

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday (August 23rd)	5:30PM	Kanopolis	For the People of our Parish and the men of ECF
Sunday (August 24th)	8:00AM	Brookville	Clara Anna Vignery †
Sunday (August 24th)	10:00AM	Ellsworth	Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard's Choir
Monday (August 25th)	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO DAILY MASS
Tuesday (August 26th)	8:30AM	Ellsworth	Ron & Joann Whitmer ♡
Wednesday (August 27th)	8:30AM	Ellsworth	Bob Long †
Thursday (August 28th)	8:30AM	Kanopolis	Jim Warta †
Thursday (August 28th)	6:00PM	ECF	Rose Marie Dolezal †
Friday (August 29th)	8:30AM	Ellsworth	David Magette †
Saturday (August 30th) - FIESTA!	4:00PM	Kanopolis	Jesse & Pilar Cisneros †
Sunday (August 31st)	8:00AM	Brookville	Jane Paul †
Sunday (August 31st)	10:00AM	Ellsworth	For the People of our Parish and the men of ECF

Dave Lang

Those affected by flooding

The Sick & Elderly

Residents & staff at Good Sam & Prairie West

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you



Members of our Military

Peace in the Middle East

Economic recovery and job security

Students & Staff going back to school

St. Bernard Lay Ministry Schedule Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:00AM Greeters: YFF students Lector: YFF students Extraordinary Minister (Host): Cheryl Rathbun Cup: Paul Bahr, Jeni Bahr, Jeanette Kratzer Servers: Jack Kratzer, Grace Kratzer & Addie Johnson Gifts: YFF students Sacristan: Cheryl Rathbun Ushers: Kathy Rolfs, Bob Kepka, & Brad Kratzer Money Counters: Dave Pelzel, Brad Kratzer & Rick Seiler Minister to the Home: Jeanette Kratzer	St. Bernard Matt Jundt - Chairperson/Respect Life Cheryl Rathbun - Vice Chairperson/Education/CCW representative Scott Thomasson - Evangelization Paul Bahr - Maintenance Laurel Davis - Christian Service/Family Life Stacey Halbgewachs - Safety Officer Johnnie Goddard - Finance VACANT - Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation Pam Pelzel, Kathy Rolfs, Josh & Kara Bahr - CYO Advisors Matt Jundt - Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Melody Magette - St. Bernard's Council of Catholic Women President Brent & Sarah Goss - Funeral Dinner Committee Chairs
St. Ignatius Lay Ministry Schedule Saturday, August 30, 2025 4:00PM- FIESTA Lector: John Whitmer Servers: Nova Rodriguez, Octavio Rodriguez, Michael Kyler Gifts: John & Rita Whitmer Ushers: Gabe Orozco, <u>Volunteer Needed</u> Cantor: Flo Fosdick Eucharistic Minister: Rita Whitmer, Veronica Kyler Rosary Leader: Flo Fosdick	St. Ignatius Phyllis Dolezal-President/Christian Service Miranda Fleming- Family Lif Kayla Vague-Education Peter Orozco-Liturgy John Whitmer-Evangelization Bonnie Orozco-Altar Society President New Members-Mark Vopat & Lucinda McCasland

FEAST OF SAINT MONICA AND SAINT AUGUSTINE -Saint Monica's Story:

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism. Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his Confessions.



Saint Augustine's Story:

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41. Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But really to get to know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love. Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

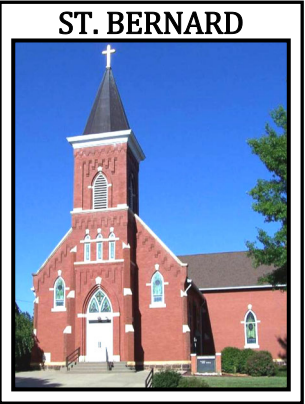
In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. "I say to myself, I will not mention him/I will speak in his name no more/But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart/imprisoned in my bones/I grow weary holding it in/I cannot endure it." (Jeremiah 20:9).



THE PARISH CONNECTION

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



St. Bernard

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Confessions: Sunday 9:30-9:50AM or by request.

Rosary: 9:30AM on most Sundays

Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday: 10AM - 5PM

St. Ignatius

Saturday Mass: 5:30PM

Confessions: Saturday 5 - 5:15PM

Rosary: 4:55PM

St. Ignatius does not currently have a parish office. Please feel free to call Rita's cell.

St. Joseph

Sunday Mass: 8:00AM

Confessions: 1st Sunday of the Month, 7:30 - 7:50AM

Fellowship Breakfast following the first Mass of every month.

Websites

www.stbstistj.com

www.salinadiocese.org

www.facebook.com/stbsti

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Bishop
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Welcome!

New Parishioners - Please call or stop by the parish office to register.
Or you can register online at <https://www.osvhub.com/st-bernards/directory/register>

- The Sacraments**
- Baptism** - By appointment after completion of required instructions.
 - Marriage** - Personally contact the pastor at least six months prior to intended date. Those engaged couples that would like a traditional Catholic wedding will be asked to live a traditional Catholic lifestyle.
 - Sick calls/Anointing** - Please call the parish office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and needs the Sacrament of the Sick.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

USHER'S are deeply needed at St. Bernard's. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this act of service. If you would like more information please contact the office or Cheryl Rathbun.

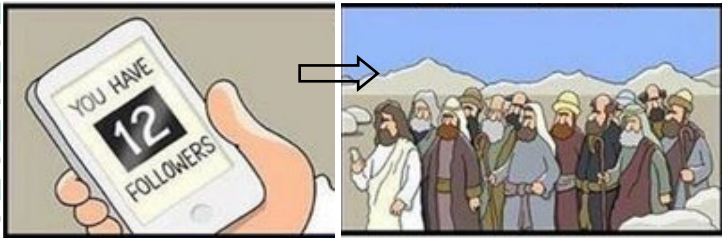
Mass Intention Cards have been refilled at all 3 parishes. If you have a specific intention you would like a Mass offered for, please fill out a card or let the office know as we are running low. We would be honored to pray for your intention.

Update Your Family Information If you haven't yet, please update your family information. This will help us create a more accurate account of our parish members. THANK YOU.

Youth Faith Formation

registration now open! Registration for the 2025-26 YFF school year is now open! Visit our church website at <https://stbstistj.com/youth-faith-formation> and click on the YFF registration tab. We are so excited to get started! In the mean time here are some important dates to remember!

- *September 3rd: Teacher meeting
 - *September 10th: Welcome back Mass followed by social
 - *September 17th: 1st day of class
- *This coming weekend, August 30, we have youth traveling to camp. Please keep them in your prayers.





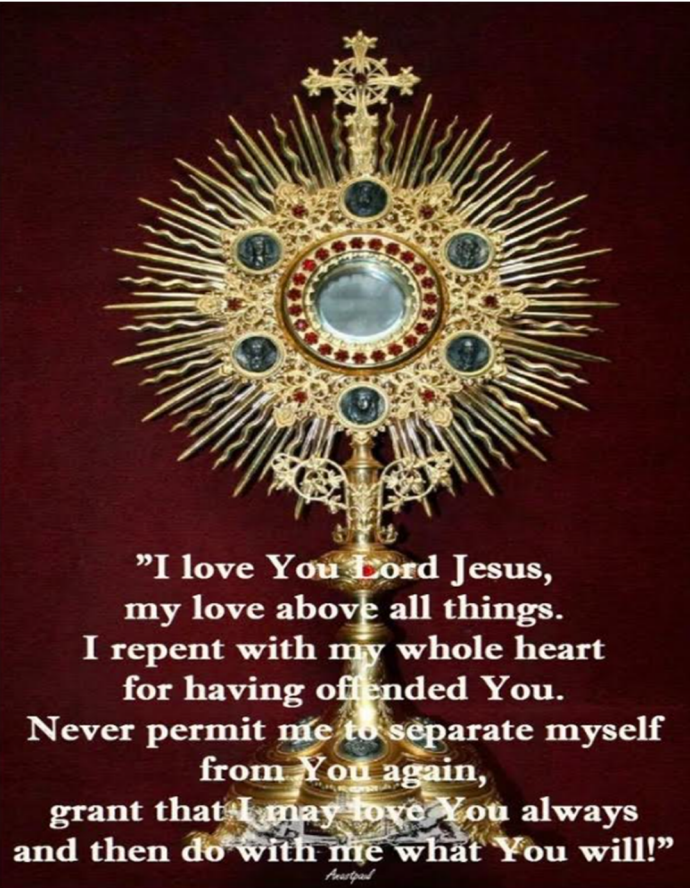
CCW
Council of Catholic Women

- CCW updated yearbooks are available for pick up in the gathering space. PLEASE SIGN the sheet before taking one so we can keep track of who hasn't received their book. Thank you!
- Parent of college students, the St Bernard CCW would like to send 'thinking of you' cards to our college kids as they head off to school to remind them that they missed and always being prayed for. To do this, we need their current address. Please text or call Melody (630-255-6423) if you'd like your child to receive a love note.



FOOD BANK

Our local food bank is in need of the following items: Jelly, Ramen Noodles, pork'n beans, canned meat and Hamburger Helper. Thank you for helping us "feed the hungry".



**"I love You Lord Jesus,
my love above all things.
I repent with my whole heart
for having offended You.
Never permit me to separate myself
from You again,
grant that I may love You always
and then do with me what You will!"**



**SEEKING MEANING,
TRUTH & COMMUNITY?**
You're not alone! Join others to
explore Catholicism through OCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Ready to complete your Catholic sacraments started in youth? Curious about joining the Catholic church? Join us in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) this year! Classes will begin October 9th. Register at the website link below and we will contact you for an informational meeting. Catechists: Pete and Bonnie Orozco and Chuck and Tobina Norris. <https://stbstistj.com/religious-education/ocia>



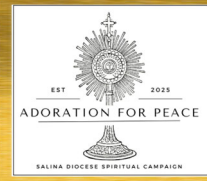
Knights of Columbus

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE THEIR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 23RD AT ST. BERNARD'S IN THE PARISH HALL. SEE YOU THERE!

St. Bernard News

Offerings for August 17, 2025	
2025 Weekly Income Goal	\$2,566.00
Offering	\$70.00
Envelopes	\$375.00
Online Giving	\$1,125.50
Total Contribution Received	\$1,570.50
Landscaping Project	\$470.00
Religious Education	\$120.00
World Mission	\$20.00
Prison Ministry	\$20.00
Emergency Maintenance	\$20.00

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish has raised **106.5%** of our goal of \$29,000. We have raised **\$30,855!** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit appeal.givecfds.org to do it online. Through your generous support, we can serve thousands of families and individuals in the Diocese of Salina through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!



ADORATION FOR PEACE
SALINA DIOCESE SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN

FIRST SUNDAY ADORATION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 3:00-8:00PM. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.



St. Bernard's LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Help Beautify our Church Grounds!

An online giving account has been setup on OSV under "landscaping"

Landscaping Project 06/08/2025 - 10/31/2025 Goal \$14,500

28% 23%

\$4,200 Collected • \$4,200 Committed • \$3,149 Behind • \$10,300 To goal • 72 Days to goal • Refreshed 8/21/2025 8:10 AM

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED:

Responsible for the religious education program for youth and children of our parishes as designated by the pastor. This includes securing teachers, curricula, and working with the education team, (safety officer, Parish Council liaison, Fr. Stanly, CYO sponsor), First Communion & Confirmation. For more information on the Job Description, hours and pay, please contact Fr. Stanly. This position is open to inquiries from St. Joseph, St. Ignatius and St. Bernard.

THE NEED FOR THIS POSITION IS IMMEDIATE.

We need YOU!

St. Ignatius News

Offerings for August 14, 2025- Assumption		Offerings for August 16, 2025	
Offertory	\$158.00	Offertory	\$91.00
Envelopes	\$950.00	Envelopes	\$1,370.48
Total Contribution Received:	\$1,108.00	Total Contribution Received:	\$1,461.48
Geita Missionary	\$25.00	Assumption Seminary	\$60.00
			\$363.24

Weekly Announcements!

⇒ Stained Glass window update- Hoefer Designs stays in contact informing us of their process. They are currently busy cutting glass for the completion of our images. Please understand this is not a quick process. One window has most of the glass cut is almost ready for the lead to be added. The color of the glass brings the images to life! We are looking forward to this beautiful addition to our church!

fiesta! FIESTA-we'll be frying and preparing sauces, etc Aug 27-29. Start time 830am. church basement.

Please Pray

Prayers of healing for Tomasa Cisneros, Bert Rojas and Mercedes Mesa.
For all youth and young adults returning to school- May God guide their steps, calm their hearts, and fill their minds with curiosity and courage.
For Teachers-May God grant them wisdom, patience, and strength as they guide and inspire young minds.
For Parents-May God grant them peace in the transition, clear communication, and the assurance that He walks with their family every step of the way.

St. Joseph News

Offerings for August 17, 2025	
Offertory	\$103.00
Envelopes	\$155.00
Total Contribution Received:	\$258.00

Thank you to everyone who graciously participated in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thanks to your donations, we reached our goal of \$3,500! As of July 31, we have raised \$3,650! That is 104% of our goal! Your generous donations made this possible. Thank you, thank you!