

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 8, 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 the Desk of Fr. Vasek

Greetings,

It's great to be in the new adoration chapel! The adoration chapel will be available 24 hours per day for those who are part of the adoration program (everyone can sign up!) as they will receive swipe-cards for after-hours access. The new entry (Northeast door) will become the main door for the 24/7 chapel access. Bishop Cozzens' pastoral vision for the Diocese indicates that he hopes for 5 perpetual adoration chapels to emerge around the Diocese. He and I both think that Thief River Falls is a great candidate for becoming one of those 5 sites. There are 168 hours in a week, and we have 430 people that come to weekend Mass. You can take an hour each week, become a permanent substitute, commit to an hour amongst your family or with another family, or take an hour multiple times per week. Some people are in the habit of spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day, making a daily 'holy hour' (or half hour). Prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is like being in the presence of Jesus when He was preaching and ministering in the New Testament - He truly is in your midst, ministering His love, strength, and mercy.

I'm so very edified by those who have prayed for and spoken with someone they know who had not yet been part of our parish family, and who have now been joining us here at St. Bernard's. We exist for the whole city - and most of the city doesn't make it to any church on any given weekend. 1 in 10 persons currently gets to a church on a weekend. A Christian culture can only hope to emerge as the strength of Christians (in number and in faithfulness) grows.




See "The ONE" on our parish website to get connected to adoration or to find out more about inviting others into the life of the parish.

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<p>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>https://www.stbernardscc.org/parish-registration</p>	<p>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 ext. 211.</p>	<p>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>stbernardscc.weadorehim.com</p>	<p>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>

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

	During Mass	October Offertory: \$41,169.70 October Target: \$55,412.83
	Mail to the office	
	Online at https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving	Jul'24 to Oct'24 Actual: \$173,448 Jul'24 to Oct'24 Budget: \$221,651

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD'S

Monday, December 9

Parish Office Closed

7AM	Holy Day Mass
8:30AM	School Holy Day Mass
12:20–2:15PM	Christmas Program Rehearsal, Sanctuary
2:45–8:30PM	Piano Lessons, Parish Library
4:30–6PM	SVDP, Mtg. Rm. 1
5–10:30PM	OCIA, Mtg. Rms. 1 & 2
5:30PM	Holy Day Mass
7–9PM	Called and Gifted Inventory, Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 10

3AM–10PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
10:30AM	Care Center Communion Service
12–7:15PM	Piano Lessons, Parish Library
1–2:15PM	Christmas Program Rehearsal, Sanctuary
3:15–4:15PM	Parish/School Staff Social, Mtg. Rm. 1
4:40PM	Men's Staff Vespers, Mtg. Rm. 3
5:30–7PM	Faith Formation Board, Mtg. Rm. 1
6–8PM	TRF Community Welcoming, Parish Hall
7–8PM	Knights of Columbus, Mtg. Rm. 1

Wednesday, December 11

10:45–11:15AM	Christmas Program Rehearsal, Sanctuary
12–5PM	Piano Lessons, Parish Library
4–6PM	Faith Builders, 6th Grade Classroom
5–10PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
6–8PM	Piano Lessons, Parish Library
6:30–8PM	RE Grades 6 & 8
7:30PM	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8–9PM	Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

Thursday, December 12

5AM–11PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
8:30–11:30AM	OCIA, Mtg. Rm. 3
9–11AM	Bible Study, Parish Library
11:15AM–7:30PM	Piano Lessons, Parish Library
12–1PM	Men's Cursillo Group, Mtg. Rm. 1
1–2:15PM	Christmas Program Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6–7:30PM	Christmas Program, Sanctuary
6–7:30PM	Pastoral Council, Mtg. Rm. 1
6:30–9PM	OCIA, Mtg. Rm. 3

Friday, December 13

9:30–11AM	Bible Study, Parish Library
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Saturday, December 14

10AM–2:30PM	Altar Server Training, Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 15

8:10AM	Lauds, Sanctuary
2–4PM	Women's Cursillo Group, Parish Library

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of B.V.M.

6:30 AM	Confession
7:00 AM	Mass.....+Jeanette Filipi
8:30 AM	Mass.....Pro Populo
5:00 PM	Confession
5:30 PM	Mass.....Family of Mike & Cindy Wavra

Tuesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

7:30 AM	Confession
8:00 AM	Mass.....Jon David O'Keefe

Wednesday, December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

5:00 PM	Confession
5:30 PM	Mass.....+Harry and +Hazel Anderson

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 AM	Confession
8:00 AM	Mass.....+Adeline Schonhardt

Friday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 AM	Confession
8:00 AM	Mass.....Fr. John Paul Gardner

Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

4:00 PM	Confession
5:00 PM	Mass.....Pro Populo

Sunday, December 15 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sun.)

8:00 AM	Confession
9:00 AM	Mass.....+Daniel Witucki

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

For pilgrims of hope: We pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

December Devotion: The Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Those in Need of Prayer

Deb Perreault, Ray Hedlund, Michelle (Gerardy) Morrissey, Larry Bjerken, Carol Amundson, Roger Amundson, Tim Cramer, John Barry, Becky Barry, Judy Stanton, Rick Harbott, Carole Glass

For the Seminarians of the Diocese of Crookston

Lawrence Wirries, Jon Stone, and Westin Gourneau

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spiritual Gifts. One of the parish's current key campaigns is for parishioners to discover and utilize the particular spiritual gifts that God has given them. The parish will be offering 3 standalone sessions where we can come together and learn about the spiritual gifts, take a spiritual gifts assessment, and find ways to build up the Body of Christ by using the gifts that God has given them. We hope you can join!

Monday, December 9, 7-9PM, Parish Hall
Sunday, December 15, 4-6PM, Parish Hall

Several open Eucharistic Adoration hours need your help. Filling these gaps will help our adoration program maintain its current offerings:

Tuesdays at 2PM
Thursdays at 9AM

<https://bit.ly/STBAdoration>

The Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation is on Monday, December 9. Mass times will be offered at 7AM and 5:30PM, with a school Mass offered at 8:30AM. The parish office will be closed.

Altar Server Training will be this Saturday, December 14 from 10AM to 2:30PM in the Church. The altar server program is open to all Catholic youth from 3rd grade to 12th grade who have received their First Communion. Additional training dates are on January 11, February 15, and March 15. Attending 1 altar server training session each year is mandatory for all new and current altar servers, unless they are being trained at St. Bernard's School. You can register for training here:

<https://bit.ly/StBAltarServerTraining>

Going to Confession during Advent is a great way to prepare for Christmas. Canon law 989 obliges all Catholics who have reached the age of discretion to confess all grave sins at least once a year, so why not do it during Advent? Confessions at St. Bernard's are offered 30 minutes before daily Masses and 60 minutes before weekend Masses. There will be a Day of Grace on Saturday, December 21, where Confessions will be offered every hour, on the hour, from 9AM until the 5PM Mass. Guest confessors will be available in addition to Fr. Vasek. The confessor schedule will be published in next week's bulletin. Several examinations of Conscience are available here:

<https://bit.ly/USCCBexamens>

To request an announcement in the bulletin, please visit
<https://bit.ly/StBBulletinReq>
Bulletin requests must be received by 12PM on Monday
in order to be published in the upcoming bulletin.

*"Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Am I not your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?"
-Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego-*

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THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

St. Bernard's School & Parish

GATSBY GALA

Celebrating a Century of Catholic Education

Saturday, April 5 at the Legacy Events Center

Social Hour at 4:30 | Dinner at 5:30

There will be games, raffles and a live auction.

Tickets and more information can be found at

www.stbernardsec.org/gala