



# St. Bernard's Catholic Church

## The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 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  
**Pat Sagsveen**, Business Manager  
**Charlie Vogel**, Advancement Director

### School Office Personnel

**Laura Brickson**, Principal  
**Rebecca Peralta**, Office Administrator

### Holy Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday   | 8:00 AM                              |
| Wednesday | 5:15 PM                              |
| Thursday  | 8:00 AM                              |
| Friday    | 8:00 AM                              |
| Saturday  | 8:30 AM <i>1st Sat. of the month</i> |
|           | 5:00 PM                              |
| Sunday    | 9:00 AM                              |

### Confession Schedule

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| Tuesday   | 7:30-7:50 AM |
| Wednesday | 4:45-5:05 PM |
| Thursday  | 7:30-7:50 AM |
| Friday    | 7:30-7:50 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

Greetings,





Please pray for the tens of thousands of Catholics who are travelling and gathering in Indianapolis this week for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. It is the first National Eucharistic Congress in over 80 years in the USA, and has been preceded by a four-route National Eucharistic Pilgrimage across our entire nation. 2024 will go down in the history books of the Catholic Church in the USA as a significant year of Catholic life and witness. Following the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church in the USA will begin the final formal year of the National Eucharistic Revival, a year of Eucharistic Mission (July 2024 - Pentecost 2025). Each individual Catholic will be invited to become a Eucharistic Missionary, i.e., to live and spread their faith in such a way that others are drawn into a relationship with Christ and His Church. I know that many of you are already doing this, or eager to have the helps needed to branch out into the community. A key of this coming year at the parish will be to establish a mechanism for outreach in the community to win our brothers and sisters for Christ. The pastoral council and parish staff have been meeting and planning for the past year, studying the topic of evangelization. We've identified four areas to pay special attention to: 1) welcoming and hospitality at weekend Mass; 2) music at weekend Mass; 3) preaching at weekend Mass; and 4) a stable mechanism to invite people into to grow their relationship with Jesus. If you have ideas about how we can tailor these areas to best serve quality and growth, please let us know.

Thank you for the many congratulations, cards, and gifts I received from you as I celebrated my 14th anniversary as a priest this past week. I am honored to be a priest and I hope I can be a good and holy priest.




Grace and Peace,

Father Vasek

## WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

| CONNECT   | LITURGY   | PRAYER  | COMMUNITY   |
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| <p style="text-align: center; color: #008000;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration">https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p style="text-align: center; color: #008000;"><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> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p style="text-align: center; color: #008000;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com">stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p style="text-align: center; color: #008000;"><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> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> |

## WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

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| <p>Give at Mass during the offertory</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p>Mail it in or stop by the parish office</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p>Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving">https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | <p>July 6 &amp; 7 Offertory<br/><b>\$10,644.88</b><br/>Weekly Target: \$12,787.61</p> <p><i>Jul'23 to Jun'24 Actual: \$607,240</i><br/><i>Jul'23 to Jun'24 Budget: \$583,480</i></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 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

**Tuesday, July 16**  
3 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary  
6 PM SAC, Mtg. Rm. 1

**Wednesday, July 17**  
5-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary  
8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

**Thursday, July 18**  
4 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary  
12 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Mtg. Rm. 1

**Friday, July 19**  
8:30 AM Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass  
10 AM Oakland Park Communion Service

**Sunday, July 21**  
8:10 AM Lauds, Sanctuary



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday, July 15** **St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 16** **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Frank Vasek

**Wednesday, July 17** **Wed. of the 15th Week in Ord. Time**

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....+John Vasek

**Thursday, July 18** **St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Kenneth Bahr

**Friday, July 19** **Fri. of the 15th Week in Ord. Time**

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Gene & +Jan Nei

**Saturday, July 20** **St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr**

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....LaMal Baker

**Sunday, July 21** **The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....+Lilas Belk

## Prayer Intentions

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July

For the pastoral care of the sick: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### July Devotion in Honor of the Precious Blood

Eternal Father I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy well-beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for the propagation and exaltation of my dear Mother the, Holy Catholic Church, for the safety and prosperity of her visible head, our chief pastor the Bishop of Rome; for the cardinals, bishops, and pastors of souls, and for all the ministers of the Sanctuary.

### For the Members of our Parish

Ray Hedlund, Jan Kramer, Roger Amundson, John Barry, Jim Breth, Jackie Hunt, Pat Odette, Luke & Sharon Noreen, Becky Barry, Ron Winter, Charlie Bedard, Carol Amundson, Larry Bjerken, George Broadwell, Matthew Kaiser

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

### Request a Mass Intention

The customary offering for a Mass intention is \$10. Intentions can be placed in the offertory or sent to the parish office. Indicate deceased individuals with a "+" before their name. Masses are scheduled in the order they are received. We make every effort to accommodate requested dates, but cannot guarantee them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to Aleksandro Berberich** baptized by Fr. Vasek last weekend!

**A Pastoral Letter outlining the pastoral plan for the Diocese of Crookston** was recently released by Bishop Cozzens. In it he discusses how to revive our faith life, use our resources well for mission, and how to evangelize others to discover Jesus and his church. The letter will be mailed out to diocesan households next month, but can also be found online here:

<https://www.crookston.org/VISION>

The Bishop is asking all the faithful in the diocese to read the letter and discuss it with family and friends.

### Saint Vincent de Paul is looking for the opportunity to expand

our home visits. This could include home visits or visits to institutions. Anywhere that someone is in need. Whether this is an individual or a family, please contact the parish office and let them know there is a need for Vincentians to intercede. A message from our local St. Vincent de Paul society.

**Scuba Vacation Bible School begins August 5th.** Go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Become immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Scuba runs August 5th-9th from 9AM-12PM each day. Register at

[https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/3efaf5](https://vbspro.events/p_early/3efaf5)

**Volunteers are needed for Parish and School Projects** this summer. Please take a look at <https://bit.ly/STBONCALL> to see what types of projects need volunteers. If you are willing to donate your time, please put your name on the on-call list. The parish and the school appreciate it!

**Would you like to get to know Fr. Vasek better?!** Why not have him over for dinner? As Fr. Vasek begins his second year at St. Bernard's he wants to continue to get to know the members of the parish. If you would like to have him over for dinner, call Norm at the parish office to put a meal on his calendar.

**Kick off the Parish Block Party with a 5K color run/walk!** On August 21. All are welcome. There will be color stations throughout the race! We can't wait to see you all. You can find more information here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/ThiefRiverFalls/StBernards5KColorRun>

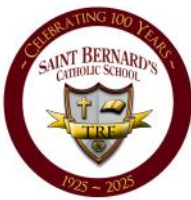
**The St. Bernard's Parish Block Festival** is scheduled for August 20 & 21. August 20 is the Solemnity of St. Bernard, which will be marked with a solemn Mass and other parish activities. On August 21, there will be a block party at the Floyd B. Olson Park, open to everyone in Thief River Falls. There will be live music, a beer garden, a St. Bernard's Fish Fry, food trucks, farmer's market vendors, children's activities and more!

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

*"Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet,  
what you need is not a scepter but a hoe."*

*-St. Bernard-*

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# ST. BERNARD'S GOLF TO EDUCATE TOURNAMENT

AT THE THIEF RIVER GOLF CLUB  
 THURSDAY JULY 25, 2024



or check out our website

- ✓ 9-Hole Best Ball
- ✓ Registration 2:30 - 3:15
- ✓ Shotgun Start 3:30

TEAM OF 4 \$240  
 INDIVIDUAL \$60

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