

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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October 16, 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 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 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
Not on Memorial Day or Labor Day

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays 9:00 pm. 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

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| Monday, Oct 17 | St. Bernard 8:00 am Mark Speltz - in thanksgiving |
| Tuesday, Oct 18 | No Mass |
| Wednesday, Oct 19 | No Mass |
| Thursday, Oct 20 | St. Bernard 8:00 am George & Lillian Gehling+ |
| Friday, Oct 21 | St. Bernard 8:00 am For the Heitman families Care Center 9:15 am Veronica Mussell+ |
| Saturday, Oct 22 | St. Bernard 5:00 pm Lyle & Colette Abbott+ |
| Sunday, Oct 23 | St. Bridget 8:30 am Carroll Baruth+ St. Bernard 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's |
| Saturday, Oct 22 | |
| St. Bernard – 5:00 pm Greeter: Sharon Theobald Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer Servers: Needed Lector: Nick Konrady EMC: Barb Abbott, Cindy Meyerhofer Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh | |
| Sunday, Oct 23 | |
| St. Bridget – 8:30 am Server: Eli Araoz Lector: Mike Sheehan EMC: Mary Elton, Bill Kuisle | |
| St. Bernard – 10:00 am Greeter: Janet Speltz Rosary: Steve Sturm Servers: Ellah Dodd, Kira Nelson Lector: Steve Sturm EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik | |

Pastor's Corner

One might say that everything good in life has its wellspring in prayer. In His parable, Jesus is telling his disciples that they must not weary of prayer or lose heart even when they do not perceive a response or answer to their prayers. The disciples would face a difficult journey ahead as Jesus' followers, even a time when He would no longer be with them in the flesh yet they needed His continued support and guidance.

Jesus probably did not mean that they should always be on their knees with their eyes closed in prayer, but He did expect them to always be in what one might call the "spirit of prayer." Paul refers to this in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when he says, "Pray without ceasing."

Yes, for a successful faith life, prayer must be central but do we pray often and consistently enough? Do we have a prayer space in our homes, do families say grace before meals or end the day with some form of family prayer together? Do we as individuals say our morning and evening or night prayers?

St. John Chrysostom said, "Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, and a protection against sadness." Pray for me as I do for you and may God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

You might say our message from today's readings has everything to do with prayer. Could Jesus put it more clearly than He does at the beginning of the Gospel from Luke? "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary."

Prayer then should be at the very core of our faith lives, and it is the beginning point of living lives of stewardship. It should drive us and energize us as we return to the Lord a fair proportion of the time, talents and treasure He has given us.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending October 9

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,421.06 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,381.50 |
| YTD Received | \$ 75,081.52 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 80,722.50 |
| Under Budget | \$ 5,640.98 - |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 2,360.25 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$ 28,708.47 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 41,708.47 |
| Under Budget | \$ 12,796.53 - |

St. Bernard's Campaign Final Phase: The final two year phase of our Together in Faith building campaign began Oct. 15th of last year. The balance on our loan is now **\$112,489.84**. Not forgetting those who have contributed over the years, we thank all who have been involved with this final phase through donations and pledges and our hope is to have the entire debt paid off by October, 2017.

Our Parishes & Other Notes

Cancer Support Group Meeting: The cancer support group meets on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. Questions call Chet 533-0008.

St Bernard and St. Bridget's Widow's Group: Our next gathering will be Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's. Bring along any social ideas or activities that we could all participate in. If you have questions please call Midge Block 507-951-4912.



This event is on Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 pm at St. Bridget's. Contests will be held so plan for your costumes and trunk decorations! Dinner will be served; pizza burgers, fruit & veggies and cookies, followed by games and loads of fun. Everybody is welcome to attend even if you aren't bringing little ones. Come for supper, stick around to enjoy the activities and hand out goodies. Confirmation students are encouraged to help, also adult volunteers as well. Contact Brook McCarrick if you can assist 286-9376.

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gathering will be held Thursday, October 27, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.



Adoption is the Loving Option-Adoption Fundraiser Breakfast and Bake Sale:

Join us to support the adoption ministry of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's on Sunday, November 20 at St. Bridget's after 8:30 am

Mass. For more information contact Lisa Behnken at 282-5714 or Kay Poss 507-380-6216.

Religious Ed

No Religious Ed Classes: Enjoy your MEA Weekend! Classes will resume on October 26 at regular time.

Adult Ed & Other Liturgical Offerings:

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. Mondays at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Fr. Wilmot and / or Cindy Meyerhofer will lead these sessions.

Session II, Oct 17: DIVINE REVELATION

Session III, Oct 24: THE BIBLE

Session IV, Nov 7: THE STORY OF SALVATION

Session V, Nov 14: WHO IS JESUS?

Evening Prayer & Benediction: Mondays of Advent at 6:30 pm, beginning November 28

Advent Penance Service: Thursday, Dec 15, 6:30 pm



Rake-n-Run: We need individuals and families willing to rake yards on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct 29 at 1:00 pm.

Parishioners who need help with raking, please contact Krissy to get on the schedule.

Host Homes Needed: If you are willing to share your home overnight for 2-6 members of the NET Retreat Team on Thursday, Nov 3 and Saturday, Nov 5, let Krissy know. The NET Team will be holding a retreat that weekend for our Confirmation Students.

St. Bridget

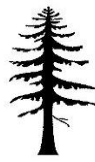
Christmas Greenery: Volunteers from MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be taking orders for Christmas greenery after Mass on Sunday, Oct 23 & 30. If you miss seeing us, you can place an order by calling Monica Araoz at 282-4167.

Choir Sings: Sunday, October 23 for 8:30 am Mass. Meet at 7:45 am for practice.

Women's Group: Ladies, you are invited to the Annual Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited.

St. Bernard

Blessings: To Matthew Parkman, who this weekend will be baptized and enter full Communion with the Church through Confirmation at the 5:00 pm Mass.



A spruce tree has been planted near the bench in front of the church in memory of Kate Towey, who was the oldest life-time member of St. Bernard's. Thank you to Larry & Gerri Gray and Family for their donation of the tree.

Word Among Us: Those of you who want to continue your subscription for next year, place a check or money (\$20) in an envelope and mark it "Word Among Us" and turn in to the parish office. Anyone else who would like to start a new subscription, you may do the same.

Adult Choir: The next practice is Sunday, October 30 at 8:50 am. Music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass.



Around The Area

Buccaneer Bash: The Basilica of St. Stanislaus in Winona will be holding their Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct 23 beginning at 11:00 am. Join us for lunch (sloppy joes, sloppy turkey, sloppy dogs, walking tacos, nachos), Silent Auction, Raffles, Games, Chair Massages and more.

Our Lady of Fatima Tour For Peace: The Diocese of Winona welcomes the world famous Virgin Statue. While the statue is in our diocese, you are welcome to visit; October 24 – Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, October 25 – St. Francis of Assisi in Rochester.

St. Francis of Assisi will hold a Mass on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm with a Solemn Recessional of the statue. Rosary, Exposition, Adoration, Benediction and lectures start at noon. www.fatimatourforpeace.com

Cor Jesu: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be hosting Cor Jesu, a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Praise & Worship. The first evening will be on Friday, Nov 4, from 7-9 pm. All are welcome to attend. For more details, search 'Winona Cor Jesu' on Facebook, go to winonacorjesu.gitlab.io or call Leandra Hubka at (507) 990-3402 or Steven Lehn at (507) 312-9041