



# St. Bernard's Catholic Church

## The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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

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	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,





This week will mark the end of my first year at St. Bernard's. It has been a really big whirlwind! Inheriting a building project, a parish recovering from the various impacts of the COVID-19 years, getting to know an entirely new staff, parishioner base, town and culture, all has been a lot. I know that this year has been a lot for many of you as well. I have heard many times of either the joys or frustrations of the many changes which have occurred. I know that change can be refreshing or troubling, and almost always is hard either way. To those who have been upset, or hurt, or have felt tension or sadness due to changes, I am sorry for any unnecessary troubles I have caused through my lack of care, attentiveness, or concern.

Please know that I have not been making changes simply for the sake of making changes. I pray, I discern, I appraise the various methods and ways of conducting life, and then make the changes that seem to serve the mission entrusted to me as Pastor. As you know, I speak regularly about how St. Bernard's is not only a parish of 500-700 people, or 700 families, but that 13,658 people belong to this parish. If we are going to be a parish at the service of the entire area which the Diocese has apportioned to this parish's care, we need to be organized to be outward-focused. Other changes were made to align with modern business policy, or in response to the bishops of the USA regarding care for the Most Blessed Sacrament and our worship together. And in other ways, since of course not all priests are robotic clones, each priest is just different than another priest.



As I begin a second year here, I'd like to state again what I stated when I first arrived - I would like to join you for dinner sometime throughout the year. Please invite me to your house or out to eat! This is not because I can't cook for myself - I want to get to know you all. Usually, a priest spends his first year getting to know parishioners - since I was given an assignment in the midst of many considerations, I needed to spend the first year getting directly to business. So, during my second year, I would very much enjoy spending time with families. As the nation celebrates its independence, please know of my prayer for you, that we would know the freedom of the republic, and the freedom found in the Savior.

Grace and Peace,  
Father Vasek

## WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<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

<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 style="text-align: right;">June 22 &amp; 23 Offertory <b>\$7,450.04</b> Weekly Target: \$11,231.00</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"><i>Jul'23 to May'24 Actual: \$566,015</i> <i>Jul'23 to May'24 Budget: \$534,857</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 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

**Tuesday, July 2**  
3 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary  
9:30 AM Parish Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, July 3**  
4-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary  
8 PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library

**Thursday, July 4**  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
No Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, July 5**  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
7 PM-12AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil, Sanctuary

**Saturday, July 6**  
12-8:20 AM First Saturday Adoration Vigil, Sanctuary  
7:50 AM Confessions  
8:20 AM Benediction

**Sunday, July 7**  
8:10 AM Lauds, Sanctuary

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Monday, July 1

**St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

7:30 AM Confession  
8:00 AM Mass.....+Bruce Belk Sr.

### Tuesday, July 2

**Tue. of the 13th Week in Ord. Time**

7:30 AM Confession  
8:00 AM Mass.....+John Honek

### Wednesday, July 3

**St. Thomas, Apostle**

4:45 PM Confession  
5:15 PM Mass.....+Rose Honek

### Thursday, July 4

**Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati**

7:30 AM Confession  
8:00 AM Mass.....+Lucille Kjos

### Friday, July 5

**St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

No Mass

### Saturday, July 6

**St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

7:50 AM Confession  
8:30 AM Mass.....+Willard & +Mary Margaret Bahr  
4:00 PM Confession  
5:00 PM Mass.....Pro Populo

### Sunday, July 7

**The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Mass.....+Alice Stancyk

## 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, Matthew Kaiser, Jan Kramer, Roger Amundson, John Barry, Jim Breth, Jackie Hunt, Pat Odette, Luke & Sharon Noreen, Becky Barry, Ron Winter, Charlie Bedard, Carol Amundson

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, 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 Parish Office will be closed** on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5 for the observance of Independence Day.

**There are 2 Mass schedule changes for this week:** there will be Mass on Monday, July 1, at 8 AM, but there will be no Mass on Friday, July 5.

**There will not be Eucharistic Adoration on July 4.** The regular adoration schedule will resume on Tuesday, July 9.

**The July First Saturday Mass and Adoration Vigil** is this week. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7 PM on Friday, July 5 in the Church and will continue through the night until Solemn Benediction at 8:20 AM. If you are interested in signing for an hour of Adoration for the Vigil, contact Norm at the parish office or Mark Christiansen at mark.christiansen22@gmail.com. Confessions will be available at 7:50 AM. Mass will follow Benediction at 8:30 AM.

**Parents and Youth in Grades 3-12**, your help and input is needed in order to make meaningful and exciting changes to the youth programs in the parish. We are asking you to take 5 minutes to give us valuable feedback to help us plan what steps we should take next to provide the best youth program this parish has ever seen. There are separate surveys for students and parents:

Students: [qrs.ly/nffvvtx](https://qrs.ly/nffvvtx)

Parents: [qrs.ly/oufwvtq](https://qrs.ly/oufwvtq)

If you have any questions, please contact Misty Mehrkens at the parish office.

**Safe Environment Training Renewal** is available beginning on July 1. Annual certification is required for every adult over the age of 18, including clergy, employees, independent contractors, and volunteers who has potential contact with children or vulnerable adults. Training needs to be completed by September 3 for the beginning of the school year. Visit [crookston.org/secertification](https://crookston.org/secertification) after July 1 to complete the training.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society meetings** have been changed to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings start at 4:30 PM and are held at the parish office. Please consider attending a meeting and learning more about what we do to help those in need.

**The local St. Vincent de Paul Society** has been very active helping struggling families burdened with financial hardships. Right now, the budget is very low, but requests for assistance continue to steadily come in. If you are able to donate financially, SVDP and the individuals we serve would be grateful.

**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.

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

*"For [Saint] Bernard, in fact, true knowledge of God consisted in a personal, profound experience of Jesus Christ and of his love. This is true for every Christian: faith is first and foremost a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, it is having an experience of his closeness, his friendship and his love.*

*-Pope Benedict XVI-*

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