

CHURCH OF SAINT BERNARD

1160 WOODBRIDGE STREET • SAINT PAUL, MN 55117
One block west of Rice Street on Geranium Avenue

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 30, 2016**



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Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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Reverend Ivan Sant

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St. Bernard's Catholic Church, St. Paul, MN

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday - Mass at 8:30 am

*Rosary one half hour before daily Mass.

*Morning Prayer fifteen minutes before Mass.

Confessions

Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 3:30 and after the 4:00 pm Mass

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Bernard's is a Roman Catholic parish providing vital services to the diverse North End community of St. Paul. As we extend the hand of welcome to all, our mission is to learn, love, and live the challenging Word of Jesus Christ, offering parishioners and neighbors direction and support at every phase of their faith journey.

A WORD FROM FR. IVAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Tuesday we celebrate All Saints Day. This solemnity reminds us that we are called to live in holiness. A life of holiness is a grace, a gift of God. If we read the lives of the saints we see they were also sinners and had their own falls but also experienced the victory of Christ over sin. Holiness is something that we have to desire. The Lord himself said, "for human ability is impossible but not for God" and "without me you can do nothing." This day is an invitation of a promise that God wants to do in our life, "Be Holy for I am Holy."



Also the month of November reminds us to commemorate or remember our loved ones who passed from this life. On All Souls Day I will be celebrating mass at 5pm on Wednesday, for all those brothers and sisters who passed away during this year. Also like last year we have placed a book under the statues of St. Mary and St. Joseph, where those who want can write the names of our deceased as a sign to put them under the protection of Mary and Joseph. Another important way to remember them is to visit their tombs. The cemeteries are a holy place which can be a place of sadness, but in the Christian life is a place of hope. The word cemetery comes from the Greek word, *koimētērion*, which means place of sleep or (dormitory). This is a place of hope because we await the resurrection of our bodies, as what we profess in our Catholic faith.

Regarding the general elections that are coming up, I have put an insert in this bulletin called "The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please take your time to read it as it will help you greatly. As faithful Catholics, our vote has to reflect our faith. I will just quote Pope Frances' comments about the upcoming US election to the Catholic faithful, "Study the proposals well, pray, and choose in conscience."

God Bless and have a blessed Sunday!

Fr. Ivan Sant

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General Election Prayer

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

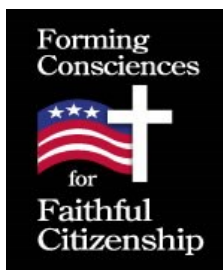
Men and Women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

Saturday October 29
 8:30 † Gretchen Ann Thoen
 4:00 † Jerome Palmer

Sunday October 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 † Lorraine Tucci
 10:30 Our Parish Members

Monday October 31
 8:30 am † Bonnie Swanson

Tuesday November 1 All Saints Day
 8:30 am † Charlie Mike
 6:00 pm Parish Members

Wednesday November 2 All Souls Day
 8:30 am † Anna Petersen
 5:00 pm † Parish Deceased

Thursday November 3 St. Martin de Porres
 8:30 am † Marcella Tschida

Friday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo
 8:30 am † Tom Klein

Saturday November 5
 8:30 Bill Klein
 4:00 Special Intentions

Sunday November 6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 † Our Parish members
 10:30 † Cliff Charpentier

Mass Readings for the Week of October 30th, 2016

Sunday : Ws:11:22-12:2/2Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
 Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3 1-9/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Phil:3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Phil:4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14/2Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38

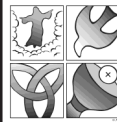


Please pray for the sick and homebound

Yvonne Spence Rosie Lynch
 James Ulrich Lloyd Anderson
 Carl Long
 Lorraine Eheim
 Devra Shepherd
 Dorothy Buchal
 Bob Rauon
 Lucille Biron



Sacraments



Call the Parish Office to make arrangements
 (651) 488-6733

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is to be celebrated when a person is suffering from a prolonged illness or when a person's condition becomes serious.

Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Baptism of Infants

It is recommended that parents who wish to present their child for Baptism make arrangements several months before the due date, as the Church asks that children be baptized within a few weeks after birth. Parents should contact the Parish Office to meet with a priest.

Baptism of Older Children & RCIA

To become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact David Neira at the Parish Office.

Marriage Preparation

Couples anticipating Christian Marriage need to contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date they desire. After a pre-nuptial interview with a priest, a specific date will be set. Marriage preparation classes are required.

Ministries

Prayer Line.....Shirley (651) 488-6330
 or Judy (651) 224-2966



Liturgy

Parishioners are encouraged to offer to be readers and altar servers at Mass.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation..... Fr. Ivan (651) 488-6733



Thanks for your Donations!

Parish News & Events

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are 3 openings on the Pastoral Council that need to be filled. Nominations will be accepted now. Election of new members will be held on Monday, November 7th at the church. The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to provide and inspire leadership within the parish and to provide counsel to the Pastor on matters affecting the life and ministry of the parish community both as representatives and as leaders of the community. Call Mary Rinehart, council president, at 771-1185 for more information.

Request for our Faith Formation Programs

Our Faith Formation program is asking for donations! Any faith-related books or sacramentals and holy images that need a good home can be donated to the faith formation program and the missionary internship. Any donated books will be made available for our students and parishioners in our new library in the parish office. Any donated sacramentals will be used or given to those in the RCIA and to those being reached by our missionary internship, who are exploring or who accepting the Catholic Faith. Please leave any donations in the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you.



Mass Schedule

All Saints
Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, November 1st
8:30am & 6pm

All Souls
Commemoration Masses
Wednesday, November 2nd
8:30am & 5pm.



The Flu Shot Clinic will be held at the parish center on Sunday, November 6, from Noon—2 pm. All are welcome to come.

Blue Mass

for all Law Enforcement and First Responders

All are welcome to this special Mass honoring members of law enforcement and first responders for their courageous service and asking for God's protection and blessings on them. Wednesday, November 2, at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 5:15 pm.

All Souls Book of Remembrance

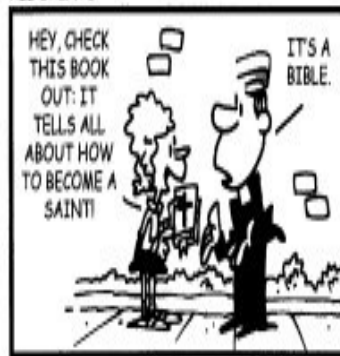


You find it under the Statues of St. Mary and St. Joseph

We will remember them on Wednesday All Souls Masses



ALL SAINTS



All Saints Day Message from Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning and Happy Feast Day!

In today's celebration, the Feast of All Saints, we experience in a special way the reality of the communion of saints, our great family that consists of all members of the Church, both those of us who are still pilgrims on earth, and the immense multitude of those who have already left and gone to Heaven. We are all united, and this is called the "communion of saints", meaning the community of all baptized people.

In today's Liturgy, the Book of Revelation refers to an essential characteristic of saints, saying: they are *people who belong totally to God*. They are presented as an immense multitude of "chosen ones", dressed in white and marked with the "seal of God" (cf. 7:2-4, 9-14). Through this last detail, with allegorical language, it is emphasized that the saints belong to God fully and exclusively, and that they are his property. What does it mean to bear the seal of God in one's very life and person? The Apostle John again tells us: it means that in Jesus Christ we have truly become children of God (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-3).

Are we conscious of this great gift? We are all children of God! Do we remember that in Baptism we received the "seal" of our Heavenly Father, and that we became his children? To put it simply: we bear God's surname, our surname is God, because we are the children of God. Here lies the root of the vocation to holiness! The saints whom we remember today are those who lived in the grace of their Baptism, those who kept the "seal" intact, behaving as children of God, seeking to emulate Jesus; and now they have reached the goal, because they finally "see God as he is".

A second characteristic of the saints is that *they are examples to emulate*. Let us note: not only those who are canonized, but the saints "next door", so to speak, those who, by the grace of God, strive to practice the Gospel in their everyday lives. Among these saints we also find ourselves; perhaps someone in our family or among friends and acquaintances. We must be grateful for them, and above all we must be grateful to God who has given them to us, putting them close to us as living and contagious examples of the way to live and die in fidelity to the Lord Jesus and his Gospel. How many good people have we met and do we know, about whom we say: "This person is a saint!". We say it, it comes to spontaneously. These are the saints next door, those who are not canonized but who live with us.

Imitating their gestures of love and mercy is a bit like perpetuating their presence in this world. These evangelical gestures are indeed the only ones that can withstand the destruction of death: an act of tenderness, generous aid, time spent listening, a visit, a kind word, a smile.... In our eyes these gestures might seem insignificant, but in the eyes of God they are eternal, because love and compassion are stronger than death.

May the Virgin Mary, Queen of All Saints, help us to trust more in the grace of God, and to walk with enthusiasm along the path of holiness. Let us offer our daily efforts to Our Mother, and let us also pray to her for our dear departed, in the intimate hope of finding each other one day, all together, in the glorious communion of heaven.

Our Faithful Departed During the Past Year

Veronica Baron	November 24, 2015	Theresa Gerlach	May 13, 2016
Barbara Schroepfer	December 25, 2015	Mary Jane Femrite	May 20, 2016
Rose Helen Meier	December 27, 2015	Gerald Gladieux	May 28, 2016
Shirley Ann Rafferty	January 29, 2016	Peter Singer	June 6, 2016
Elizabeth Grauel	January 31, 2016	Bei Reh	June 12, 2016
Lawrence Trojanowski	February 14, 2016	Anna Petersen	June 17, 2016
Lawrence Rollinger	February 22, 2016	Cyril Selbitschka	June 30, 2016
Harold Belka, Jr.	February 27, 2016	Jean Tschida	July 8, 2016
Janet O'Connell	February 29, 2016	Fern Hoffman	July 15, 2016
Donald Stodolka	February 29, 2016	Micheline Twardovski	August 13, 2016
Mary Ellen VanOss	March 4, 2016	Warren Plante	August 14, 2016
Jeanette Schwartzbauer	April 16, 2016	Marie Abfalter	September 4, 2016
Jean Sarafolean	April 18, 2016		
Lorraine Tucci	April 20, 2016		