

# St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 10, 2022**



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**WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon—Sat 8:30 AM**

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 4PM, and 7PM (Neo-catechumenal way – In Grade School)**

**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Spanish**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: THU 6:15 PM—6:45 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sat 3:15—3:45 PM, or by appointment.**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 6 months prior to your wedding date.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 2 months prior to the Sacrament. Baptism is celebrated every 4th Saturday of the month @ 12 Noon.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK: : Please call the office to arrange for an anointing.**

*For new parishioners, registration forms are available at our website & in parish office.*

**SATURDAY, July 9**

8:30 am + Margaret Ann Blahosky

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Larry Kitto

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 10**

8:00 am Christopher Htoo (Birthday)

10:30 am + Herbert Bergson Jr.

12:30 pm **Spanish** + Fr. Michael Byron**MONDAY, July 11, St. Benedict, Abbot**

8:30 am + Elaine Mollner

**TUESDAY, July 12**

8:30 am + Richard Jarosch

**WEDNESDAY, July 13, St. Henry**

8:30 am + Manuel Nava

**THURSDAY, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

8:30 am SagayaMary (Healing)

**FRIDAY, July 15, St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 am + Wayne Dains

**SATURDAY, July 16**

8:30 am + Richard Jarosch

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Edward Kneissel

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 17**

8:00 am Virginia Albert

10:30 am + Kevin Davitt

12:30 pm **Spanish** + Pedro Julio Amaya**A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME**

We are happy to welcome our new music director  
**Patrice Finstad** and our new cantor  
**Anna Gottwalt.**

**BOILER CHIMNEY STACK**

**Our boiler chimney stack needs to be taken and renovated down in order to have heat for the winter. The cost is estimated to \$300,000. Please consider helping in any way and to donate for this cause, please indicate "Building Fund" on any donation memos. God will repay you hundred-fold for your generosity. Please pray for this project to be completed soon.**

**GOD BLESS YOU**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The precept of love your neighbor as yourself already existed in the Jewish law and gave practical details. For example, in the Book of Leviticus it says that when you harvest your land or your vineyard leave something for the poor or the wayfarer; do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but love your neighbor as yourself. However, it was not clear for the Jews about who is my neighbor; is he or she only a member of my family or my clan, or the entire chosen people? Opinions varied and that is why this Doctor of the Law asks this question, and in response Jesus answers with this beautiful parable.

My neighbor is anyone who has need of me. Jesus makes no reference to race, friendship or blood connections. Our neighbor is anyone who is close to us and has need of help. As we go through life we come across people who have been injured and those in need. Our concern is to help them which springs from our closeness to Jesus Christ and helps us to overcome our narrow-mindedness. When we are alert we find that people have been hurt by misunderstanding and loneliness, or by the absence of their parents or basic human needs, or those who have been robbed of their human dignity. Everyday we see people who have been left half-dead because they have no faith or they believe in the lies of the world.

Yes, we need to help them in material ways, but it's *much more important* that we speak to them about the meaning of life, and the need for faith. Of course we want others to grow in human and social means; however, the over-riding concern is to enlighten them in regard to faith and to Jesus Christ. Isn't this the most important aspect of life?

The priest and the Levite pass by the man and cross to the other side. We can call this a sin of omission, which means something that we ought to have done and we did not do out of fear or laziness or whatever. Usually it is not a matter of solving all the problems of a person, but only to pay them a visit, and this would be enough. It is amazing to me how after just a few minutes in visiting someone in the hospital their mood changes; it was a person I did not know, and it was not something the doctor or nurse was able to do. Let us not miss the small things in life, especially among the elderly or those who are alone in our parish. It is important also to alert the priests when you know that someone is in need.

Fr. Doss (Pastor)

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.

**Prayer Line:** Shirley Collett (651)488-6330;  
Judy Cloutier at (651)224-2966

### BAPTISMS

***“In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit.”***

**Next Baptism Class, Thursday July 21 @ 6:30pm  
Baptism, Sat, July 23 at Noon**

**Meetings will be held in the parish office.**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2021-22 Fiscal Year</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$25,007	\$225,920
Plate	\$777	\$44,892
Gas & Lights	\$92	\$4,463
Campus Repairs	\$62	\$3,649
Building Repair Fund Total:		\$129,958

### Message from Fran Blatzheim:

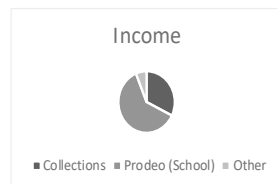
Marlene and I thank our fellow parishioners for all the good wishes you expressed to us on our 65th Wedding Anniversary. We are sorry this thank you took so long but we experienced a delay due to Covid-19.

Thanks, Fran Blatzheim

### St. Bernard’s church Budget for July 2022– June 2023

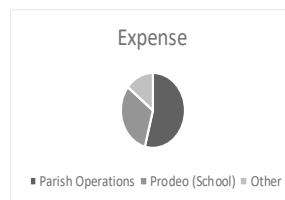
#### Income:

Collections	304,000
Prodeo (School)	581,000
Other	58,001
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>943,001</b>



#### Expense:

Parish operations	399,431
Prodeo (School)	233,413
Other	106,001
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>738,845</b>



**Net 204,156**

### REMEMBER ST. BERNARD’S IN YOUR WILL

Do you have a will?

A wonderful way to help our parish and to save taxes is to remember St. Bernard’s in your will.

There is still plenty of work to be done in our church and also in the other buildings.

### From Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

The Supreme Court’s decision to allow states to determine abortion laws fills my heart with a combination of sadness and gratitude. In 2022 – with all of our scientific advancements that prove beyond any doubt that the CHILD inside a mother’s womb is human – it troubles me that in the moment of extreme vulnerability for both the woman and the baby that the violence of abortion is even discussed and debated as a good. How did our hearts become so hardened?

I am saddened that some pregnant women feel their only option to a happy future involves ending their baby’s life. I am saddened that there are so many people who promote abortion as the only “choice.” I am saddened that abortion facilities are primarily located in areas where people of color live and those women – and their babies – are targeted by an industry that profits from death. Most of all, I am saddened that since the 1973 Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in our country, the lives of more than 60,000,000 of our most innocent and vulnerable sisters and brothers have been ended in the false understanding of “freedom.”

It would be easy to dwell in sadness and despair, particularly considering that abortion continues to be legal in Minnesota and many of our political leaders have shamefully vowed to increase access to ending the lives of the most vulnerable. But I am so grateful for the majority of Americans – especially our young people – who trust the science and know that we need to love and protect the mother and the baby she carries beneath her heart. That is why I am grateful.

For 50 years, the pro-life movement has stood in the breach, speaking up for the babies who have no voice; for the despairing parents, the moms and dads who thought they had no choice. Our dedicated faithful have prayed daily, been assaulted verbally and physically, been threatened and yet have stood fast for life. They have opened their hearts, homes and wallets to care for pregnant and new moms, the dads and their babies, and their extended families. Those who believe in the dignity of all life have opened centers where new parents can get counseling to deal with past trauma, learn parenting and career skills, and have their daily needs met. Millions of diapers, cans of formula, clothes and baby strollers, have been donated to meet the basic needs of young families. I wish that more pregnant women knew how this community is ready to generously give of their time to mentor single moms, babysit so parents can go to work or other appointments, and have welcomed these beautiful moms and their children into their homes to journey with them so they would not be alone. It is hard work. These generous women and men are the hands, feet and heart of Jesus. They weep with moms and their children when things are difficult – and they can be incredibly difficult – and they celebrate the victories, big and small. You don’t see them on the news or in social media. They’re quietly and steadily loving those who too often don’t feel they deserve it. That’s why I’m grateful.

We don’t need more abortion, more death. We need more love, more life! We need to support women and couples who find themselves in crisis pregnancies and don’t know where to turn for love and support. As a society, we need to work to fund their basic needs of food, shelter and health care. We need to advocate for quality education for all children and for fair and just wages for parents to support their families. We need to work to make sure that these vulnerable moms are able to deliver their babies and raise them with dignity. We need to give of ourselves – more than our money – to mentor them and journey with them through the wonderful, difficult, joyous messiness of parenthood. Women make abortion decisions when they’re isolated and afraid. We need to be the light in their world. It is only our love and accompaniment that will make abortion unthinkable.

In closing, I implore all women and men of good will to join together in prayer and continue working for the end of legal abortion in Minnesota and in the United States. Our elected officials need to hear that we care about moms, dads, babies and families, and that together, we will support them.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us and for the protection of all life, from the moment of conception to natural death.



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