

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Registration: 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 unless a holiday is during the week.

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 for availability of dates.

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

Monday, Jan 18	St. Bernard Ollie Fritsche+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Jan 19	St. Bridget Connie Koch+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Jan 20	St. Bernard Les Wernimont+	8:00 am
Thursday, Jan 21	St. Bernard Ruth Olberding+	8:00 am
Friday, Jan 22	St. Bernard For priests in the Diocese	8:00 am
	Care Center Lillian Gehling+	9:15 am
Saturday, Jan 23	St. Bernard Schroeder & Hajek Families	5:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 24	St. Bridget Mary Griffin+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Saturday, January 23

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: Amelia Griffin, Lacy Jewson

Lector: Joan Titus

EMC: Barb Abbott, Susan Hazelton, Cindy Meyerhofer

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, January 24

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Colleen Gau

EMC: Mary Elton, Pam Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Janet Speltz, Bayli Henderson

Servers: Bryttin Henderson, Chelsea Pierick

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Marilyn Eisen, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Although the Christmas season ended with last week's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, today's Gospel has been traditionally viewed as a further 'epiphany' or 'manifestation' of Christ to the nations. His glory shines forth through the miracle of the changing of water into wine. Firstly though, let us see a very obvious message for us – Jesus has an extremely high regard for marriage.

As well as being a Sacrament, marriage between a man and a woman is one of the greatest signs of Christ's intimate relationship with His Church; He as groom; we as bride. He is a loving and worthy groom we must be a loving and worthy bride. We should all truly invite Jesus into our homes and into our relationships, especially, those of us who are so privileged, our marriages.

St. John tells us today that this was the first of Jesus' signs, hence the high regard for marriage, but we must not forget that the miracle He performs is a precursor to the Eucharist when He changes the bread and wine into His body and blood. May we be filled with and feel His love as we receive today; as His glory is revealed and His disciples begin to believe in Him. The miracle at Cana is a sign of the Eucharist, Christ's life among us. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Our readings this week not only mark the beginning of Christ's public ministry, but they also contain some vivid stewardship imagery and meanings. In the first reading from Isaiah the underlying idea which we must grasp is that if God rejoices because of us, we in turn need to rejoice in service to the Lord and to others. That is, after all, the joy which comes from stewardship — the joy of serving others without thought of a return; as we might in a good marriage.

We tend to make our lives much more complex than may be necessary. It may be as simple as us understanding, as St. Paul indicates, that God is in control. Then, although it is not always simple or easily understood, we need to "do whatever He tells us." God loves us; we need to rejoice in that and love in return. We are each gifted with many wonderful gifts. Now all we have to do is to do what God tells us over and over: love one another.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Jan 10

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,728.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$143,034.96
YTD Budgeted	\$141,252.50
Over Budget	\$ 1,782.50 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,078.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 76,650.78
YTD Budgeted	\$ 57,467.85
Over Budget	\$ 19,182.93 +

Our Parishes



Wouldn't it be convenient to give your church support electronically with a credit or debit card or through your bank account?

Log on www.sbsbparishes.org and find the links on the home page.

Flowers: Those who donated money toward Christmas flowers, please help yourselves to a poinsettia.



With the cold temps and oftentimes icy conditions, some of you may not make it to Mass. If you would like a Communion visit or a bulletin sent to your home, call the office. Those who have internet, remember you can view the bulletin on the parish website.

Cancer Support Group Meeting: The cancer support group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. We are growing as a support group and invite all who have cancer as well as care givers past and present. We also invite those in remission, recognizing the challenges of your journey in facing ongoing checkups and the concern of unknown results. For questions or more information call Chet Daniel 533-8191.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, January 21 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Come for the entire time or just a while. All are welcome!



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St. Bernard

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, Jan 28 at 7:00 pm

Adult Choir: Sunday, January 31 (off on Jan 24), practice at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass

Final Phase Building Fund Campaign: A reminder to those who have not responded or participated regarding the building fund campaign, please do so in some way. Those who have responded, your efforts and support are appreciated!

Religious Ed & Youth

Classes: Wednesday, January 20 at regular times; 5:15-6:15 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-8: You're invited to "Rise Up" – Middle School Winter Chill at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Saturday, January 30 from 6:30-11:30 pm. Included is music, prayer, service projects, games, food, inflatables and more. Early registration is \$15. Contact Krissy for more info and to register.

Blessings to our Students who will be Receiving the Holy Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 23: Jacob Bell, Leyla Drees, Paige Drees, Katherine Friederichs, Hollis Frost, Lily Gebel, Noel Griffin, Savanna Gunderson, Rylie Holst, Carson Janssen, Olivia Jessen, Beau Johnson, Sydney Klar, Nolan Light, Lily Lukes, Logan McCrady, Avery Mullenbach, Theodor Noser, Ella Olerich, Machenzie Piens, Noah Root, Morgan Schild, Audrey Shindelar, Isaac Spencer, Ryan Stone, MaKenzie Suess, Ella Theobald, Lucas Yennie, Christopher Watters and Matthew Watters.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – LENT

These adult sessions will be held at St. Bernard's

Sacraments Part II: Fr. Wilmot will continue his talks on the Sacraments: Mondays Feb 15 & 22 from 6:30 -7:20 p.m. The first week will feature: Baptism / Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick (last rites).

Matthew Kelly's 'Rediscover Jesus': Discussion groups stemming from this excellent book will be facilitated by Fr. Wilmot & Cindy Meyerhofer Mondays at 6:30 – 7:20 pm on Feb 29, March 7, 14.

St. Bridget's

Choir Sings: We will sing for the Feast of St. Bridget Mass on Saturday, February 6. Meet at 4:45 pm that day for rehearsal.



Feast of Bridget: Come celebrate this Pre-Lenten feast at St. Bridget's Parish on Saturday, February 6. We will begin with Mass at 5:15 pm, social time and hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm, entertainment and delicious roast beef and chicken dinner with roasted baby red potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pie and ice cream and beverages at 7:00 pm. Leave the kids at home and join us for an evening of wining, dining, fellowship and fun. Tickets are \$20 per person sold after the weekend Masses at both parishes and in the office in Stewartville.

Around The Area

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan 17: Since 1984, when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first *National Sanctity of Human Life* day, churches around the country have gathered on the 3rd Sunday of January to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting life at every stage. See www.lifemattersww.org for more information.

St. James Coffee Event: "Becoming Excellent" series by Fr. Adam McMillian on Thursday, January 21 at 6:15 p.m.

March for Life: On Friday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul for the 42nd Annual March for Life. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of your support for prolife legislation protecting women and unborn children. To reserve your spot on the bus, call Linda McGuire at 259-4035 by January 20. Those who would like a ride from Stewartville to HyVee north to catch the bus, contact St. Bernard parishioner, Pauline Fontaine 533-8074.