

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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December 18, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's 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 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 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.

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?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Dec 19	St. Bernard 8:00 am For souls in purgatory
Tuesday, Dec 20	St. Bridget 8:30 am Gertrude Sherbert+
Wednesday, Dec 21	St. Bernard 8:00 am Don Sullivan+
Thursday, Dec 22	St. Bernard 8:00 am Gene Klann+
Friday, Dec 23	St. Bernard 8:00 am Helen Smith+
	Care Center 9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	St. Bernard 4:00 pm Marijane, Ed & Tricia Irlbeck+
	St. Bridget 6:00 pm James & Helen Sheehan+
	St. Bernard 8:00 pm Mike Hurley+
Sunday, Dec 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	St. Bernard 8:00 am For St Bernard's & St Bridget's
	St. Bridget 9:30 pm Charles Fritsch+



Liturgical Ministers

Roles for Christmas are on the back page.

Please volunteer where needed.

Thank you for your ministry.

Pastor's Corner

The prophets should never be looked upon as fortune tellers. Prophets, essentially, speak on behalf of another i.e. God. Isaiah spoke on God's behalf to the people of Israel and, because the scriptures are meant also for today, He speaks to us also. Now God may speak about the future but He is very often speaking about the present. In many cases the present is an unfaithful one and the dire consequences would impact the future. Hope would be realized in the future by the faithful.

As we enter the Christmas celebrations let us meditate a little on Joseph. It was revealed to Joseph that the coming child was of divine origin and would bring about the salvation of humanity. So Joseph carried quietly in his heart the promise that this child whom he cared for and protected was to be treasured, given supreme honor and praise. A lot was expected of this humble man in terms of the faith. A lot is expected of us. Are we up to it? God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Our Gospel passage today is from Matthew who gives us the exact report of Jesus' birth. In providing the specific description of the Birth of Christ this Gospel calls us to know, to believe, and to do. Like Mary we believe. Christmas is a feast of faith. Just as Mary gave birth we are called to give birth to Christ in our world through our own faith – and our response to faith is seen in our lives of stewardship. We live in a world that desperately needs a Savior, someone who gives ultimate meaning to our lives. St. Matthew relates the prophecy from Isaiah exactly as we heard it in our First Reading. Jesus is Emmanuel. He is God with us. He brings God to us; and He is God with us because He lives within us and next to us always. Salvation is here, and it is here in the Person of Jesus Christ and all that is done in His name.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 11
(includes Holy Day – Immaculate Conception)

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,480.11
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$124,421.81
YTD Budgeted	\$129,156.00
Under Budget	\$ 4,734.19 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,107.96
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 47,723.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 66,408.00
Under Budget	\$ 18,684.75 -

Reminder

Be sure to get your 2016 contributions to the office by the end of December so you can use the donations as credit for income tax.



Our Parishes & Other Notes

Giving Tree: Thank you to those who participated in our holiday charity project. Your generosity is heartwarming. Numerous household items were donated by you for those struggling in our community. Thank you to our Social Concerns Team for organizing this project.

Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction: Monday, December 19, 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's.

Cancer Support Group Mtg: Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Additional Confession Times - Friday, Dec 23:
6:00-6:45 pm at St Bridget
7:00-8:00 pm at St Bernard

Religious Ed

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, December 21.

Thank You: A special thanks to the 5th grade class for giving their spare change to the Giving Tree charity project. We were able to donate a HyVee gift card to someone in need this Christmas.



St. Bridget

2017 Calendars: Thank you to Macken Funeral Home for donating the calendars for our parish.

Choir Practice for Christmas: Wednesday, Dec 21 at 6:30 pm in the church. New voices welcome – just show up!

Choir Caroling: Plan to come Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm to enjoy Christmas carols, followed by Mass at 6:00 pm.

Adoration: No Adoration on Monday, Dec 26.

St. Bernard



Christmas Eve Extras: Join us on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm for the Children's Christmas Pageant. If you are attending the 8:00 pm Mass come at 7:30 pm and hear the Adult choir sing Christmas carols.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec 24

St. Bernard – 4:00 pm

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Nick Konrady

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Emily Kiefer, Janet Speltz, Rose Steinman, Judy Bunde

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Bill Rincken, Ken Trisko, Dave Bunde

St. Bridget – 6:00 pm

Server: needed

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Mary Elton, Pam Kuisle, Marilyn Baker

St. Bernard – 8:00 pm

Servers: Arianna Blohm

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Laura Peters

Ushers: Dick Koenigs

Sunday, Dec 25

St. Bernard – 8:00 am

Servers:

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Patty Miller, Kim Yennie
(Ushers needed)

St. Bridget – 9:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Jeannette Sheehan

Around The Area

Cor Jesu: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona invites you and your friends and family to attend the January Cor Jesu, on Friday, January 6, from 7-9 pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in praise of our Lord. All are welcome to attend! For more details, search for 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.