



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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
- 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	8:30 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,

EXALT

We had our first Exalt of the year this past Wednesday. Exalt is a monthly youth-focused event which hopes to foster a personal encounter with Jesus, an encounter which draws a person into a committed, daily relationship with Jesus as Savior and friend. There is contemporary music, adoration, confession, prayer ministry, prayer intention candles, guided prayer, small group fellowship, pizza, activities, and more. At the center of it, the hope is that people begin to choose Jesus for themselves, in freedom and joy. The long vision of Exalt is that it becomes a place for other Catholic youth of the region to join in, other non-Catholic youth of the city to join in, and people from all over the city to join in to encounter Jesus. Not everyone is ready for Mass, and Exalt might very well be a great place to "Invite 1" from your network of friends. I know that there are youth who have gifts in band and choir who would be great additions to the Exalt band. Be encouraged to join in! Thanks to Misty and Margaret for their coordination, and Becca and Pat for their music ministry.

MUSIC

Many music ministries are growing at St. Bernard's. The adult mixed choir sings twice a month. The younger youth and older youth choirs alternate once every month. There is a traveling youth choir forming and there has been an initial meeting for a men's small group choir. As mentioned above, the Exalt contemporary ministry can grow. High quality music ministry is one of the top three keys identified as most impactful for parishioners and guests to a parish. Reach out to the parish and join in a choir if you can.

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

WAYS TO CONNECT AT ST. BERNARD'S

CONNECT	LITURGY	PRAYER	COMMUNITY
<p style="text-align: center;">Become a Parishioner</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;">https://www.stbernardsc.org/parish-registration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Get Involved at Mass</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 ext. 211.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eucharistic Adoration</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;">stbernardsc.org/weadorehim.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Groups and Organizations</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>

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. BERNARD'S

During Mass	Oct. 5 & 6 Offertory \$11,764.90	<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #008000;">THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD'S</h3> <p>Monday, October 14</p> <p>2:45–8:30PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library 3:30–6PM St. Vincent de Paul, Mtg. Rm. 1 5–10:30PM OCIA, Mtg. Rm. 1 & 2 6–8:30PM NAC Marketing Committee, Mtg. Rm. 1</p> <p>Tuesday, October 15</p> <p>3AM–10PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary 9:30–11AM Parish Staff Meeting, Mtg. Rm. 2 12–7:15PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library 4:40PM Men's Staff Vespers, Mtg. Rm. 3</p> <p>Wednesday, October 16</p> <p>7–8AM Finance Council, Mtg. Rm. 1 12–5PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library 4–6PM Faith Builders, 6th Grade Classroom 5–10PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary 6–8PM St. James Bible Study, Mtg. Rm. 1 6–8PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library 8–9PM Cursillo Men's Group, Parish Library</p> <p>Thursday, October 17</p> <p>5AM–11PM Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary 9:30–11AM Bible Study, Parish Library 11:15AM–7:30PM Piano Lessons, Parish Library 12–1PM Men's Cursillo Group, Mtg. Rm. 1 6:30–9PM OCIA, Mtg. Rm. 3</p> <p>Friday, October 18</p> <p>No 8:30AM Mass Today</p> <p>Saturday, October 19</p> <p>2PM Stauffenecker-Sorter Wedding 5PM Special Collection: Propagation of the Faith</p> <p>Sunday, October 20</p> <p>8:10AM Lauds, Sanctuary 8AM Special Collection: Propagation of the Faith 10:15AM Fellowship, Parish Hall 2–4PM Women's Cursillo Group, Parish Library 4–5PM Lektion Divina, Parish Library</p>
Mail to the office	Weekly Target: \$12,787.61	
Online at https://bit.ly/StBernardGiving	Jul'24 to Aug'24 Actual: \$70,384 Jul'24 to Aug'24 Budget: \$110,826	

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FACILITY USE

<p>Baptism</p> <p>If you are preparing to have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 218-681-3571 ext. 201 to schedule a Baptism Preparation class with Fr. Vasek.</p> <p>Adults seeking Baptism can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 ext. 209.</p> <p>First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation</p> <p>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 ext. 211.</p> <p>Adults seeking these Sacraments can contact the OCIA Coordinator, Carolyn Holecek, at 218-681-3571 ext. 209.</p> <p>Holy Matrimony</p> <p>If you are planning a wedding, please contact the parish office at 218-681-3571 ext. 201 at least 6 months in advance to reserve the wedding date and to begin Marriage Preparation with Fr. Vasek.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites</p> <p>The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available for those suffering an illness or preparing for serious surgery.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Facility Usage</p> <p>If you would like to reserve a parish space for parish or non-parish related activities, contact Norm Betland at 218-681-3571 ext. 201 for more information.</p>	Content from previous block is integrated here for better flow
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 14 St. Callistus, Pope & Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday, October 15 St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....Travis Huot

Wednesday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....Jaclyn & JC Andrews

Thursday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....Jessica & Jacob Boyd

Friday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist

No Mass

Saturday, October 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Pr. & Martyrs

4:00 PM Confession

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

Sunday, October 20 The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....Special Intention for Ed Honek

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

For a shared mission: we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. Amen.

Those in Need of Prayer

Deb Perreault, Ray Hedlund, Michelle (Gerardy) Morrisey, Larry Bjerken, Carol Amundson, Roger Amundson, Tim Cramer, Dale Jendro, John Berry, Becky Berry

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

Eucharistic Adoration is in Need of Adorers. As we prepare to move into our new adoration chapel this month, there are several hours in great need of new or additional adorers:

Tuesdays 12PM to 1PM, Tuesdays 2PM to 3PM,
Thursdays 9AM to 10AM

You can commit to these or another hour at
<https://stbernardscc.weadorehim.com/>

St. Bernard's Faith Builders. Come join us on Wednesdays from 4-6pm to work on building blocks of faith with small & large group activities, Saint studies, Adoration and fun! Open to all K-5 students. \$20 each/\$60 family cap. Please go to <https://bit.ly/StBFaithBuilders> to register or email Tevia Strand at tevia.strand@stbernardstrf.com for more information.

Join the St. Bernard's Traveling Children's Choir. The choir will have the opportunity to travel to area nursing homes to sing songs and play games with the residents. 2nd year preschool through 6th graders are welcome to join! The next practice is Sunday, October 27th from 11:15-11:45am in the church. All are welcome!

Handmaids of the Altar is for girls in grades 3-8 that are looking for something different in their faith journey but don't know what options are available. Once a month the handmaids will learn more about prayer, virtues, Bible verses, participate in small group activities and hear expert speakers, leading each girl to find the perfect ministry that makes them feel whole! For more information, contact tevia.strand@stbernardstrf.com

St. Bernard's School's annual Rake-A-Thon is on October 22 to support the St. Bernard's School Scholarship Fund! Your donations help ensure a quality education for ALL our children. Would you like to donate? Go to the St. Bernard's website or <https://bit.ly/RakeScholarship> Need help raking? Contact the school office at 218-681-1539.

The Cathedral Harvest Festival is next Sunday, October 20, in Crookston. Festivities run from 11AM to 2PM. A meal of Fish or BBQ ribs with potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. There will be a silent auction, country store, candy, and children's activities. Swing by after Mass, 702 Summit Ave, Crookston.

View the bulletin online! The weekly bulletin is published each Monday in a digital version on the parish website and on the myParish app.

Check out the St. Bernard's Podcast where you can listen to homilies, Bible studies, and more. Visit stbernards.podbean.com to subscribe, or visit the embedded podcast player on the parish website.

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

"My God and my savior Jesus, what return can I make to you for all the benefits you have conferred on me? I make a vow to you never to fail, on my side, in the grace of martyrdom, if by your infinite mercy you offer it to me some day."

-St. John de Brebeuf-

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Do You Need Help Raking Your Lawn?

Call the School Office at 218-681-1539

On Tuesday, October 22, the students from St. Bernard's School in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus in Thief River Falls will be raking lawns of seniors and others in the community who need assistance. This as an opportunity for our students to help those in need. It is a tangible way for the children to live out the mission of the school and "Go Make a Difference!"

Support the Scholarship Fund

Through your generous sponsorship, you can "Make a Difference" in the life of a child by contributing towards the St. Bernard's School Scholarship Fund. This way we can work together to ensure a quality St. Bernard's education for ALL children! Just mail or drop off your donations at the school office, scan the QR code above, or go to the link at: <https://bit.ly/RakeScholarship>. Thank you for supporting St. Bernard's School!