

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. 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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Vigil

Monday, Dec 7 **St. Bernard** **6:00 pm**
Arnie Block+

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Tuesday, Dec 8 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Marie Sorenson+
St. Bernard **12 noon**
Lillian Gehling+

Wednesday, Dec 9 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Tessa Mae Martin+

Thursday, Dec 10 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For priests of the diocese

Friday, Dec 11 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Lucy Tooke+

Care Center **9:15 am**
For Heitman, Steinmetz &
Ancius families

Saturday, Dec 12 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Sunday, Dec 13 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Elbert & Peggy Borst+

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Lawrence Bussman+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Dec 12 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Server: Arianna Blohm

Lector: Needed

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,
Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Dec 13 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker

Sunday, Dec 13 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Don & Mary Brouillard

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Scott Christian, Marilyn Eisen, Mary Hustak, Janet Speltz
Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,
Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

In the First and Gospel readings today both Baruch and John the Baptist speak of people being called to recognize their saving relationship with God. John calls us to a baptism of repentance, a freeing of ourselves from the weights the world has placed on our shoulders – often sadly with our full cooperation. We allow ourselves to be entrapped by the world.

Liberation from captivity is to be identified with being loosed from sin. We live for ourselves and we contribute to a situation within which people are abused and disrespected and a clear view of the love of God is obscured because we do not repeat that love in our dealings with those around us.

We do not know when the second coming of Jesus will take place but it should be for us a time of joy, if we are truly liberated from sin. Free from our self-imposed misery we would be able to long for the “day of the Lord” and celebrate it with all kinds of energy. Let us continue this blessed season with this in mind. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Our prayers and meditations are a way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love. We need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a true disciple. We should sort out what is really of value and that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith. We should be striving for righteousness as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. See the Mass schedule for Mass times on Monday and Tuesday, December 7 & 8.

Abortion Non-Discrimination Act: Please urge your representatives to support A.N.D.A. by urging elected representatives to support this legislation defending the right of health care providers to care for you in accordance with their best medical and ethical judgment and not be forced to act against their religious beliefs. The NCHLA website makes it easy to stay informed and to send emails to Congress. Go to nchla.org, click on Action Alerts, then on left side of listing click on Conscience Protection, then to Send Email.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Nov 29

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,250.30 (\$5 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 97,805.00
YTD Budgeted	\$110,984.08
Under Budget	\$ 13,178.78 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,012.75 (\$13.25 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 54,208.95
YTD Budgeted	\$ 45,153.31
Over Budget	\$ 9,055.64 +

Our Parishes

Security: In the interest of security please inform the pastor or the parish office beforehand if you intend to use the church buildings for meetings, prayer groups or other event that is not on the parish calendar.

Pictures Please! Please send any photos of parish interest, such as the St. Nicholas Celebration to frwilmot@aol.com

Advent Giving Tree: Items for the Giving Tree should be turned in by this Sunday, December 13. Remember to return the ornament with the unwrapped gift. Gift cards go in the collection plate or to the parish office.

'Word Among Us' Subscriptions Available: If you wish to get the 'Word Among Us' daily devotional for one year at a discounted price of \$20, be sure to get your payment in by this weekend, December 13.

Cancer Support Meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, December 17 from 1:00-3:30 pm at St. Bernard's in the Marian Room.

Penance Service: Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 pm. Three priests will join Fr. Wilmot to hear confessions. Please Note: Additional confession times are listed on the Advent Calendar (the insert in the bulletin last weekend, displayed on the bulletin board).



Christmas Flower Donations: If you would like to donate a plant in memory of / in honor of loved ones, use the flower envelopes in your packet or write it clearly on a paper with your donation included.

St. Bernard

Missing: “Date Night Challenge Event” DVD from Focus on the Family is missing from the parish library. If you took this home to view it, please bring it back. We need it! You can drop it off in the office drop box or leave it on the table in the gathering space.

Mass Intentions Accepted: If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, contact Pam in the office. The cost is \$5 per Mass.

Thank You: The Social Concerns Team brought your donated food items to Channel One and your donations weighed in at 420 pounds!



Children’s Christmas Play: Practices will be held on Sundays, December 13 & 20 at 8:30 am. All ages are welcome to participate. The Play will be held on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. Questions, contact Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704.

Anointing of the Sick: After Mass on the weekend of December 12 & 13.

Adult Choir: Practices on Sunday, December 13 at 8:50 am and music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction: Friday, December 18 at 6:30 pm.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: During the weekend Masses of December 18 & 19.

Turn in Pledge Cards: We are looking for 100% participation from every registered household for responding to the final building campaign. If you are new to the parish or have misplaced your card, additional ones can be found on the table in the gathering space. Or please call the office or email, stating your intention.

Religious Ed & Youth

Prayer Sponsors Needed for Confirmation Students: There is a sign-up sheet by the Adoration Chapel at St. Bernard’s or contact Krissy if you know of a student and want to be their prayer sponsor.

Classes Wednesday, December 9: Regular classes 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Sacraments, Part I, Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 pm: Adults are encouraged to join Fr. Wilmot in the church as the Sacraments, Part I is continued. Marriage will be the topic.

St. Bridget’s

Gentle Health and Wellness Exercises: Our exercise sessions continue, Mondays, December 7 & 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall. \$5 per session.



Christmas Choir Practice: Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm in the church. Anyone who would like to sing in this choir for Christmas Eve, please join us.

Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction: Friday, December 11 at 6:30 pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Program Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget’s social hall.



Children’s Christmas Program & Breakfast: On Sunday, December 20, plan on staying after Mass for the Christmas Program followed by breakfast in the social hall.

Adorers Needed: We have openings for a second adorer on Mondays, 2-3, 5-6, and 9-10 pm. Call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you are interested.

Food Drive Donations: An additional trip was made to drop off the collection of food for Channel One. A total of 104 pounds were donated by St. Bridget’s.

Around The Area

85th Anniversary Christmas Concert: Follow the Star, Rochester Male Chorus with Director Joel Blair (St. Bernard’s Saturday Mass pianist). The concert will be held at Zumbro Lutheran Church 624 3rd Ave SW Rochester. Adults \$15 and students 18 & under \$5. Special guest Tom Overlie. Tickets available from Joel or HyVee stores or call to charge 990-1597.

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