



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 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	8:30 AM School Mass
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,

This coming weekend is the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji. I'm grateful to Father Rick for celebrating the weekend Masses here so that I can be present there in Bemidji with the 4000+ people from around the state. I hope you can be there, too.

During the week, I will be on my last leg of preaching / speaking travel for the season. I thank everyone who has filled in while I've been gone and I thank everyone for their patience as I've needed to juggle many responsibilities over the past month for the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Crookston, and the parish.

We've finalized plans for the May 25th installation and blessing of the new altar. Through consultation with a liturgical architect, the Building and Grounds committee, and the Pastoral Council, we've finalized the placement of the tabernacle in the center of the sanctuary, the hanging of the Crucifix from the ceiling a few feet away from the wall, and the setting of our principal statues towards the sides of the sanctuary. Bishop Cozzens was delighted to have these items in place prior to his arrival toward the end of the month. I was grateful for the help of Melissa Shanks, a liturgical architect, to help us organize the layout so that it complements the architecture of the church with the placement of these items. The height and depth of the hanging of the Crucifix was the most particular, and she gave good counsel on the pros and cons of a few different options. These items will be placed on the 23rd-25th of May prior to the 5PM evening Mass celebrated by Bishop Cozzens. I hope many people choose to come to the Saturday Mass that weekend, even if Sunday morning is your regularly attended Mass.

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.stbernardsc.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:

stbernardsc.org/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 4 & 5 Offertory

\$13,211.25

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 13

4-8 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Tuesday, May 14

3 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Communion Service, Care Center
5 PM Faith Formation Board, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
7 PM Knights of Columbus, Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 15

7 AM Finance Council, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
4-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

Thursday, May 16

4 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
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 17

10 AM Communion Service, Oakland Park
2 PM Parish Office Closes Early
4-5:30 PM OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
5:30 PM Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, Bemidji-Sanford Center

Saturday, May 18

9 AM-4:30 PM Star of the North Eucharistic Congress

Sunday, May 19

10 AM Eucharistic Pilgrimage Commences, Lake Itasca

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

No Mass

Tuesday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

7:30 AM Confession

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

Wednesday, May 15

St. Isidore

4:45 PM Confession

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

Thursday, May 16

Thu. of the 6th Week in Easter

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....+Carol Radniecki

Friday, May 17

Fri. of the 6th Week in Easter

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....+Glenn Kalsnes

Saturday, May 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....+Norman Jones

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....+Tony Kozojed

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

The 2024 Rectory Project is now accepting donations through ParishSOFT. St. Bernard's has a goal of raising \$220,000 for the purchase and remodel of 121 Duluth Ave North to be our new rectory as the building project continues. There is a further goal of raising an additional \$220,000 (for a total of \$440,000) to endow operating expenses. We have raised \$147,000 so far through the generosity of parishioners and donors. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can give online at <https://bit.ly/StBernardsRectory> or place a gift in the Sunday Offertory with "Rectory Project" in the memo or contact Charlie Vogel at 701-381-9983.

The parish office will close at 2 PM this Friday so that staff and parishioners can make their way to Bemidji for the opening of the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress.

A Special Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will take place at Mass next weekend, May 18 & 19. This fund helps develop Catholic media at home and abroad. Half of the collection stays in the diocese to fund local communications. Please be generous in your contributions.

Dedication of the New Altar will take place at the Saturday, May 25, weekend Mass. Bishop Cozzens will preside over 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 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 are Kathryn Kruta (\$100), Janna Anderson (\$50), Rachel Tveiten (\$50), Kim Kostrzewski (\$50), Quinn Lofberg (\$50), Lacy Simoneau (\$50) and Shane Wilkens (\$100)

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.

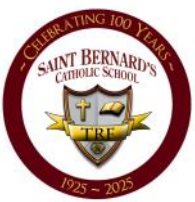
Check out the St. Bernard's Podcast where you can listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more. Visit stbernards.podbean.com to subscribe.

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

"The Ascension was the triumph of redeemed man. It is the completion of his redemption. It was the last act, making the whole sure, for now man is actually in heaven."

-St. John Henry Newman

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