

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

(August 20th)

A Sermon of St. Bernard.

“ ‘And the Virgin's name was Mary.’ Let us speak a little about this name, which is said to mean "star of the sea," and which so well befits the Virgin Mother. Rightly is she likened to a star. As a star emits a ray without being dimmed, so the Virgin brought forth her Son without receiving any injury. The ray takes naught from the brightness of the star, nor the Son from His Mother's virginal integrity. This is the noble star risen out of Jacob, whose ray illumines the whole world, whose splendor shines in the heavens, penetrates the abyss, and, traversing the whole earth, gives warmth rather to souls than to bodies, cherishing virtues, withering vices. Mary is that bright and incomparable star, whom we need to see raised above this vast sea, shining by her merits, and giving us light by her example.”

"All of you, who see yourselves amid the tides of the world, tossed by storms and tempests rather than walking on the land, do not turn your eyes away from this shining star, unless you want to be overwhelmed by the hurricane. If temptation storms, or you fall upon the rocks of tribulation, look to the star: Call upon Mary! If you are tossed by the waves of pride or ambition, detraction or envy, look to the star, call upon Mary. If anger or avarice or the desires of the flesh dash against the ship of your soul, turn your eyes to Mary. If troubled by the enormity of your crimes, ashamed of your guilty conscience, terrified by dread of the judgment, you begin to sink into the gulf of sadness or the abyss of despair, think of Mary. In dangers, in anguish, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let her name be even on your lips, ever in your heart; and the better to obtain the help of her prayers, imitate the example of her life: Following her, thou strayest not; invoking her, thou despairest not; thinking of her, thou wanderest not; upheld by her, thou fallest not; shielded by her, thou fearest not; guided by her, thou growest not weary; favored by her, thou reachest the goal. And thus dost thou experience in thyself how good is that saying: 'And the Virgin's name was Mary.'"

August 20, 2023



*Saint Joseph's
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel
Traditional Latin Mass*

29968 County 22
Harmony, Minnesota 55939

Sunday, August 20

12th Sunday After Pentecost

(St. Bernard, AbCD)

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

Sunday, August 27

13th Sunday After Pentecost

(St. Joseph Calasanctius, C)

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS: There is a new sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of September to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry; and supporting your parish priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for May of 2024 is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH to be prayed after the Holy Rosary. The prayer will be in the pews

PARISH POTLUCKS will be suspended until the basement is ready. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience!

CHURCH BASEMENT UPDATE: The asbestos removal is scheduled to begin on the 5th of September. It will take three days to complete. Shortly, after this is done, we hope to move right into getting the basement waterproofed. While the basement is pending construction, we kindly ask the parents to keep closer watch over their children so that they do not wander in the basement and track the liquefied asbestos into the Church. Thank you!

CMD SISTERS' new CD is now available in the vestibule for \$10 each.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL will take place on Saturday, September 30th. Mark your calendars for a day of wholesome fun and entertainment!

FINANCIAL AWARENESS: FROM THE PARISH BOARD:

For some time the chapel has been struggling at a deficit. Please give generously if you can afford to.

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$ 673

Last Four Collections: **7/23** \$571 **7/30** \$733 **8/6** \$936 **8/13** \$610