



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

Pentecost

May 19, 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
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	8:00 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 Fr. Vasek

Greetings,

On Saturday, May 25th, Bishop Cozzens will preside over the dedication of the new altar for the sanctuary. If you usually go to Sunday morning Mass, please try to come to Saturday evening's Mass to be present for this honorable moment with our Bishop. Our current altar will become the altar in the new adoration chapel. This move has to do with the size of the altars - the current altar is quite small and will fit well in the adoration chapel, and the sanctuary of the main church will benefit from a larger altar. Since we will soon have an expanded adoration chapel in the new construction, we no longer need an adoration chapel in the current church. The tabernacle will be moved from the tabernacle room into the center of the sanctuary. We will also place the beautiful statues of Jesus and Mary in the sanctuary, and the Crucifix will be hung above the tabernacle. As mentioned before, these items were discussed with the Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission of the Bishop, were approved and welcomed warmly.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will come down and illumine our minds and bring a flame of divine love to our hearts at this time of Pentecost. I especially pray for the graduates of the parish as they embark upon the next chapter of their lives in Christ - congratulations!

I'm delighted that we can finally welcome our new hires for the expanding middle school. We had excellent candidates apply and it was a tough decision. Welcome, Macie, Tyler, and Carolyn!

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT

Become a Parishioner

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:

<https://www.stbernardscc.org/parish-registration>



LITURGY

Get Involved at Mass

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).



PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration

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:

stbernardscc.weadorehim.com



COMMUNITY

Small Groups and Organizations

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



WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

Give at Mass during the offertory



Mail it in or stop by the parish office



Visit <https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving>



May 11 & 12 Offertory
\$8,895.77

Weekly Target: \$11,231.00

Jul'23 to Apr'24 Actual: \$524,982
Jul'23 to Apr'24 Budget: \$486,233

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 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 (Option 2) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD'S

Monday, May 20

4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Tuesday, May 21

3 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
6 PM SAC Meeting, Parish Hall Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, May 22

8 AM Contractor's Meeting, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
1 PM Communion Service, Skylite Apartments
4-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

Thursday, May 23

4 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
8:30 AM Last School Mass of the Year
9:30 AM Bible Study, Parish Library
12 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Friday, May 24

4-5:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Saturday, May 25

5 PM Dedication of the Altar by Bishop Cozzens

Sunday, May 26

8:10 AM Lauds, Sanctuary

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 20

Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, Martyr

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+John Solsten

Wednesday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....Intentions of Teresa Seeley

Thursday, May 23

Thu. of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....*St. Bernard's School Students*

Friday, May 24

Ember Friday after Pentecost

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Tony Griffith

Saturday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

4:00 PM Confession

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

Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....+Glenn Kalsnes

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/> to read the Mass readings each day. You can also sign up to have the readings sent to your inbox each morning!

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

May Devotion in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O God, who didst will that Thine eternal Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the angel delivered his message: grant that Thy petitioners, who verily believe her to be the Mother of God, may be assisted by her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Members of our Parish

Ray Hedlund, Matthew Kaiser, Jan Kramer, Roger Amundson, John Barry, Jim Breth, Jackie Hunt, Pat Odette, Luke & Sharon Noreen, Becky Barry

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, however, we will try to honor requested dates when possible. Canon law requires parishes to fulfill intentions within 1 year of receipt and may be fulfilled at either public or private Masses. Intentions that are unable to be fulfilled within 1 year are sent to the diocese to be fulfilled by other priests and parishes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are 2 Changes to the Mass Schedule. Thursday is the last day of school, and the Mass will be a school Mass. It will start at 8:30 AM. On Friday, the summer Mass schedule will go into effect. Friday Masses will be at 8 AM from now until the resumption of school in the Fall.

The Dedication of the New Altar will take place at the Saturday, May 25, weekend Mass. Bishop Cozzens will preside over the dedication and consecration our new altar. Altar dedications usually only happen once-in-a-lifetime, so all are encouraged to attend this special Mass.

The Tabernacle and Crucifix in the Sanctuary will be moved later this week in anticipation of the installation and dedication of the altar. We apologize in advance for any disruptions this will cause for silence and prayer in the Church.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day and on Tuesday, May 28 for a joint retreat of the parish staff and the Pastoral Council.

The Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession will take place on Sunday, June 2 immediately following the 9 AM Mass. The procession will leave from the sanctuary and travel around the block before returning to the altar for benediction. After the procession there will be fellowship and a potluck brunch in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share!

Marvelous May Raffle winners for this week were Alex Brekke (\$100), Lisa Simenson (\$50), Jeannette Huot (\$50), Joanna Larson (\$50), Danielle Schantz (\$50), Brenda Fernandez (\$50), and Mackenzie Hron (\$100).

Users of OSV for Online Giving are reminded to switch to our new online giving platform, called ParishSOFT. The ParishSOFT software suite is used by St. Bernard's for our accounting system and managing our parish database. This changeover allows for a smoother integration of our software ecosystem. You can sign-up for ParishSOFT at <https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving>.

St. Bernard's School enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is now open, including for the new 6th grade class! Visit the website for more information or call the school office at 218-681-1539.

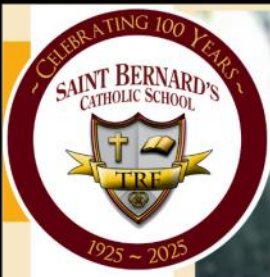
The St. Bernard's Parish Block Festival is scheduled for August 20 & 21. August 20 is the Solemnity of St. Bernard, which will be marked with a solemn Mass and other parish activities. On August 21, there will be a block party at the Floyd B. Olson Park, open to everyone in Thief River Falls. More details will be released as we get closer to the event.

Check out the St. Bernard's Podcast where you can listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more. Visit stbernards.podbean.com to subscribe.

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

"He pours light into our minds, arouses our desire and gives us strength...
As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls."

-St. Peter Damian



ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL
NEW TEACHERS ~ 2024-2025

Macie Brekke
MIDDLE SCHOOL - MATH

My name is Macie Brekke. Thief River Falls is my hometown, and I am grateful for the opportunity to teach students in such a wonderful community! I am excited to begin my journey at St. Bernard's Catholic School during this time of growth as we expand to the middle level. During my education at the University of North Dakota, I discovered my passion for educating middle-level students, and I have always had a love for math! As a creative individual who loves to learn and explore, I enjoy fostering a love for learning in my classroom and providing my students with hands-on learning experiences.

My faith has shaped every aspect of my life, including my role as an educator. I look forward to creating a nurturing and inclusive learning environment where students can grow and serve in the love of Jesus Christ. I am eager to contribute to the school's mission by creating learning experiences that educate each student as a whole person. I am thankful for this opportunity to educate students and inspire them to go make a difference!

Tyler Hennings
MIDDLE SCHOOL - SOCIAL STUDIES / GYM

I am excited to join the St. Bernard's Catholic school as a middle school social studies teacher this Fall! I have missed Thief River Falls, as I taught social studies and coached over at Lincoln High School a few years ago. My hiatus from Thief River Falls brought me closer to God and believe that I have discovered my 'second mountain' - my life mission is to be a servant to our younger generation by strengthening them through the teachings of the Catholic faith.

Returning to the Thief River Falls community means a great deal to me. I have found no other group of people that have given me the sense of community I have here. Additionally, St. Bernard's mission and recent expansion are commendable and exciting; it feels as if everything has gone according to plan. I can confidently say that no other school and community connect me to a sense of greater meaning as St. Bernard's Catholic school in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Carolyn Larson
MIDDLE SCHOOL - ENGLISH

My name is Carolyn Larson and I am so excited to start a new chapter in my teaching career at St. Bernard's as the new 5th/6th grade teacher. Currently, I am in my 8th year of teaching. I taught four years at Mahanomen Public Schools. Then I moved to Thief River the summer of 2020 and taught for four years at Franklin Middle School to be closer to family. My husband and I were united in marriage in 2021 at St. Bernard's and we had a beautiful little girl, Esther in December 2022. We are anxiously awaiting Baby #2 in May!

I want to teach at St. Bernard's because I want to further expand in my faith, and be able to openly share it and my experiences with kids. Kids need to know that being Catholic and a devout follower of Christ is the most amazing thing, something that I didn't quite grasp growing up. God so graciously blessed me to be a part of this community and I am grateful for this opportunity. To God be the glory!



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