

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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November 22, 2015

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. You may call earlier than that for availability.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot or if you would like to be added to Fr. Wilmot's First Friday Communion List, 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

Christ The King

Monday, Nov 23	No Mass
Tuesday, Nov 24	St. Bridget 8:30 am Timothy LeBlanc+
Wednesday, Nov 25	St. Bernard 8:00 am Mike Foster+
Thursday, Nov 26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	St. Bernard 8:30 am Brian Ptacek+
Friday, Nov 27	St. Bernard 8:00 am George & Teresa Woodward+
	Care Center 9:15 am For Katelyn Claeys
Saturday, Nov 28	St. Bernard 5:00 pm Lyle & Colette Abbott+
Sunday, Nov 29	St. Bridget 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard 10:00 am Henry Bussman+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Nov 28 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Pauline Fontaine, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

Sunday, Nov 29 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Andy Friederichs

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Hank Friederichs, Harvey Friederichs

Sunday, Nov 29 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Janet Speltz, Anna Bussman

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

Truth, justice and peace are what a "good" life should consist of. We can live that life if we would only submit our will to that our loving ruler, Christ the King. How does Christ the King rule then? In today's gospel he tells Pilate that he is here to "witness to the truth". Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is truth itself because He is God. Pilate, the general and politician, cannot imagine a world of truth and all the good that goes with it. His career has probably made him so cynical and world weary that he cannot recognize what is before his very eyes.

We may be somewhat frustrated ourselves in regard to the truth because powerful people have twisted and turned it to be something in keeping with their desires and needs instead of adopting a humble stance in its presence. However, we should welcome the One who has demonstrated what truth is through a genuine life of full humanity.

Jesus identifies with every human being and we can be confident that He takes on even our frustration and anguish. Yes, He takes upon Himself all the grief and suffering of people who try to live in accord with the truth and with love. We must move out of our frustration and unite our sufferings to His; He has already united himself to us. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel passage points out that to Pilate, who thinks of being a King only in political terms, "...earthly kingdoms are based upon force, pride, the love of human praise, the desire for domination, and self-interest." Jesus is the antithesis of all of these. Yet, we, who are very human, also tend to recognize the kind of power and dominion that Pilate thought of and understood when the word "king" was used.

The heavenly kingdom, as exemplified by Jesus, is based on love, sacrifice, humility, and righteousness. As Advent begins next week, and as we make our own preparations for Jesus' reign, we need to keep those traits close to our heart, because those are the attributes of a steward, one who strives to serve God and others.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Nov 15

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,621.99 (\$8.50 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 85,882.00
YTD Budgeted	\$100,894.62
Under Budget	\$ 15,012.62 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,911.25 (\$6.75 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 48,527.45
YTD Budgeted	\$ 41,048.46
Over Budget	\$ 7,478.99 +

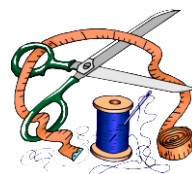
Our Parishes

Thank You: To those who participated in the baby bottle campaign fundraiser for Catholic Charities. Totals will be printed at a later date.

Food Drive: Remember to bring in your donations for Channel One, the local food shelf. We will collect until Thanksgiving and then our Social Justice Team Members will deliver the food.



Advent Giving Tree: St. Bridget/St. Bernard Social Concerns Team invite you to give this Advent season. Your gifts help homeless families achieve and sustain their independence. The tree will be decorated with ornaments beginning the first weekend of Advent, November 28/29. Each ornament will list an item or gift card that is needed to help a family through the coming year. Return your ornaments with the gifts unwrapped by Sunday, December 13. Gift cards should be placed in the collection or turned in to the parish office. Clothing items requested are for the Zumbro Valley Crisis Receiving Unit in Rochester. Our committee has worked closely with the homeless through Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise since April 2009. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Quilting / Sewing Group: With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, we have set the dates for the next gatherings: Thursdays, December 3 & 17 and then January 7 & 21. We meet from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

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Edward Jones Account: In the past, those who donated using stocks, dividends, etc. had to go through the Diocese and Edward Jones in Stewartville. We now have an account at Edward Jones in Stewartville which makes it local and convenient for any transfers or gifting. Feel free to contact our financial advisor, Troy Knutson at 533-4404.



Ring the Bells: If you are interested in ringing the bells this season for the Salvation Army on behalf of our parishes, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192. Confirmation students, this is a great service project to keep in mind ☺

St. Bernard

Lost & Found: A silver bracelet was found. Call the office to identify.

Adult Choir: Practices on Sundays, November 22 & 29 at 8:50 am and music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Stewardship Mtg: Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm

Adorers: Adoration will close at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Men's Club Mtg: Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Mtg: Thursday, December 3, 6:30 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction: Friday, December 4 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

Mark Your Calendar: On Sunday, December 6, plan to join us for 10:00 am Mass followed by breakfast and a visit from St. Nicholas. Good food and fun for all ages! Feel free to take pictures and send to the parish office so we can share them on FB and / or the website.

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Around The Area

Holiday Concert: Mayo Clinic Hospice is sponsoring this concert, performed by the Rochester Chamber Music Society on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm at Assisi Heights.



Religious Ed & Youth

Thank You: Thank you so much to everyone who helped in the Kitchen for the FAITH night last Wednesday. Also thank you to the families who brought dessert. I greatly appreciate all your help. ~Krissy

No Classes Wednesday, November 25: Enjoy family time this Thanksgiving!

Parent Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of 2nd graders on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30pm. We will be discussing prep for First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have any questions please let Krissy know.

St. Bridget's

Baptism: Blessings to Graeson James Kuisle, son of Nathan & Jessica, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Looking for Adorers: Consider joining our Adoration group. We have openings for a second adorer on Mondays (2-3, 5-6, and 9-10 pm). We can always use more subs. Call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you are interested.

Adorers: From now on, we will be locking the church doors at 5:00 pm. Those coming to Adoration after 5:00 will need to knock on the door to be let into the church.

Drop-In Gentle Health and Wellness Exercises: Our exercise sessions continue, Mondays, November 23 – December 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall (rectory basement). Age 13 and older is welcome to this beginner series of exercises \$5 per session. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan jrsheehan@hotmail.com or Lisa Behnken lbehnken@umn.edu

Caroling: We will be caroling again this year on Saturday afternoon, December 5, so anyone wanting to join us is welcome. Those who want the carolers to visit their home, get your name on the list by contacting Roseann Melby 696-8760.