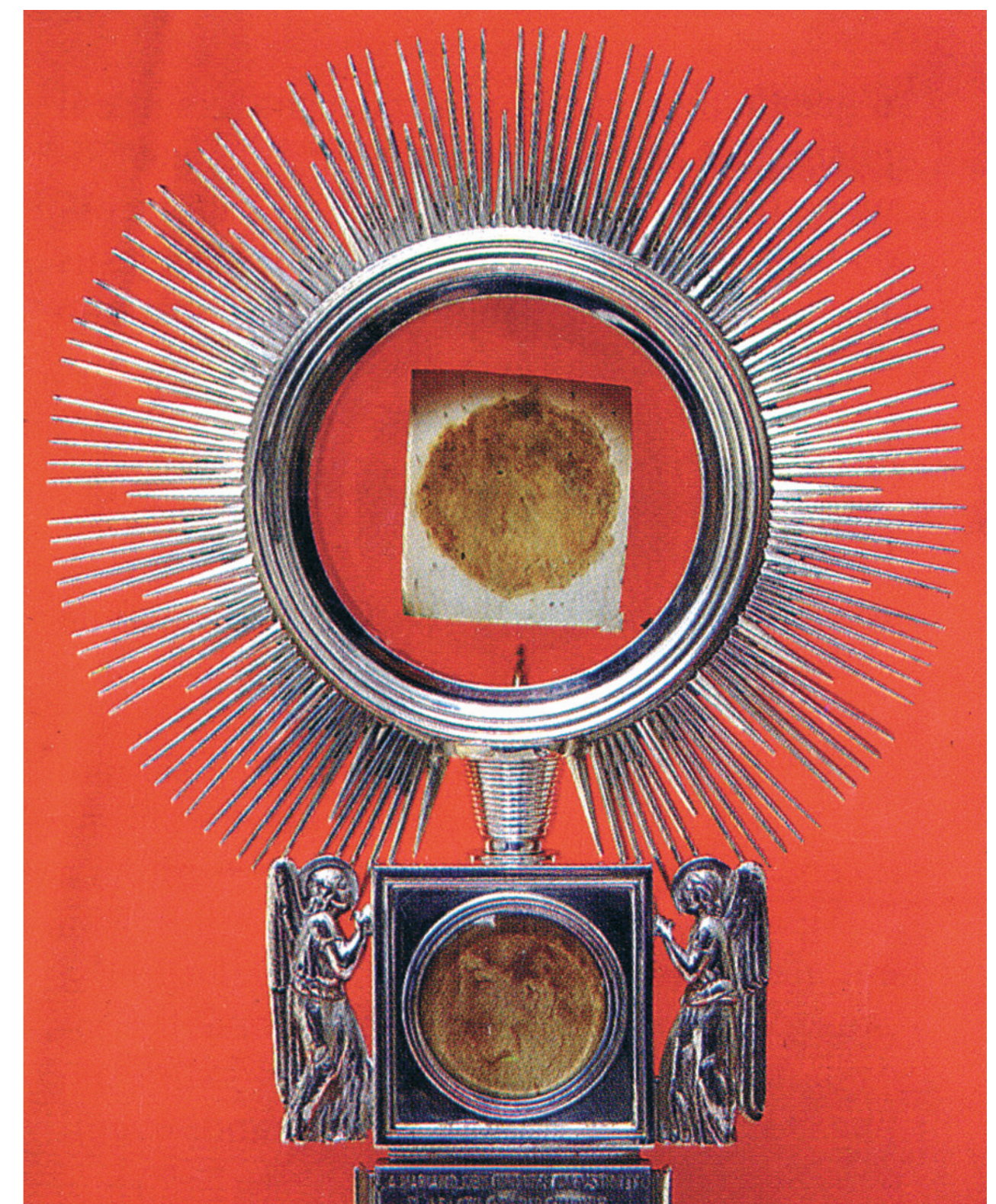
Urn containing the body of St. Rita which is preserved intact



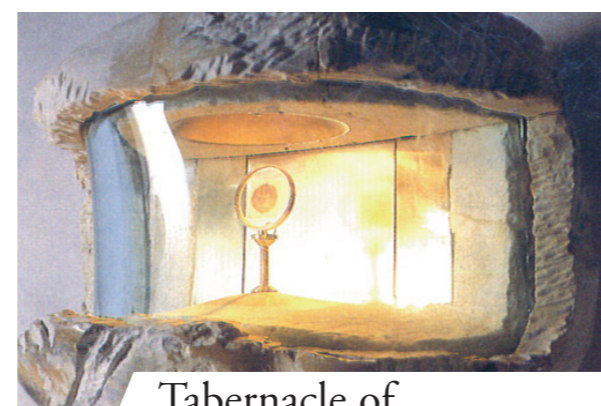
Ancient monstrance which contained the relic of the miracle



Upper Basilica with presbytery by the sculptor Manzù



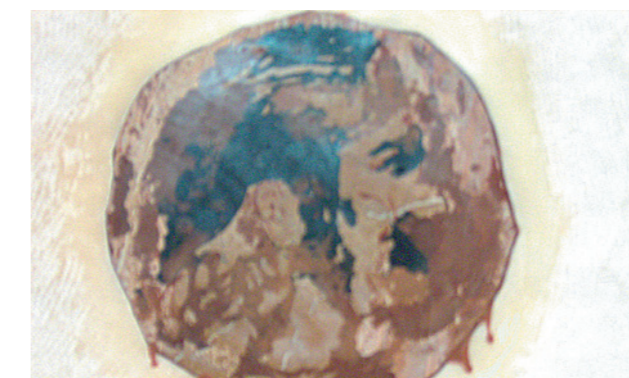
Relic of the Eucharistic miracle



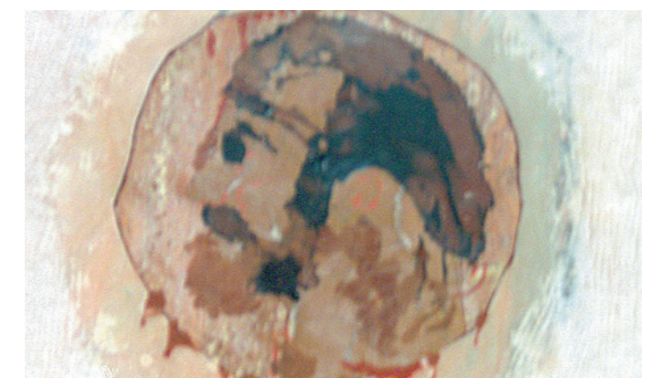
Tabernacle of the Eucharistic miracle



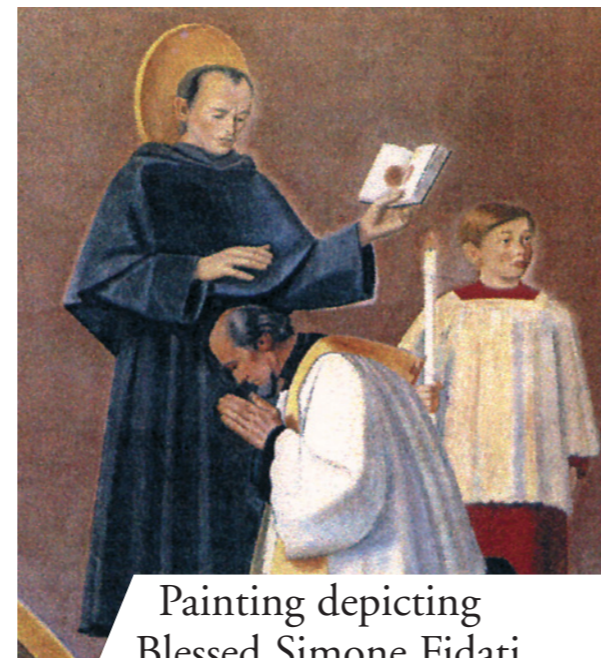
Chapel where the relic is kept in the Lower Basilica



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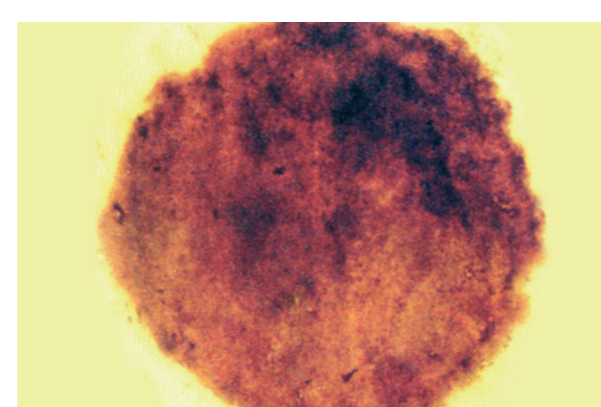
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Painting depicting Blessed Simone Fidati



BEATO SIMONE DA CASCIA



A man's face can clearly be seen



The oldest depiction of St. Rita



Basilica of St. Rita

At Cascia, in the basilica dedicated to St. Rita, is also preserved the relic of the Eucharistic Miracle, which happened near Siena in 1330. A priest was asked to bring Communion to a sick peasant. The priest took a consecrated Host which he irreverently placed in the pages of his breviary and went to the peasant. When he arrived at the house of the sick man, after hearing his confession, he opened the book to take out the Host which he had placed there. To his great surprise he found that the Host was stained with living blood, so much as to mark both pages between which the Blessed Sacrament had been placed. The priest, confused and penitent, went immediately to Siena to the Augustinian Priory to ask the counsel of Fr. Simone Fidati of Cascia, known by all to be a holy man. Fr. Fidati, having heard the story, granted

pardon to the priest and asked to keep the two pages marked by Blood. Many popes have promoted veneration, conceding indulgences.

In the act of recognition of the relic of the Eucharistic miracle of Cascia in 1687, a text was also reported of a very ancient code of the priory of St. Augustine in which are described numerous pieces of information regarding the miracle. Beyond this information, the episode is also mentioned in the Communal Statutes of Cascia of 1387 where it was ordered that "every year on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the authorities, the counsels, and the people of Cascia should meet in the Church of St. Augustine and follow the priest, who should carry the venerable relic of the Most Holy Body of Christ in procession through the city". In 1930,

on the occasion of the sixth centenary of the event, a Eucharistic Congress was celebrated at Cascia for the entire diocese of Norcia. A precious and artistic monstrance was consecrated, and the entire historical documentation of the miracle was published.



Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Lourdes

Council #4619 – December 2023



Our next council meeting – 7:00pm January 9, 2024

Happy birthay Father.

Happy 40th Birthday Father Vasek. May this day be filled with joy and love. We are blessed to have you in our parish, guiding us with your wisdom and kindness. Cheers for many more years of your remarkable journey!



MEALS ON WHEELS

Knights take the last two weeks of the year. Pictured are



Terry Lubitz, Bob & Deb Buresh; other Knights (with helpers) included Darryl Tveitbakk, Ray Kuznia, Dave Holecek, Dave Kuznia, Kyle Mehrkens, Dave Odette, Randy Malo, Mike Wavra, Larry Langevin, John Kotaska, Chuck Walrath, Jon Peterson, Steve Rundell, Butch Koehmstedt, Charlie

Vogel, Bill Fogarty and Tom Schaefer. A BIG thanks to all who helped! I know that the people that receive these meals appreciate them and welcome the company. This is a good way for us to fulfill one of the corporal works of mercy.

KC FISHING DERBY

February 4th of this year marks the 67th annual fishing derby. It takes place at Tindolph Point. The derby will be from 1:00 to 3:00. The prices will include \$100. For the largest northern, \$100 for the largest walleye and \$50. for the first fish weighed in. There will also be raffle prize drawings of 1-\$1000.00, 1-\$500.00 and 5-\$100.00 prizes plus many other prize drawings. This is one of the Knights' bigger fund-raising events. Proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund, Northland Community and Technical College, St. Bernard's youth activities and Hospice Services. Tickets are available from any KC member and they're only \$5.00 per ticket. On behalf of our council, I would like to say thank you to everyone who supports this and the many other events the Knights of Columbus sponsors. And, to the many KC members who work hard to make these events happen.

Annual Christmas Supper

Was held on Tuesday, December 12 at The Black Cat. Social hour started at 5, and the meal followed. The Menu included Chicken and ham, parsley potatoes, candied carrots plus some extras. The meal and fellowship was great. Thanks to all who attended. And thank you to the staff at the Black Cat for the service making us feel welcome.

UP COMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Our next regular meeting will be on January 9th, at 7pm in the church basement meeting room. Besides the fishing derby, mark your calendar of February 13th for the KC valentine wine tasting party. Falls Liquors will be there with samples of the many different wines available. Watch the bulletin for more information.

FINAL THOUGHTS



Brother Knights,
I would like to wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and a very healthy and happy New Year.

The birth of Jesus Christ represents a universal message of hope, love, and renewal for all people. It serves as a reminder that in the humblest of beginnings can lie the greatest potential for change and goodness. This event, transcending boundaries of time and culture, symbolizes the possibility of light prevailing over darkness in every individual's life. It encourages us to embrace virtues of compassion, forgiveness, and unconditional love, offering a guiding principle for how we interact with the world and each other. The story of Jesus' birth is not just a historical event but a continuous call to seek and spread light in our own lives and in the lives of others, regardless of our backgrounds or beliefs.

Vivat Jesus
God Bless
Grand Knight
Randy Malo

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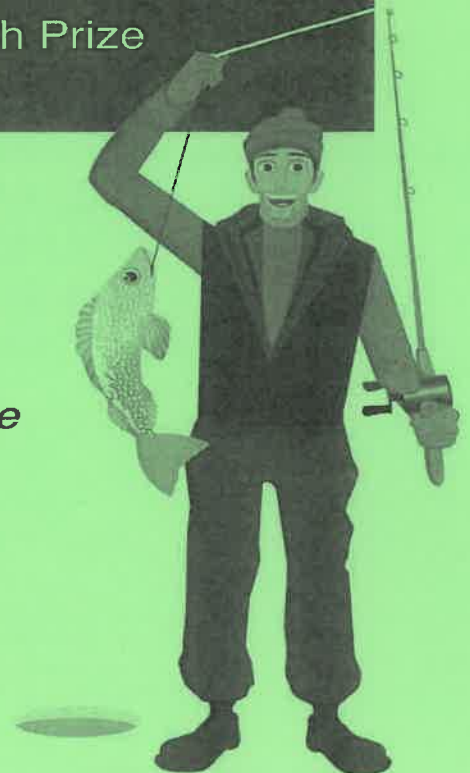
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2. Curbside Pickup


Purchase your tickets and pick up your meal all while staying in your vehicle on 2nd Street! No inside takeout available. A directional map is soon to come!

BACK
THIS YEAR!!

3. Dine-In

Come and sit down inside St. Bernard's and enjoy each other's company! Please come into the church through the Northeast doors (through the new entry.) Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Space.



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ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL NEWS

~January 14, 2024~

ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATES AND GUIDES FAMILIES
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ANNOUNCING! PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR
THE ST. BERNARD'S GALA: BOOTS & BLING!
ON APRIL 6TH, 2024

GIVING HEARTS DAY - FEBRUARY 8, 2024



Founded in 2008, Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Each year, Giving Hearts Day provides a platform for charities to fund their missions through an ever-increasing community of donors, many of whom get to experience the joy of giving for the first time. The longest-running giving day in the country, Giving Hearts Day has helped

participating charities raise more than \$165 million since its founding. **St. B's is THRILLED to announce that we have matching gifts of \$4000!! Scan the QR code or go to this link: <https://www.givingheartsday.org/>**



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RAISERIGHT SCRIP IS HERE!

Please let St. Bernard's School take care of your Christmas shopping needs! We are gradually acquiring local businesses such as Ronning's and Black Cat! **SCRIP CARDS FOR CASH OR CHECK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE! CONTACT US AT 218-681-1539 OR MARY.COX@STBERNARDSTRF.COM TO GET THE CODE.**

ST. BERNARD'S DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/12 and 1/15/24 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice Days
- 1/16/24 11:15-12:15 Alumni Lunch
- 1/16/24 6:00 PM 23-24 SAC Meeting
- 1/18/24 3:00 PM Art Club with Pam Anderson
- 1/23/24 6:00 PM Peace of Mind Parent Webinar
- 1/25/24 3:00 PM 1st Annual St. B's VEX Robotics Tournament
- 1/28 – 2/2/24 Catholic Schools Week
- 1/28/24 KC Pancake Breakfast for St. Bernard's School
- 1/28/24 9:00 AM CSW Sunday Mass
- 1/30/24 11:10 AM CSW Beach Lunch
- 1/31/24 8:30 AM Bishop Cozzens Celebrates School Mass
- 1/31/24 11:00 AM CSW Parents' Lunch
- 2/2/24 12:30 PM CSW Spirit Olympics
- 2/4/24 9:00 AM PraySing Elementary Mass
- 2/8/24 Giving Hearts Day
- 4/6/24 St. Bernard's Gala: Boots and Bling!

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PARENT MEETING

Dear Parents,

Exciting times are ahead at St. Bernard's Catholic School! We are planning to expand to 6th grade this coming Fall (2024), 7th grade next Fall (2025), and 8th grade the following year (2026).

As part of this growth, we invite you to a special meeting on Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 AM after mass in the church coinciding with regular religious education classes. This meeting is specifically for parents of students attending St. Bernard's religious education, including those whose children are not currently enrolled in our school but are of school age, as well as parents of children who aren't yet at school age but are interested in learning more about our program.

Our theme, "Go Make a Difference!", reflects our commitment to nurturing compassionate leaders through faith-based education. We'll share insights into what makes St. Bernard's special and how we support our students' holistic development. We are delighted that Bishop Cozzens will be presiding at the 9AM Mass and will join us for the meeting after Mass.

We'll also be reaching out to you in person, eager to discuss how St. Bernard's can be the ideal choice for your child's education.

Join us in exploring the possibilities for your child's future at St. Bernard's Catholic School.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Craig Vasek
Pastor, St. Bernard's Parish
Superintendent, St. Bernard's School

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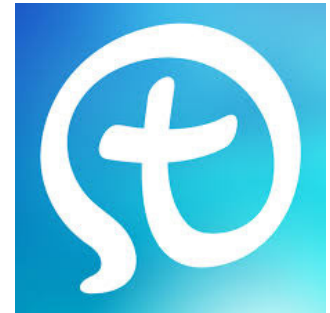


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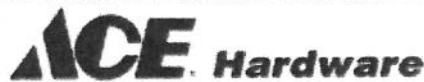
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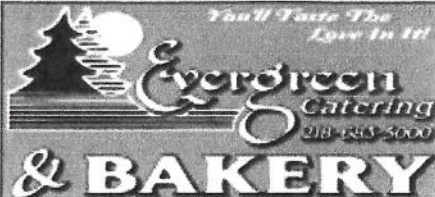
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