

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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February 7, 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2016

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 – Friday 8:30-5:00 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, Feb 8	St. Bernard Brian Ptacek+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 9	St. Bridget Frank & Peg Roeder+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Feb 10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	St. Bernard For Brian Witeli & Family	8:00 am
	St. Bridget Pete Flynn+	5:15 pm
	St. Bernard Ida Wicks+	6:30 pm
Thursday, Feb 11	St. Bernard Margaret Thompson+	8:00 am
Friday, Feb 12	St. Bernard For those with mental illness	8:00 am
	Care Center For the Heitman Families	9:15 am
Saturday, Feb 13	St. Bernard For Schroeder & Hajek Families	5:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 14	St. Bridget For St. Bridget & St. Bernard	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Gene Klann+	10:00 am

Saturday, February 13

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Amelia Griffin

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Jim Nosbisch

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

Sunday, February 14

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Jacob Twohey

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Kira Nelson

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Jan Owen, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

In all the readings this weekend we see men being called by God for special tasks. Isaiah was called to be a prophet, Paul a missionary and Peter and the others, the Lord's first disciples. In each case we see something extra-ordinary occurring (we remember what actually transpired when the Lord appeared to Paul). However, we mustn't be misled by this. Each of us is being called constantly by God – and usually we must hear Him even through life's ordinariness. He will enlighten us as to our vocation – but we must listen well and trust in Him.

We must pray with spiritual openness. Then follow His command for us. Peter was the professional fisherman but he places his trust in Jesus and hauls in a miraculously large catch. None of the men we see felt qualified to act on God's behalf; all feeling and all had reasons for being unworthy to serve.

We must learn to trust the Lord and realize that He knows best how we should live our lives. We must have the same courage, strength and trust the disciples had. We are called to a leap of faith, a letting go of the security of this life, finding its true meaning in Him. Thus will our lives be truly purposeful; then will we experience the joy of a true calling. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's Scripture readings are filled with three important facets of stewardship — humility, discipleship, and the grace and presence of God. We need to take note of the implications in today's readings.

The First Reading from the prophet Isaiah relates how Isaiah personally responded to the calling he received from God. His initial reaction was one of unworthiness and humility: "I cannot serve you God for I am a sinner."

However, when the Lord calls someone, that call is accompanied by the strength and presence of God to allow that sinner to carry out the Lord's will. So was it with Peter and Paul also. Though we are unworthy, the Lord loves us and will help us be good stewards. He will not let us fail.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Jan 31

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,213.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$156,749.47
YTD Budgeted	\$156,386.65
Over Budget	\$ 362.82 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,962.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 85,993.28
YTD Budgeted	\$ 63,625.12
Over Budget	\$ 22,368.16 +

Our Parishes



Attention 20 & 30 Somethings: There will be a gathering in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 8 for anyone interested in getting a few things going in our parishes for this age group. It will be a brainstorming session with no commitment led by Ally Drees. Come along with an open mind and we can go from there.

Ash Wednesday (February 10): St. Bernard's 8:00 am & 6:30 pm. St. Bridget's 5:15 pm

Ash Wednesday Ministers

8:00 am St. Bernard's:

Lector: Mark Peterson
EMC: Dorothy Hurley (2 needed)
Ushers: Dan Schoeppner (2 needed)

5:15 pm St. Bridget's:

Server: Eli Araoz
Lector: Rebecca Buss
EMC: Bill Kuisle

6:30 pm St. Bernard's:

Servers: Brandon McCrady, Lacy Jewson
Lector: Mary Brouillard
EMC: Don Brouillard, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart
Ushers: Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart



Fraturdays through Lent 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's and 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's beginning February 12.

Our Parishes

Little Black Books & Rice Bowls: The black book should help your growth in humility and charity. Your offerings in the Rice Bowls will demonstrate your ability to put charitable thoughts into action. Bring the Rice Bowls back with your change by Easter

Fasting & Abstinence: During the Lenten Season, we exercise works of charity and fulfill our responsibilities more faithfully by fasting and abstaining.

Fasting: To be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics from age 18 - 58. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals (snacks) are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs.

Abstinence from Meat: To be observed by all Catholics age 14 onwards on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Though these are the rules, we might consider them the least we can do to make a good Lent. Every healthy person should be able to refrain from eating meat once a week. We can save money and place it in our Rice Bowls to help the poor.

Voluntary Self-Denial: As well as giving up something, deeds of mercy, acts of kindness, participation in daily Mass, saying the Rosary, Lenten Devotions, and Stations of the Cross are also encouraged.

Prayerful Journey: Bishop Quinn will celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion for our RCIA candidates, Teala Heddlesten and Burke Milnes on Saturday, February 13 at 1:00 pm at Resurrection Church in Rochester. We pray for Teala and Burke as they continue their journey in the Catholic faith.

Cancer Support Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 16 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, February 18 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

St. Bernard

Boy Scout Sunday, Feb 7: We celebrate the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from our parish: Allen Bredesen, Eagle Scout Jacob Edholm, Nathan Edholm, Dayton Hayes, Leland Jeardeau, Grant Jeardeau, Beau Johnson, Brandon McCrady, Logan McCrady, Zach Spitzer, Ethan Stone, Christopher Watters, David Watters and Matthew Watters. Congratulations to Eagle Scout Jacob Edholm who has earned the Pope Pius XXII religious emblem and to Cub Scout Leland Jeardeau, who has earned the Parvuli Dei religions emblem. Fr. Wilmot will present these emblems to the boys.

Adult Choir: Music ministry on Ash Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm Mass. Meet at 5:45 pm for practice. Practice on Sunday, February 21 at 8:50 and provide music ministry at 10:00 am



St. Bernard's Men's Club will be serving pancakes, sausage & scrambled eggs on Sunday, February 14.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Ash Wednesday, February 10: Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Mass with their children that evening at 5:15 pm at St. Bridget's or 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

FAITH Night: Everyone, all ages, are welcome to come for FAITH Night at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, February 17. Serving taco supper begins at 5:45 pm. The students will have regular class from 5:15-6:16 pm or after supper 6:30-7:30 pm. Fr. Wilmot will hold an adult session in the church after supper entitled "Heaven, Hell or Purgatory".

Lenten Adult Faith Formation: 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).

'Rediscover Jesus': Discussion groups stemming from this book, that was given as a Christmas gift to our parishioners by Matthew Kelly, will be facilitated by Fr. Wilmot & Cindy Meyerhofer on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:20 pm on Feb 29, March 7, 14.

Mission Trip, Grades 9-12, Milwaukee on July 12-17: The cost per person is \$370, which includes transportation, housing and meals. Contact Krissy with additional questions and to register. There is an \$80 deposit required when registering.

Around The Area

Fish Bake: The St. John's Harold Gentling Knights of Columbus will host their Annual Lenten Fish Bake in the school gym at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester (424 W Center St) starting Feb 12 and continuing each Friday through March 18. Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 pm. Adults \$9, children (ages 5-12) \$5, children 4 and under are free.

Holy Hour for Men: St. Francis Church in Rochester holds this gathering every third Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm (Feb 21). Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions, Benediction followed by social hour with food.