St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 21, 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

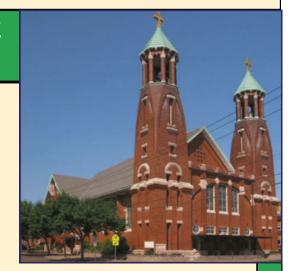
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: THU 6:15 PM—6:45 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sat 3:15—3:45 PM, or by appointment.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTSIM: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 2months 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 + Al De Dominces

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 21

10:30 am in Como Park + Robert Kujawa, Stephen Lauinger, Junior Lascon &

All Parishioners

MONDAY, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Merle Zechmeister

TUESDAY, August 23, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30 am + Carol Rice

WEDNESDAY, August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 am Danica Lerer

THURSDAY, August 25,

Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30 am + Laverne Soler

FRIDAY, August 26

8:30 am + Edwin & Erwin Sheehan

SATURDAY, August 27, St. Monica

8:30 am + Louis & Mary Ann Wittig

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Al De Dominces

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 28

8:00 amDominic Wally Le10:30 amStephen Lauinger12:30 pm (Spanish)For All Parishioners

Save the Date - Mark Your Calendars!

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,

I am very happy and excited to celebrate our church feast of St. Bernard with all of you. I want to thank all of you who made possible to take this event as one parish family of faith. Let us abandon ourselves under the protection of St. Bernard and may he intercede for each and everyone of us and for our families. Let us celebrate and enjoy the day.

It is beautiful gospel the Church gives us as we celebrate our parish feast. The question about the number of people who will be saved always catches our attention. We want to be part of the group that is saved, and at times we wonder if we are doing enough, I hope. Jesus gives a very good answer. He says keep on striving or keep on struggling, because we never know. At times we think that once we have made a commitment to God, we can sit back and relax. In the Christian life we must always be going forward or we will be slipping back. There is no such thing as holding still in the spiritual life. And a big danger as we grow older is to sit back and become lukewarm.

The other danger Jesus points out is that just by being a Christian in name, or by receiving all the sacraments, or by going to a Catholic school does not mean that we in fact lead a Christian life. Look around at those who proclaim they are good Catholics; many of them never darken the doorway of the church. Just by living in a Christian environment does not necessarily make us a Christian. We may enjoy all the benefits of being Christian; however, can we love those who hate us, can we reconcile with the one that we have not spoken to in many years, can we, and do we turn the other cheek? I hope that you see that often it is impossible to love as a Christian loves. This is the first step in developing our life of faith, and it is a great grace. "I see" that I cannot love! Now God can help us, now we can pray with humility.

Remember the standards of heaven are different from the standards of this world. Those who are first will be the last. Who is in the first place? The rock stars, athletes, movie stars, billionaires, many of the people who are looked up to and covered by the media. It is not difficult to see that even in this life they are not happy. They change wives like they change sports cars and in the end they die alone, and so what has their wealth gained for them?

Brothers and sisters, let us ask God to help us to keep striving to fulfill the mission God has given each one of us and to experience eternal life, which begins here.

Fr. Doss

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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</u> Week	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,208	4,715
Plate	\$648	960
Gas & Lights	\$44	-
Campus Repairs	\$41	-
Building Repair Fund Total:		\$141,443

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

E-Giving or auto-pay from your bank, helps our parish a lot. Please consider giving in this way!

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.

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.

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.

4 WAYS TO INCREASE PATIENCE

Patience is so important that Jesus Christ, our model in all virtues, said: "In your patience you shall possess your souls" (Luke 21:19). One pious soul prayed in desperation: "Lord, give me patience right now!" Maybe this has been your prayer for the last few years.

Persevere in Begging for Help.

St. Ignatius of Loyola insists that we must beg for grace, and St. Augustine humbly reminds us that we are all beggars before God. God is willing to give if we simply persevere in asking him. Remember the persistent widow who gained the favor of the callous and cold-hearted judge for the simple reason that she kept begging for his help (see Luke 18:1–8)? "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7).

Follow Jesus' Example.

There is a saying: "Tell me with whom you associate, and I will tell you who you are." Reading the Gospels and meditating on the words, gestures, and actions of Jesus can help us to become like him. Spend time with Jesus in the Gospels and associate with him more and more. You will start to imitate Jesus, especially in the virtue of patience.

Meditate on the Passion of Christ.

When trials descend on you, call to mind some element of the passion of Christ, either from the Gospels or from the works of writers such as Anne Catherine Emmerich. This will put your trials into a broader and supernatural perspective: the trials you suffer might indeed be very painful, but compared with what our Lord has gone through, they are a mere trifle. Also, we suffer trials partially as a result of our own sinfulness, but Jesus suffered the most excruciating pains even as the epitome of innocence.

Pray to Mary.

One essential element in Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* was the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the film. The intensity of Mary's suffering was second only to Jesus'.

Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, patient to a heroic degree. When our patience is put to the test, then, we should lift our minds, hearts, and souls to our Lady, and she will acquire for us heroic patience.

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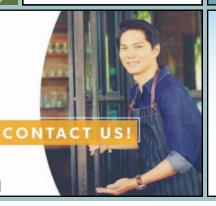


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