

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or you may contact the parish office or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot frwilmot@aol.com 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@aol.com 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget's Adoration: Mondays 1:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. Church doors will be locked from 8:00 pm - 5:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration during this time, use the doorbell located on the glass doors of the main entrance.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4:00-4:30 pm
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office at 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25 **St. Bernard Cemetery 8:00 am**
Roy & Helen Smith+

St. Bridget Cemetery 9:30 am
Pete Flynn+

Tuesday, May 26 **St. Bridget 8:30 am**
Elbert & Peggy Borst+

Wednesday, May 27 **St. Bernard 8:00 am**
For family health

Thursday, May 28 **St. Bernard 8:00 am**
Ida Wicks+

Friday, May 29 **St. Bernard 8:00 am**
For those struggling with addictions

Care Center 9:15 am
Intention for the residents

Saturday, May 30 **St. Bernard 5:00 pm**
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Sunday, May 31 **St. Bridget 8:30 am**
Janet Iedema+

St. Bernard 10:00 am
Bruce Sturm+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, May 30 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Mary & Dave Schultz

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Brandon McCrady & Emily Rinken

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Mary Claeys, Pat Koenigs, Mary Lynch, Donna Reese, Bill Rinken

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey

Sunday, May 31 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Jacob Twohey

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, May 31 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Bayli & Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak, Jan Owen, Janet Speltz, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost. Christ keeps His promise to send the Holy Spirit as our Advocate. The Church is born. The Holy Spirit is the person who calls the faithful to become the Body of Christ. Each of us, and all of us must, if we are to be truly part of the Church, be open to the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He councils and directs the Church in all pertaining to faith and morals. He defends us against the wickedness in our world, He opens our minds and hearts to a better understanding of Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Last weekend, those of us who attended the Matthew Kelly event were, I hope, reenergized by the spirit speaking through the lips of a gifted man who encouraged us to be true, full members of the Body of Christ; the best versions of ourselves in chorus singing the Lord's praises by the way we live our lives as Catholic Christians. Let us love our Catholic Church, warts and all, and let us be truly involved in its mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to each corner of the world in which we live. Happy Feast! God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

From the moment the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in that upper room the Church began, and it continues in and through us today. At that time Pentecost was an already existent festival, which celebrated the first fruits of the harvest; the first and the best. "First fruits" is a term often used in association with our understanding of stewardship. We are called to share our first fruits, our many gifts, before we do anything else with them. Handing over the best of what we have in the service of our Lord. The Church is the Body of Christ, we serve Him by serving Her.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of May 17

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,170.80
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$221,170.85
YTD Budgeted	\$225,306.23
Under Budget	\$ 4,135.38 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,142.27
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 98,996.82
YTD Budgeted	\$ 91,662.08
Over Budget	\$ 7,334.74 +

Our Parishes

Many Sincere Thanks: Thank you to those who volunteered last Saturday for the Matthew Kelly event. Setting up, parking attendants, ticket takers, bag handlers, ushers, book sellers, the refreshment team, the cleaning crew and every 'parish helper' in between.... thank you! Your gracious assistance helped the evening to move along flawlessly.

Quilting / Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday afternoon in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. The next gathering will be Thursday, May 28 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. We will be working on a quilt for a cancer fundraiser. Please join us!

Respect Life: "Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for "the least of these"—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. We are loved." 2014 Respect Life Month statement, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Chairman, USCCB

St. Bernard

Welcome: Karen Greenslade will be confirmed in the Catholic Faith this Sunday and receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. She prepared well through the RCIA program and we welcome her with great joy.

Memorial Day Mass at St. Bernard's Cemetery: Monday, May 25 at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. If it is raining, we'll have Mass at the church.

Card Bingo at the Care Center: You're invited on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 pm to play Card Bingo with the residents at the Care Center.

Adult Choir: Practice on May 31 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm
Yes, 6:00 pm – it's not a typo ☺

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm

Liturgical Ministers: We need you to sign up for the Sunday, June 7th please

Living Faith Daily Reflection Booklet: The booklet for July – September is available on the table in the gathering space.

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your next edition is on the table near the sacristy.

Religious Ed News

Summer Faith Formation Program for all Grades: *Totus Tuus* will be held at St. Bernard's and is scheduled for July 27-31 for grades 1-6 from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. For grades 7-12, it is scheduled July 26-30 from 7:30-9:40 pm. The cost is \$20 per child and one dozen cookies per family. There are registration forms in the kiosk at St. Bernard's and at St. Bridget's they are on the table in the entryway. Let Krissy know if you are interested in hosting in your home 2 of the team members.

Summer Hours: The Religious Ed office will be closed for the month of June and part of July until preparations for *Totus Tuus*. Krissy will check messages from time to time but not daily. Continue to turn in *Totus Tuus* registrations to the parish office.

St. Bridget

Memorial Day Mass at St. Bridget's Cemetery: Monday, May 25 at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

No Adoration on Memorial Day, May 25: We will resume the normal schedule on Monday, June 1.

Wedding Blessings: Kara Roeder & Steve Jezeski on Saturday, May 30.

Trip to La Crosse: Last call for anyone who would like to join us for the trip to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Chapel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse on Saturday, May 30. RSVP to Marilyn Baker 206-7212. We will meet at St. Bridget's at 8:15 am. Bring money for lunch. Please park your car away from the church entrance area as there will be a wedding that day and the parking lot is reserved for their guests.

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 9 at 7:15 pm

Choir: Music Ministry for Mass on Sunday, June 14 – meet for practice at 7:45 am.

Around The Area

Ladies Night Out: Ladies are invited to the Maple Valley Golf & Country Club on the evening of Tuesday, June 23 for shopping, coffee & wine tasting, golfing and food. All proceeds will be donated to the Eagles Cancer Telethon in memory of Suzanne Idso. Informational flyers with registration have been set out at the parishes.

Italian Pilgrimage: Fr. Steve Peterson invites you to join his group in the Fall (November 4-14) as they visit Venice, Florence, Padua, Pisa, Assisi and Rome. The cost is \$3499 which includes airfare, hotels, tour buses, guides, most meals and all taxes and surcharges. Contact Fr. Peterson at 507-583-2529 or email sjp4646@gmail.com

Medjugorije Pilgrimages: Queen of Peace Tours offers pilgrimages: June 18-27 & Sept 24-Oct 4. The cost is \$2189, which includes housing, meals, bus rides, but does not include airport taxes. For additional information email Stephanie at spercie33@gmail.com or call 763-571-1933 or call St. Bernard parishioner Pauline Fontaine 533-8074.

Catholic Bookstore: Just a reminder that **Gifts of Faith** carries religious articles, gifts for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Confirmation and First Communion. The store is located 4152 18th Ave NW, Rochester (next to St. James Catholic Coffee House) 289-2297