



# St. Bernard's Catholic Church

**6th Sunday of Easter**

May 5, 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  
**Charlie Vogel**, Advancement Director

## School Office Personnel

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

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## 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 1st Sat. of the month 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,

May 17-18 is the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji. There will be national quality programming less than two hours away in; I'm going to be there - I hope you will be, too! Even if you can't get to Bemidji for the Congress itself, the launch of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage begins with Holy Mass with Bishop Cozzens on May 19th at the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will end up being the longest Eucharistic Procession in the history of humanity - wouldn't you like to say you were there? More info on this event can be found at [crookstoneucharist.org](http://crookstoneucharist.org).

We've raised \$150K to acquire the 'old convent' to serve as the next rectory of St. Bernard's. The timing, location, and price of the property are all signs of God's blessing. While \$150K is the purchase price, we know that we need to make some capital improvements so that the house is rectory ready. Having studied the needs, we estimate \$50-75K of moving and move-in costs (exterior painting, adding a bathroom to the main level for guest use, HVAC updates, and furnishing). We anticipate some of those costs to be lessened by in-kind work or donations, as well as parish volunteerism. We should close on the house toward the end of the month of May.

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](http://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>



April 27 & 28 Offertory

**\$9,486.36**

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 6

4-8 PM

OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

### Tuesday, May 7

3 AM-10 PM

Adoration, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, May 8

7 AM

Buildings and Grounds,  
Rectory Mtg. Rm.

4-10PM

Adoration, Sanctuary

8 PM

Cursillo Men's Group,  
Parish Library

### Thursday, May 9

4 AM-10 PM

Adoration, Sanctuary

8:30 AM-12 PM

OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

9:30 AM

Bible Study, Parish Library

12 PM

Cursillo Men's Group,  
Rectory Mtg. Rm.

4-8 PM

OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

6 PM

Pastoral Council,  
Parish Hall Mtg. Rm.

### Friday, May 10

4-5:30 PM

OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.

### Saturday, May 11

12 PM

America Needs Fatima Rosary  
Rally, Gathering Space

### Sunday, May 12

9 AM

Baccalaureate

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 6

Mon. of the 6th Week in Easter

No Mass

### Tuesday, May 7

Tue. of the 6th Week in Easter

7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM Mass.....Special Intention of J.G.

### Wednesday, May 8

Wed. of the 6th Week in Easter

4:45 PM Confession

5:15 PM Mass.....Morris Family

### Thursday, May 9

Rogation Thursday

7:30 AM Confession

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

### Friday, May 10

Rogation Friday

8:00 AM Confession

8:30 AM Mass.....+John Sherack

### Saturday, May 11

Rogation Saturday

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass.....+Virgil Radniecki

### Sunday, May 12

Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass.....Pro Populo

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, Carole Glass, Jackie Hunt, Pat Odette, Luke & Sharon Noreen, Becky Barry

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

### For the Seminarians of the Diocese of Crookston

Lawrence Wirries, Tim Guidry, Jon Stone, and Westin Gourneau

### 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. Excess intentions are sent to the diocese to be fulfilled by other priests.

## 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 Veteran's Honor Flight fundraiser** will be sponsored by the American Legion, VFW and the Rusty Nail on Sunday, May 5. Proceeds go towards taking veterans to Washington, DC, free of charge, to visit the memorials built in their honor. A meal of pulled pork, potato salad, beans and pickles will be served 10:30AM-2PM at the Legion (324 Brooks Ave N). A raffle drawing will be held at 2PM.

**The Marvelous May Raffle** has begun. Winners up through Saturday, May 4 are: Char Hestekind (\$100), Lyla Bergeron (\$50), Carol Sanner (\$50) and Megan Eickman (\$100).

**The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress** is May 17 and 18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. A collaboration between the Dioceses of Crookston and Duluth, it kicks off the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at Lake Itasca. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire the faithful to increase their devotion in the Eucharist through powerful talk, testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. Speakers include Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Jude Andrew Link, OP, Christina Lamas, Tanner Kalina, Aly Aleigha and Hallow. This event is for the entire family! Register soon as spaces are limited. For more information and to register visit [CrookstonEucharist.org](http://CrookstonEucharist.org).

**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.

**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](http://stbernards.podbean.com) to subscribe.

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

"Grace is necessary to salvation, free will equally so -  
but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it."

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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**2024 Confirmands**

- Carlie Jean Casavan + St. Cecelia
- Ethan John Eidelbes + St. Joseph
- Ruby Lillian Geiser + St. Joan of Arc
- Gannon Duane Gonsorowski + St. Hubert
- Jaxon Luke Hams + St. Sebastian
- Kayleen Jean Hoglo + St. Cecelia
- Lillian Kathleen Homme + St. Michael
- Jameson Parker Hurst + St. Hubert
- Noah Michael James Jacobson + St. Joseph
- Kali Marie Knutson + St. Monica (St. Joseph's - RLF)
- Kaitlyn Ann Kruse + St. Lidwina
- Rylan Fox Leake + St. Andrew
- Bodhi Cooper Mossestad + St. Hubert
- Morgan Ann Oistad + St. Gianna
- Josie Marie Reishus + St. Agatha
- Andrew James Rogalla + St. Luke
- Brooklyn Rae Svendsgaard + Sts. Cosmas & Damian
- Abigail Michelle Swanson + St. Cecelia
- Rebecca Nicole Vogel + St. Gianna
- Tallon Benjamin Vorderbruggen + St. George
- Avah Lynn Waldal + St. Christopher

