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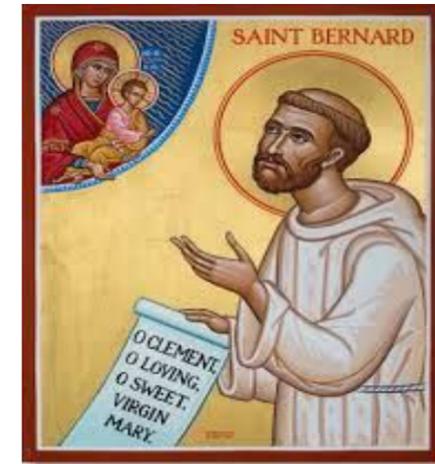
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023

Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.

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5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY
SUNDAY AT 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
(8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMED)

PLEASE REFER TO “THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH” FOR THE TIMES OF THE WEEKDAY MASSES

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

RITE OF WELCOME Last weekend we welcomed those who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They are: *Mariah Carr, Tami Tabor, and Trey Taylor*. Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 22ND Mass times with distribution of Ashes: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

BUILD MY Church
2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

BUILD MY CHURCH! Is the theme of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have much to be joyful about in the Diocese of Crookston! We just moved in last July, but our new Pastoral Center has quickly become a hub of encounter, evangelization, formation, prayer, retreat, and worship where we can build Christ's Church through our diocese's many parish, school, and diocesan ministries. Please be generous in supporting our bright future! Be on the lookout for a mailing sent to your home. Or you can fill out the in-pew envelope here in the parish or make a gift online by going to www.crookston.org/DAA by using the QR code below.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- 13 Monday – Genesis 4:1-15, 25—Psalm 50:1,8, 16-17, 20-21 — Mark 8:11-13**
No Mass today
- 14 Tuesday— Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10 – Psalm 29:1-4,9-10 – Mark 8:14-21**
Happy St. Valentine's Day!
8:00 A.M. Mass + Bernie Burger
8:30 A.M.—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 P.M. KC Council Mtg.
- 15 Wednesday— Genesis 8:6-13,20-22– Psalm 116:12-15,18-19- Mark 8:22-26**
7:00 A.M. Finance Council Mtg.
5:15 P.M. Mass + Deacon John & Darlene Eisbrener
5:45 P.M. Reconciliation
5:45 P.M. Rosary
6:30 P.M. Grades 6 & 8 Religious Ed Classes
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group
- 16 Thursday— Genesis 9:1-13– Psalm 102:16-23,29 - Mark 8:27-33**
8:00 A.M. Mass + Waldo Thompson
10:00 A.M. Bible Study
8:30 A.M. —10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. OCIA
- 17 Friday— Genesis 11:1-9—Psalm 33:10-15– Mark 8:34; 9:1**
7:00 A.M. KC Rosary
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Ted Magnan
- 18 Saturday— Hebrews 11:1-7– Psalm 145:2-5,10-11– Mark 9:2-13**
4:00 P.M. Reconciliation
4:30 P.M. Rosary
5:00 P.M. Mass + Vern Peterson
- 19 SUNDAY— Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18—Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13—1 Corinthians 3:16-23– Matthew 5:38-48**
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Gail Boice
No Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Mass—For the People

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Brian Williamson, Joe Roskop, Madeline Baumann, Mary Ann Lambert, Merlin Stone, David Carlson, Kristy Dupree, Timmy Nelson, Elaine Radniecki, William Kezer, Rachael Carlson, Tim Przybylski, Jane Palm, Audrey Berard, Duane Lusignan, Janelle Knott, Tony Radniecki Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Fern Melby, Ron Winter, Theresa Linnertz, Randy Winter, Tom Super, Lori Kristo, Alayna Espeseth, Michael Andersen, Andrea Dowers, Gary Paquin, Willy Schafer, Kim Osowski, Richard Haugen, Mikey Hedegard, Dennis Bjerken, Lillian Winter, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Vivian & Bruce Linander, Ryan McKay, Renee Miller, Cheryl McClenahan, Dan Dowers, Ed Rasmussen, Lisa Swanson, Judy Langhorst, John Barry, Doug Henke, Larry Schaefer, John Parent, Emily Novacek, Donald Hanson, Marty Torgerson, Sherrill McDonald, Dennis Srnsky, Doreen Dargon, Cindi Determan, Candace Schafer, Jerome Brazier, Mary David, Wanda Murphy, Pete Christianson, Patty Anderson, Ralph & Grace Rundell, David & Phyllis Cornelius, Ann Sang, Sharon Kozojed, Gerald Kostrzewski, Jeanette Stoltman, Alice Stancyk, Myrna Lane, Katy Seed, Jim Legg, Shelly Legg, Donna Radeke, Elliana Viktora, Jackie Hunt, Christopher Benjamin, Ralph Cox., Carolyn Halvorson, Douglas Stalboerger, Rachel McCoppin, Ted Stoltman, Ginny Pream, Ray Hedlund, John Sherack,

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen
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- February 15**—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 8 RE
February 19—No Sunday School - Presidents Weekend
February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY
—RE Classes to attend Mass—7:00 & 8:30 am, 6:30 pm
February 26—9:20 am Sunday School
March 1—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 7 RE
March 5—9:20 am Sunday School
March 8—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 8 RE
March 12—9:20 am Sunday School—Daylight Savings Time!
8:30 am—12:30 pm Confirmation Retreat - begins with Mass
March 15—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 7 RE
March 19—9:20 am Sunday School
March 22—6:30 pm Grades 6 & 8 RE

The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes this weekend.

Millions of faithful flock to Southern France every year to visit the Shrine, many seeking healing, while others travel as volunteer medical staff. Maybe you've never been, but most of us have been handed a little vial of Lourdes Water as a sacramental.

Here are 5 Things To Know About The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

1. The First Apparition – February 11, 1858

On this day, Bernadette Soubirous saw a lady dressed in a white dress and white veil, with a blue belt around her waist and a yellow rose on each of her feet. Seventeen more times, Our Lady would visit Bernadette at this same spot at Massabiele in the Pyrenees Mountains, on the bank of the Gave de Pau river.

2. It is a heavenly approval

The apparition of Our Lady gave a stamp of approval from heaven to the papal declaration which had been made four years prior by Pope Pius IX, establishing the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, because when Bernadette asked who she was, she answered "I am the Immaculate Conception."

3. Today is also World Day of the Sick

Pope John Paul II declared on May 13, 1992, that the following year, 1993 this day February 11, will become the World Day of the Sick to commemorate all believers who "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering."

4. It is known for its miraculous spring

On February 25, 1858, in the 9th visit of Our Lady, she asked Bernadette to "drink from the fountain and bathe in it." But Bernadette was puzzled, for there was no fountain to be seen. Our Lady asked her to dig, and with a little bit of uncovering, she discovered a pool of water to a stream.

5. It is one of the most famous pilgrimage sites

Almost every year there are 3 million pilgrims visiting the place and most of them are sick hoping that they will be cured in Lourdes. Over 7,000 miracles have been reported among the scores of pilgrims who've traveled to bathe in the spring. Of these, the Church has validated 67 through rigorous investigation.

Here is a video link of the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. <https://catholic-link.org/5-facts-video-our-lady-of-lourdes/>



YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens
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It's Super Bowl Sunday!! Who are you rooting for? I was hoping to find a cute little prayer combining our love for football and Catholicism, and I came across this blog written by Rachel Penate for LifeTeen. The link to blog is <https://lifeteen.com/what-football-has-taught-me-about-my-faith/> but you can read below to learn what football has taught her about her Catholic faith.

What Football Has Taught Me About My Faith – by Rachel Penate

Football teaches us that we are a part of something larger than ourselves.

Say the words "Super Bowl" to any American you meet and they will typically understand it has more to do with touchdowns and less to do with the Guinness Book of World Records. Although the fans and residents of the two talented (and at times, lucky) hometown teams feel so close to the glory that is a Super Bowl title, they know, ultimately, they had nothing to do with that win. Fans are partakers in the glory of their favorite teams as we, God's children, are partakers in the Father's glory. We may think our fandom makes a difference in the way our team plays; we can wear the "right gear" and chant the "right cheers," but ultimately, those things do not matter. God's glory is not contingent upon how good of a "fan" we are. For, our faith is not about God "winning," but rather about our participation in His plan – our participation in His Glory. We must share His glory with others, but we would miss the point of God's greatness if we claimed it as our own.

Football teaches us that loyalty runs deeper than winning and losing.

History is something that runs deeper than a final score or season record. The more that I watch the Packers play, and learn about their incredible history the more I grow in loyalty and respect for them. The more I learn about my faith and watch God work miracles in my life, the more I grow in loyalty of Him. And, what is so beautiful and so transcendent about loyalty is when the glory fades or life gets hard, you always know who has your back. No matter what.

Football teaches us that no matter what, there is joy in the journey.

Often times, we measure our success by large accomplishments and forget to affirm all of the little accomplishments along the way. As we grow in our faith, it is easy to focus on all that we did wrong instead of all that we did right. That's why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so beautiful. It allows us the opportunities to attain those little wins – to see what we need to correct in our daily walk, to amend our relationship with God, and keep journeying to our ultimate "Super Bowl win" – heaven.

Football teaches us that a team supports one another, no matter what.

#FootballIsFamily: Win or lose, we support one another. Even more so, as members of Christ's Church, we are a family. As players extend a hand to their teammates (and sometimes, opponents) when they are down, as players encourage one another on the sidelines when they are losing, or rejoice with them when they are winning... we are called to be there for one another as Christ's body. Supporting one another isn't always easy but supporting one another is worth the challenge. When we support one another, we tell them that we believe in them and we hold each other to a higher standard. We encourage each other to make the best out of all situations and, ultimately, grow as a person.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL
 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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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday — February 5, 2023

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Adoration Adoration : Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30—10 pm



First Friday/Saturday Adoration Vigil. In remembrance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Bernard's holds an Adoration Vigil between the First Friday and Saturday of each month. If you would like to sign up for an hour or sign up as an alternate, please contact Mark Christiansen at (218)556-0037 or email at mark.christiansen22@gmail.com



Please join the rosary rally praying 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.



Volunteers are needed to serve Coffee & Rolls after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Please consider helping in this ministry. Contact Julie Peterson for more information and to sign up. 218-686-8599



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
 In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift and Prayers to the St Bernard's Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

Preparation for the Lenten season environment in the church will take place on **Sunday, February 19th, after the 10:30am Mass.** All help would be greatly appreciated in the removal of the plants from the Altar space. Thank you!



St. Bernard's Youth Masses—Grades 1 & UP!



March 12—Sunday 8:30 am
 April 2—Sunday 10:30 am
 April 29—Saturday 5:00 pm

Go to Sign up Genius: <https://bit.ly/SBYouthMass> Or call/email Cindy Dallmann or Beth Zerr 218 681 1539 / cindy.dallmann@stbernardstrf.com beth.zerr@stbernardstrf.com



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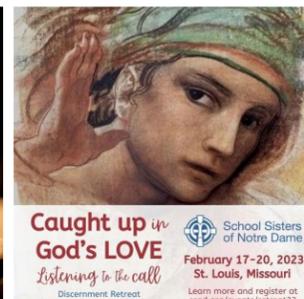
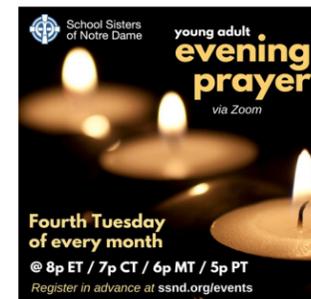


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Spring Cursillo Weekends—Men's February 23-26, 2023
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The Diocese of Crookston invites you to “United for Life, Minnesota’s Pro-Life Advocacy Day,” on February 28th, 2023.

United for Life is a pro-life advocacy day at the Minnesota State Capitol bringing together pro-life Minnesotans, organizations, and church bodies from across the state to stand up for life. The day will consist of a rally in the Capitol Rotunda, educational opportunities, and meetings with your state representatives. You will get to hear from a variety of inspiring speakers and get a chance to connect with many of the leading pro-life organizations from around the state. It is now more important than ever to UNITE and make the pro-life message heard in Minnesota. **Registration is required** for the MCC to schedule meetings with your legislators. **Tickets are free.** When: February 28, 2023, at 10:00-2:30pm
 Where: Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Junior Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55155
 Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/united-for-life-minnesotas-pro-life-advocacy-day-tickets478597727687> OR – look for the registration link at unitedforlifemn.org
 The Diocese is offering a \$75.00 travel voucher for members of the diocese who drive to this event (limited to the first 40 requests). Please email Cassandra Johnson at cjohnson@crookston.org to your travel voucher for the event.



ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL NEWS

~February 12, 2023~

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ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year. It may seem early, but we are already beginning to plan for next school year. "Go Make a Difference" in the life of your child!

- January 1 – Current Families Re-enrollment – **Early Bird Registration - \$50 off per student until March 1!**
- March 1 – New Families Enrollment Opens
- March 9 – Early Childhood Round Up – Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please see our website at <https://www.stbernardsc.org/>, email laura.brickson@stbernardstrf.com, or call 218-681-1539



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GIVING HEARTS DAY

THANK YOU so very much everyone for your amazing generosity! When this bulletin was submitted at 2:00 on Thursday, we had raised a total of approximately **\$15,000!** Our students created Valentines for our seniors and each class was able to donate to a variety of charities. You truly have "Made a Difference" in so many lives and we are thankful for you!



Giving Hearts Day

SCIENCE FAIR

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been working hard on their science fair projects - way to go scientists! Our fair is February 22nd and the public is invited!



ST. BERNARD'S DATES TO REMEMBER

2/11 St. Bernard's Robotics Team – TRF Home Meet at FMS
 2/13 8:15 All School Rosary
 2/14 8:15 All School Adoration, 3rd Graders go to Skylight Apartments
 2/15 Robotics
 2/16 4H Engineer It!
 2/20 No School – Staff In-Service
 2/21 8:15 Burying of the Alleluias
 2/22 Ash Wednesday, Science Fair Open House, Robotics
 2/27 6:00 SAC Meeting
 3/1 **GALA TICKETS DEADLINE**, New Family Registration Opens!, 3rd grade Parent Lunch 11:50, 4H Cloverbuds, Youth Mass Practice, Robotics
 3/2 Read Across America Day / PJ Day

3/3 Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
 3/4 State Robotics Tournament!
 3/5 8:30 Youth Mass
 3/6 Ice Skating This Week
 3/7 Art Club
 3/8 FM Opera, 5th graders at the Young Author's Conference
3/11 St. Bernard's Gala "Hawaiian Paradise"
 3/14 8:15 All School Guided Adoration, 6:00 Early Childhood Round Up!
 3/16 End of the 3rd Quarter, Blarney Bowling, 4H Engineer It!
 3/17 No School – Teacher In-Service

For God
 so loved the world
 that He gave His
 only
 begotten
 Son so
 that whosoever
 believes
 in Him shall not
 perish but have
 eternal life.

John 3:16

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National Eucharist Congress: July 17-21, 2024
 Reserve tickets now

As part of the three-year Eucharistic Revival, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be holding a National Eucharist Congress in Indianapolis, IN, on July 17-21, 2024.

This event, primarily held at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis, will feature times of adoration, speakers, prayer, and the celebration of Mass. The Diocese of Crookston was able to secure 250 tickets and the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Committee is asking pastors to indicate how many tickets they wish to reserve for their parishioners by January 31st. If you wish to attend, please let your pastor know. The cost of each ticket is \$200, and participants will have additional costs for accommodations (we have not been given hotel rates), meals and transportation.

A link to the National Eucharistic Website information about the Congress is here:
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>



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WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



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Diocese of Crookston Eucharistic Revival Events 2023

- February 5:** MERCY HOUR: A Eucharistic Healing Service for Marriages and Families – Sacred Heart, Roseau at 3:00 pm. Led by Bishop Cozzens
- February 10-12:** RESET – 40 HOUR RESTORATION RETREAT for high school youth at the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. Information and registration can be found at www.crookston.org/reasonforhope
- February 12:** MERCY HOUR: A Eucharistic Healing Service for Marriages and Families – Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes at 3:00 pm. Led by Bishop Cozzens
- February 26:** HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY Win-E-Mac, Elkline, MN 9:30am-6:30pm
- March 9:** MERCY HOUR: A Eucharistic Healing Service for Marriages and Families – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston at 7:00 pm. Led by Bishop Cozzens
- March 12:** ROLLING LENTEN MISSION: Lenten Mission Part 1 of 2: Venue and Time TBD. Led by Bishop Cozzens
- March 18 & 19:** INTO THE DESERT – 24 HOUR LENTEN RETREAT for high school youth at the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. Information and registration can be found at www.crookston.org/reasonforhope
- March 26:** ROLLING LENTEN MISSION: Lenten Mission Part 2 of 2: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Red Lake Falls, Time TBA. Led by Fr. Craig Vasek
- April 29:** PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TEAMS RETREAT with Julianne Stanz Location TBD
- April 30:** PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TEAMS RETREAT with Julianne Stanz St. Bernard's, Thief River Falls 12:30-5:00 pm

Timeline

2022-2024 Parish, diocesan, and digital efforts focus on formation, community, and encounters.

MAY 2024 A national Eucharistic procession begins, leading into the Congress in July.

JULY 2024 National gathering of 80,000+, shifting the Revival from pilgrimage to mission



St. Bernard's Parishioners

We need YOU!

The Lenten Fish Frys will be starting soon. We will need volunteers on Thursdays & Fridays during Lent, BUT before they start we are in need of some KEY people to help make them run smoothly.

Supervisor for Deliveries: Coordinate drivers for fish fry. Help set up coolers, money bags for drivers; clean and return coolers after fish fry. May deliver meals if needed. Instructions will be provided.

Oil Clean Up: 1-2 people, work as a team removing the oil from the fryers, clean fryers and return them to storage. Return oven and set up for school – Instructions and training will be provided.

Clean Up: Each week requires a minimum of 6 people for cleaning of kitchen & dining room. Dish Washer, help putting away food, dishes, utensils, roaster ovens etc. Sweep & mop floor, wipe down counters and take out trash.

Contact: Margaret at 218-681-3571 or email margaret.rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com for more information or if interested.

You choose if you want to donate your time to specific area:

- * Volunteer time for St. Bernard's School
- * Deposit funds in a Youth Account for your child to use for Youth Rallies, Camps, NCYC or World Youth Day etc.
- * Donate time to the Building Project.

