

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

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, Jan 16	St. Bernard 8:00 am Marijane Irlbeck+
Tuesday, Jan 17	St. Bridget 8:30 am For Robert & Pat Baker Family
Wednesday, Jan 18	St. Bernard 8:00 am Mike Foster+
Thursday, Jan 19	St. Bernard 8:00 am Don Sullivan+
Friday, Jan 20	St. Bernard 8:00 am George & Teresa Woodward+
	Care Center 9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, Jan 21	St. Bernard 5:00 pm Lyle & Colette Abbott+
Sunday, Jan 22	St. Bridget 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard 10:00 am Gene Klann+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 21

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: Cole Jannsen

Lector: Angie Jannsen

EMC: Barb Abbott, Susan Hazelton, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, January 22

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Jim Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson, Kiley Jones

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

The feast of the Epiphany is only a week past and this was followed by that of the Baptism of the Lord. Though thousands came to John, he could only baptize with water and accept sinners' repentance and their desire to return to the way of God. However, John, who didn't know the Messiah at first, sees the Spirit descend on Him "like a dove" and he signals Him as the Lamb of God, to be sacrificed for us.

The Church often uses the symbol of the dove to represent the Holy Spirit but we must be clear that the Spirit was not a dove but descended "like" a dove. You probably have never paid much attention to how a dove actually descends but it sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and unique. This Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. The Spirit is poured into us through the sacraments. What do we do with this Spirit? It is part of our very being, but for it to be effective we must share it and use it. "Peace" will be the fruit of God's favor. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Spirit descends upon us throughout our lives as Catholics. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us, and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts at Confirmation. Nevertheless, we receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass and especially at the Eucharist. Just as John the Baptist spoke of seeing the Holy Spirit descending upon the Lord, that same Spirit descends upon us.

Our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "No one can give that which they do not personally possess, which means we cannot transmit the Holy Spirit if we ourselves are not close to the Spirit." who guides and sustains us as true and good stewards of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending January 8

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,830.49
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$159,499.35
YTD Budgeted	\$150,682.00
Over Budget	\$ 8,817.35

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,803.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 71,953.61
YTD Budgeted	\$ 77,476.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,522.39 –

Our Parishes

Poinsettias: Those who donated money toward Christmas flowers are welcome to take home a plant or two.

Joint Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's in the social hall.

Cancer Support Meeting: Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Widows Support Group: The next gathering will be held Thursday, January 19 at 10:00 am in St. Bernard's library.

Stewardship Mtg: Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the library.

Finance Council Mtg: Rescheduled to Tuesday, Jan 24 at St. Bridget's. 6:00 pm for St. Bernard and 7:00 pm for St. Bridget's.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Meets on Thursday, January 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning how to quilt, you're more than welcome to join us.

PARISH COUNCILS: The official advisors to Fr. Wilmot in terms of governance are:

Joint Pastoral Council

St. Bernard: Bernice Casella, Scott Christian, Andy Drees, Wayne Eisen, Cindy Meyerhofer, Dan Rainey, Karen Volkart

St. Bridget: Kathy Baruth, Marilyn Baker, Dan Griffin, Kelly Noser, Karen Sheehan, Mike Sheehan, Marilyn Twohey

Finance Councils

St. Bernard: Dennis Edholm, Wayne Eisen, Jarett Jones, Nan Severtson, Brenda Trisko, Trustees: Jane Himmer & Dan Rainey

St. Bridget: Julie Borst, Julie Clark, Patricia Flynn, Michael Nienow, Trustees: Jim Kuisle & Mike Sheehan

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, January 18.

First Reconciliation: Our students will receive the holy sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday, Jan 28.

Adult Education: We continue the Symbolon Sessions on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's with Session 6, The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

Grade 6-8: You are invited to the Winter Chill at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Saturday, January 28 from 6:30-11:30 pm. Pizza, DJ & dance party, inflatables, service projects, inspirational speaker, and music with Adoration. Register on or before January 25 and the cost is \$15 if you register or pay at the door the cost is \$20. For more info contact Neal Abbott.

Respect Life

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 15: 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.

March for Life: This is the 44th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. Buses are being arranged across the diocese for the March in front of the State Capitol on Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 pm. Contact Ben Frost 507-858-1258.

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Emma Julie Barnett, daughter of Matthew & Julie, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.



Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, January 29 at 8:50 am, followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.



Buckets, Buckets, Who's Got the Buckets? The St. Bernard's Men's Club is in need of one gallon ice cream pails. We need a whole bucket load of them (115) so please bring in your washed and unwanted

buckets. They will be used to store our Secret Spaghetti Sauce & Meatballs. Leave them in the kitchen please.

Desperately Seeking... The St. Bernard's Men's Club is in desperate need of 'Real Men' - men who want to have fun, make meatballs, serve meatballs, enjoy social time, have fun and serve the Lord. Did we mention it will be fun? Please stop by the back of the church and sign up to work the Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner. Opportunities are; Meatball Making - Saturday, Feb 4. Spaghetti Dinner - Tuesday, March 28.



St. Bernard's Men's Club will be holding the famous **Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner** on the evening of Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville, serving from 5:00-8:30 pm.

The evening features non-stop entertainment, raffles, drawings, prizes and more. You don't want to miss this! The meatballs and sauce are made from scratch, prepared, cooked and served by The Men's Club. Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds will go to St. Bernard's Building Fund.

Word Among Us Subscribers: Those who owe, please pay your dues.

St. Bridget



Choir Sings: Sunday, January 22 – meet at 7:45 am for rehearsal, followed by music ministry at 8:30 am Mass.