

Saint Bernard's Catholic Church

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November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 weekly schedule in the bulletin for changes to the schedule.

Confession Schedule

Saturday 4:00-4:50 PM Sunday 8:00-8:50 AM Weekdays 30 minutes before

Mass (ends 10

minutes before Mass)

Greetings,

I love the Solemnity of Christ the King! At the very end of the liturgical year, we acclaim Christ Jesus as the King of the Universe! He is truly the King, and the whole creation is His rightful kingdom. One of the ways of understanding the role of the Church is that it exists to bring all people into the Kingdom of Jesus, that they may give their allegiance to this Saving King! We all know the patriotic pledge of allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." I remember the first time I heard a variation to this; it was kind of shocking, but so true. I was at a prayer event, and a person got up and said: "I pledge allegiance to Jesus!" Again, it sounded odd at first, but as I reflected upon the statement, I began to love it so very much. In this solemnity, we pledge allegiance to Jesus, the King and Head of the Church.

I hope that your Thanksgiving celebrations were/are filled with blessings. I always enjoy getting together with my growing family.. I think we are around 24 or 25 now (hard to keep track!) with all the nieces and nephews.

Reports from those who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference indicate that it was a powerful and hope-filling experience for the youth and chaperones. Tens of thousands of youth, gathered in a football stadium, kneeling in adoration before our Eucharistic Lord and King — what an image!

I continue to be greatly edified by the excellence of our Catholic school. I was with the students at the Eagles earlier in the week to decorate and bless some Christmas trees, the profits of which support Hospice care. The students raised their hands in blessing and also sang so well "Silent Night." They are being nurtured and educated so well in the Christian vision of life. May our school grow ever brighter in our community.

Grace and Peace, Father Vasek



Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions for this Week Mon., Nov. 27 NO MASS Tue., Nov. 28 +Gail Boice 8:00 AM **Care Center Mass** 10:30 AM +Gayle Grossman Wed., Nov. 29 5:15 PM +Tony Kozojed Thu., Nov. 30 8:00 AM +Vern Wavra Fri., Dec. 1 8:30 AM +Delap Family Sat., Dec. 2 8:30 AM **First Saturday Mass** Anna and St. Joseph's Intentions 5:00 PM Pro Populo +Parents of J + D Sun., Dec. 3 9:00 AM

Feasts and Readings Mon. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time Mon., Nov. 27 1st Reading: Dan. 1:1-6, 8-20 Psalm: Dan. 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Gospel: Lk. 21:1-4 Tue., Nov. 28 Tue. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Dan. 2:31-45 Dan. 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Psalm: Gospel: Lk. 21:5-11 Wed., Nov. 29 Wed. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time Dan. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 1st Reading: Dan. 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Psalm: Gospel: Lk. 21:12-19 Thu., Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom. 10:9-18 1st Reading: Psalm: Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Gospel: Mt. 4:18-22 Fri., Dec. 1 Fri. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Dan. 7:2-14 Psalm: Dan. 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Gospel: Lk. 21:29-33 Sat., Dec. 2 Sat. of 34th Week in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Dan. 7:15-27 Psalm: Dan. 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Gospel: Lk. 21:34-36 Sun., Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent* 1st Reading: Is. 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 Psalm: Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:3-9 Gospel: Mk. 13:33-37

Dec 2 and 3 Weekend Ministry Schedule		
<u>Ministry</u>	Sat 5PM	Sun 9AM
Accompanist	C. Dallman	L. Brickson
Cantor	Youth Choir	L. Brickson
Hospitality	A. Eidelbes	L. Genereux
i	G. Novak	R. Reierson
! !	G. Schmitz	R. Wald
!	B. Skalsky	K. Yaggie
Sacristan	P. Sagsveen	C. Holecek
Ministry Captain	M. Mehrkens	B. Buresh
ЕМНС	A. Thune	K. Fogarty
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Lector	Youth Mass	E. Wavra
Commentator	Youth Mass	J. Lubitz
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This Week in the Parish Mon., Nov. 27 6:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm. Tue., Nov. 28 8:30 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary 10:30 AM Mass @ Care Center Wed., Nov. 29 6:30 PM RE Grades 6 & 7 8:00 PM Men's Group, Library Thu., Nov. 30 8:30 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Bible Study, Library Fri., Dec. 1 10:00 AM Prayer Service, Oakland Park 7:00 PM First Saturday Adoration Vigil Begins, Sanctuary Sat. Dec. 2 7:50 AM First Saturday Devotions, Sanctuary Confessions 8:20 AM Solemn Benediction 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass followed by fellowship 9:00 AM OCIA Advent Retreat 10:00 AM First Reconciliation, Church Sun., Dec. 3 8:10 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer), Sanctuary

10:15 AM	Parish Fellowship, Parish Hall		
10:15 AM	Sunday School		
Coming Up!			
Dec. 5 9AM & 6PM	End-of-Life Decisions Workshops		
Dec. 6 6:30PM	Exalt, Dinner starting @ 5:45		
Dec. 7 5:30PM	Imm. Conception Mass (Holyday)		
Dec. 8 7AM	Imm. Conception Mass (Holyday)		
	Parish Office Closed		
Dec. 9 & 10	Retired Religious Special Collection		
Dec. 9 & 10	Annual Cookie Walk		
Dec. 14 6PM	Christmas Program		
Dec. 24 5PM, 10 PM	Christmas Eve Masses		
Dec. 25 9AM	Christmas Day Mass		

Religious Ed Schedule

Nov. 29 6:30PM Grades 6 & 7

Dec. 2 10:00AM Celebration of First Confession

Dec. 3 9:00AM Confirmation Class Welcoming @ Mass

Dec. 6 6:30PM Exalt w/dinner @5:45

Dec. 10 10:15AM Sunday School
Dec. 13 6:30PM Grades 6 & 8
Dec. 17 10:15AM Sunday School
Dec. 20 6:30PM Grades 6 & 7

Dec. 24-31 No RE or Sunday School Jan. 3 6:30PM Exalt w/dinner @5:45

Contact Margaret Rasmussen if you have questions.

Margaret.Rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com



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UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

NCYC 2023 – Thank you St. Bernard's for your prayers and support for our 14 adults and youth that attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this past week! The theme was "Fully Alive" and was based off of John 10:10 "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." And abundantly it is! Over 12,000 youth from across the nation joined together to grow in their faith and believe that Jesus is ALIVE and that through Him we can live Fully Alive! Thank you Kari, Charlie, Abi, Tiffany, Ruby, Kaitlyn, Rebecca, Kaleb, Aiden, Sam, Dylan, Mollie & Mackenzie for being a witness to us all and sharing your love for Jesus! The next NCYC is in Long Beach, CA on November 14-16th, "El Camino | The Way". Save the date!!

HOPE RETREAT: December 9th & 10th The Cause of Our Joy retreat is focused on how Mary brings us closer to her son during the Advent season. Open for all high school students. Registration information and more details can be found at https://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope

6th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK: Let the youth take care of all your holiday baking needs with our Cookie Walk! Saturday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00pm and Sunday, December 10th from 10:00am-Noon (or until supplies last). Create your own assortment of goodies for only \$10/lb or choose from prepackaged items. Located downstairs in the St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All proceeds help fund traveling and activity expenses for the St. Bernard's Youth Group.

For those of you who would like to participate in the baking and making of Christmas goodies, please go to https://bit.ly/StBCookieWalk to sign up. Our goal is to have at least 100 dozen baked goods to ensure the Cookies Walk is a success. For any questions, please contact Laura Williams li-onlaura5m11@gmail.com or Sarah Vogel csyogel@gmail.com

GLOW AND BOWL: December 2nd from 8:00-9:00pm Join us for a night of glow and bowl at SouthTown Lanes! Be sure to wear white or neon colors! We'll be having a competition as well. The top 3 bowlers will win a gift card to McDonald's or "Dons". Please RSVP by November 26th scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert!

Please Pray For:

Jackie Hunt, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Roger Amundson, Ron Winter, John Sherack, Tom Super, Mary Hemstreet, Jim Breth, Robert Walrath, Elliana Rose Viktora, Donna Brouse, 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

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

Sunday Stewardship

November 18 & 19, 2023

Weekly Offertory Budget \$ 11,231.00 Weekly Offertory Total \$ 9,953.48

Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget (Through Oct) \$202,158 Fiscal Year-To-Date Total (Through Oct) \$196,622



St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 3,483,682.59 Received to Date: \$3,146,085.20

St. Bernard's Church is offering online giving. Through Our Sunday Visitor you can set-up automatic payments, skipping the need for





weekly offering envelopes. You can also give to the school and other needs of the parish. Scan the QR code to the left to sign-up or visit www.stbernardscc.org for more info.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Help us reach our goal!

St. Bernard's has donated/pledged \$42,890.00 with 146 parish donors participating as of November 2, 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 You can also scan the QR code on the right.



Thank you to all that have participated!



Monday, December 11, 2023, 7-9PM **Blue Moose, East Grand Forks**

Join the Sacred Heart Young Adults for Theology on Tap at the Blue Moose. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!



LITURGICAL VESTMENTS

The Cincture

The cincture is a cord fastened around the waist, and it confines the alb, and as such are often worn both by clerics and i servers. Cinctures are symbolic in two major ways. First it is a symbol of the cord that bound Christ to the pillar while he was being scourged (Luke 23:22). It also represents a guard against temptations of the flesh and purity of mind, body and heart, in other words, it is a symbol of self-mastery, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

While the priest is tying the cincture he prays: "Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and extinguish in my loins the desires of lust, that the virtue of continence and chastity may ever abide within me."



If you or someone you promise to know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or see 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).

Please have any items for the bulletin in to the Office Manager by Tuesday at Noon. Email: norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for

Giving to St Bernards' SVDP helps us serve those who need our help in difficult times.



Attend a free, timely Adult Education Workshop about End-of-Life Decisions from a

Catholic Perspective sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Philip Zubrod. There are two opportunities to attend on Tuesday, December 5th at 9:00AM and again at 6:00PM at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls. Father Craig Vasek will address questions like: "Must medical treatment always be continued?" "What does the church teach about Death with Dignity?" and "How do I make a Catholic health care directive?" David Schonhardt, Advanced Case Specialist from Catholic United will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of End-of-Life Decisions including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. There will be a question-and-answer session following the presentation. A light meal and refreshments will be provided. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org.



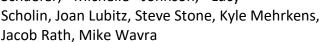
Volunteers are needed to serve coffee and pastries after Mass on Sundays from September to May. If interested, contact Julie Peterson at (218)

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.



St. Bernard's Pastoral **Council Members**

Rob Burkel ('23-'24 Chair), Tevia Strand ('23-'24 Secretary), Schaefer, Michelle Johnson, Lucy



St. Bernard's Faith Formation Board is looking for New Members! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Johnson by phone or text at (218) 686-9756. Thank you!



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

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to anyone who would like to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Adoration is regularly scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30AM-10:00PM and Fridays during Lent from 9:30AM to 10:00PM. As our new Adoration Chapel comes closer to completion, the parish has a goal of having scheduled adorers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you would like to commit to an hour of your own, please contact Arlene Thune at (218) 681-1740.









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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving, dear St. Bernard's Community!
May this day be filled with gratitude, joy, and cherished moments with loved ones. Wishing you blessings and warmth from all of us at St. Bernard's School. Enjoy this special time of gratitude and togetherness!

MONTH OF MONEY WINNING CALENDAR – DECEMBER DELIGHTS!

We are so excited to announce the St. Bernard's Month of Prizes Winning Calendar is ON SALE FOR UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER! Each day there are a variety of wonderful cash prizes. Tickets are only \$10 and you have 30 chances to win on each ticket! Tickets can be purchased after Mass or from any St. Bernard's School family. There are \$3400 in total prizes – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

<u>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH</u>

This year our annual program will be held at a NEW TIME – 6:00 pm with a reception to follow. This will also allow people to attend the Christmas Train at 7:30 downtown. All are welcome!

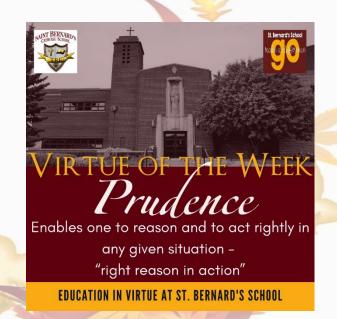
THIRD GRADE FOOD SHELF PROJECT

Mrs. Rath and our third-grade class are in the beginning of their annual November drive for the Food Shelf. Each day, a third grader will gather the different non-perishables which have been donated from the different classes. Then, they check for expiration dates, sort, weigh, and graph the food. Their goal is 1000 different donations. At the end of the month, they will deliver to the Food Shelf and assist in inventorying the food. If you would like to help their project, just drop off your nonperishable item with any of the classes or at the office. Way to "Go Make a Difference!" kiddos!

ST. BERNARD'S DATES TO REMEMBER

12/22/23 Start Christmas Break - 12:00 PM 12/22-1/2 Christmas Break - No School

	11/29/23	3:30 PM	PraySing Children's Choir Practice	
	11/30/23	3:00 PM	Art Club with Pam Anderson	
	12/1/23	9:30 AM	December Delights Raffle Drawing	
	12/2/23	5:00 PM	PraySing Elementary Mass	
	12/5/23	3:15 PM	4H Cloverbuds - K-2nd	
	12/6/23	11:20 AM	1st Grade Lunch	
	12/6/23	5:00 PM	Exult – ALL ARE WELCOME!	
	12/6/23	St. Nicholas Day		
	12/7/23	3:00 PM	Art Club with Pam Anderson	
	12/8/23	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - No school - Parish		
and School Offices Closed				
	12/12/23	8:30 AM	All School Guided Adoration	
	12/12/23	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass / Celebration		
	12/12/23	7:00 PM	Peace of Mind Parent Webinar	
	12/13/23	11:15-12:15 Alumni Lunch		
	12/14/23	1:00 PM	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal	
	12/14/23	6:00 PM	Christmas Program	
	12/19/23	3:00 PM	Art Club with Pam Anderson	
	12/19/23	6:00 PM	23-24 SAC Meeting / Zoom	





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