

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 31, 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 VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Dolores Burg

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 31

8:00 am Michael Brawn
10:30 am Dominic Le Van Guyyen
12:30 pm **Spanish** + Fr. Dennis D. Evenson

MONDAY, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Joseph Hope Tran

TUESDAY, August 2, Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:30 am Fr. Mark Moriarty

WEDNESDAY, August 3

8:30 am Sara & Paul Rice

THURSDAY, August 4, St. John Vianney

8:30 am The Derek Handrickson Family

FRIDAY, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30 am Charlie Drayton

SATURDAY, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 am + Edward Gunter

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + John Albert

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 7

8:00 am + All Souls
10:30 am + Ann Buettner
12:30 pm **Spanish** + Fr. Dennis D. Evenson

Save the Date – Mark Your Calendars!

August 21st @ 10:30 AM St. Bernard feast and picnic will be in Como Park. Food, drinks, games, music and face painting. Please come and enjoy our parish feast.

The 2022 **Men's Club Booya** will be held on **Saturday, September 17th**. As we did last year, we'll be seeking lots of help cutting up vegetables and preparing the booya on Friday, September 16th. It was a lot of fun last year and we hope you can join us again.

Appreciation Gala Dinner with cocktail hour for Fr. Mark Moriarty on Friday, October 7th at 6:30 PM in the gym, tickets will be available to buy as individuals and as tables. Please join us to say thanks to Fr. Moriarty for being with us 6 months in the absence of the Pastor.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

All the youth who went to Holy Land pilgrimage returned safely with great joy. I hope you heard their experiences last weekend masses, which are truly awesome. They are the church of today, who show the signs of faith in the modern world who is immersed in technology and false ideas.

Things of the world last a relatively short period of time and cannot fulfill the longings of the human heart. Life here is brief and much of it is difficult. In the best of cases, one might amass a fortune only for it to be left to others. What does all this effort add up to? Is it all for nothing? In front of this emptiness, God is the only one who is our salvation and we need to be in his presence as the psalm tells us today.

The human heart easily becomes attached to worldly goods and they can easily become the goal of life and we forget what is truly important. The gospel takes advantage of a question about inheritance to teach us about the true worth of things in light of eternity. Jesus, in another gospel, points out that both brothers are at fault: one who is stealing the entire inheritance, and the other who cannot forgive the one who has stolen. Both are avaricious and their main concern in life is money. The parable about the rich fool is very graphic and lively, and shows how short sighted we can be. The rich man thinks that he can secure his whole life by building new barns and as soon as they are built, he dies.

This gospel is very appropriate for our world today. Most people around us believe that they can secure their lives by "having." We see this mentality in the size of the homes that people build today, even if there are only two or three people living there. The housing problem today has at least slowed our ability to set up "new barns."

God is helping us to see that material things always pass away, and will not make us happy. There is an old Jewish saying that says "a shroud does not have any pockets". God reminds us this week that we need to build up treasures in heaven, not here on earth. Some have done so very generously by leaving a part of their estate to the Church. This will save your family from paying taxes and maybe get you a higher place in heaven!

Fr. Doss

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 Sep 22 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sat, Sep 25 at Noon**

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,295	4,715
Plate	\$660	960
Gas & Lights	\$17	-
Campus Repairs	\$27	-
Building Repair Fund Total:	\$135,883	

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Pennies in the Park for the Parish Festival

Please consider donating to the Pennies in the Park fund! The proceeds of this fund will go towards paying for the fees and expenses of the Parish Festival at Como Park.

UPDATE ON OUR BOILER STACK PROJECT

The boilers are being cleaned and prepared for the installation of the new chimney stacks (one for each boiler). The stacks are custom-made and should be arriving around August 17”. Please keep this project in your prayers to complete before winter.

SICK OR “HOMEBOUND”

If you are sick or “homebound” (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the parish office.

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.

A CULTURE THAT VALUES ABUNDANCE EVERYWHERE BUT IN FERTILITY

Having announced a pregnancy or two myself, I’ve witnessed the shifting attitude towards new life firsthand. First though, let me acknowledge my immense privilege, for not to do so would be disingenuous; Dave and I have tremendous family support, a vibrant community of friends who share our values and relate to our grocery budget woes, and a solid parish home where our kids are welcomed and treasured, no matter how loud and numerous they be.

I want so badly for everyone to have that level of support and the kind of thick, reliable community that makes being open to life not only possible, but dare I say enjoyable? You are not crazy for “making your life harder” or “having more kids than you can reasonably afford” or “failing to plan for college.”

Almost all the things our culture tells us – and believes – about children are rooted in an understanding of persons as either assets or liabilities, examining the size and shape of our families through the lens of a sort of cost/benefit analysis. That’s how you get comments like “better you than me,” or “are you saving for college?” and “how do you ever take them all on vacation?” instead of the only appropriate response to the existence of new life: congratulations!

Because we as a culture tend to frame our relationships around terms like cost and inconvenience, many, many people struggle to see other human beings – particularly small ones – as incomparable blessings. It is strange, though, if you pull back for a minute and examine every other area of life in the 21st century; is there any other area where we don’t applaud abundance and welcome it eagerly?

Health, material acquisitions, money, fitness, real estate, travel experiences, vehicles, clothing, career accomplishments, even pets... in every other area of life, we are encouraged and expected to acquire, to expand, to improve.

Don’t misunderstand where I’m going with this I’m just trying to point out how ironic it is that in one of the wealthiest and most privileged cultures in the history of humankind, new humans have suddenly been recast as a dangerous liability and an impediment to happiness. We value abundance everywhere except in fertility. by Jenny Uebbing for more info on NFP go to: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/index.cfm>



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