

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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February 19, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 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 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am-Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm.
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

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 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Feb 20	St. Bernard 8:00 am For the Haack Family
Tuesday, Feb 21	St. Bridget 8:30 am Adam Ellingson+
Wed, Feb 22	St. Bernard 8:00 am Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+
Thursday, Feb 23	St. Bernard 8:00 am Kate Towey+
Friday, Feb 24	St. Bernard 8:00 am Julius & Gladys Claeys+
	Care Center 9:15 am Michael Kean+
Saturday, Feb 25	St. Bernard 5:00 pm LaVonne Schoeppner+
Sunday, Feb 26	St. Bridget 8:30 am James & Helen Sheehan+
	St. Bernard 10:00 am For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 25

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz
Servers: Brandon McCrady, Zach Spitzer
Lector: Charlie O'Brien
EMC: Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd
Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd,
Warren Hauger, Bill Rinken

Sunday, February 26

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Marianna Miron
Lector: Amy Miron
EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderson
Lector: needed
EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Karen Volkart, Jan Owen
Ushers: Jad Mayer, Brian Meyerhofer, Bill Oswald,
Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

We are well aware as sinners that perfection is beyond our reach. However, the Lord does offer us advice as to how we can achieve it in part and how we can be holy in the process. Leviticus, the third Book of the Old Testament, continues in today's reading with themes that are oft stated by Jesus in His ministry. This guidance is timeless: "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We heard clearly last week that the wisdom of humankind cannot match, nor should it in our beliefs, the wisdom of the Lord. To be holy like God we have to accept not just His call to holiness, but His beliefs as to what can make us holy. We must not be concerned about externals, though they are important as witness, but more with the spirit, the inner core of our lives that impels us to carry out these wholesome acts. We have already heard much of the richness of the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. Today's Gospel reading applies to our call to holiness and is important as one of Christ's early, as well as ongoing teachings. We are all on the journey to perfection so let us support one another. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We have been called through baptism and that call is to holiness and the call to holiness is as much of a challenge as the call to stewardship and discipleship. In today's Gospel Jesus says things and speaks to topics to which He will return throughout His ministry. The Lord says, "When someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other one as well. And should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles." He more or less puts it all together with His statement, "Give to the one who asks of you."• Over and over we have had to face the reality that Jesus' expectations for us are not easy, and sometimes not comfortable. The kind of service and humility He calls us to is exactly what it may seem to be, a call to holiness.



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excellent Catholic Schools, televised Mass, and much more. Every gift to this annual appeal for our diocese makes a difference. Visit www.catholicfsmn.org to learn more and / or donate online.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending February 12

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,461.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$181,067.46
YTD Budgeted	\$177,589.50
Over Budget	\$ 3,938.96

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,504.30
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 81,039.49
YTD Budgeted	\$ 88,544.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,504.51 –



Parents: Teach your children to be generous with the Church. There are boxed sets of youth envelopes (blue) in the gathering area / entryway for the kids to take home and use for Mass.

Our Parishes

Cancer Support Meeting: Tuesday, February 21 at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's. Questions call Chet 533-0008

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, February 23 from 1:00-3:30pm at St. Bernard's.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm at St. Bernard's.



Ash Wednesday, March 1: Masses 8am & 6:30pm at St Bernard's; 5:15pm at St Bridget's.



The Money Class That Will Change Your Life: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming back to St Bernard's for 9 weeks, starting on Monday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00pm in Marian Hall. You can register for class and purchase your kit on the website www.daveramsey.com go to FIND A CLASS. If you have any questions, please contact Andy and Ally Drees at funkyalygator@yahoo.com

Religious Ed

Adult Education: Symbolon Session X, The Last Things; What Happens After We Die? on Monday, February 20 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's.

Classes: Wednesday, February 22.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Ages 3 years old through grade 4, June 12-16

Totus Tuus: Grades 1-12, July 9-14

St. Bridget

Annual Women's Spring Lunch: Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11. Details will be forthcoming.

Found: A set of keys with 4 keys on the ring and an orange key fob. Call the office 533-8257.

Snowbirds: Have you returned? Several of you have had your tax statements returned to the office. You might consider giving us your alternative address.

St. Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Holly Ann Sexton, Hailey Lynn Ellringer, Ali Marie Ellringer, and Paul Sylvester Ellringer, children of Amanda & Joshua, as they receive the holy sacrament of baptism.

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, Feb 26 at 8:50am, followed by music ministry at 10:00am Mass.

Cemetery Committee Mtg: Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm in the parish library.

Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner: of Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville. The evening features non-stop entertainment, a silent auction, raffles and a grand prize drawing. You will have a lot of fun and enjoy a delicious meal. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased either after Mass, at the parish office, the license bureaus in Rochester or St. James Coffee House.



Brand New Spaghetti Dinner

Info: A parish member has graciously donated a week at a condo in Costa Rica for our Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner Silent

Auction. If you are interested and want more details contact Ken Trisko kbt2@triskos.us or 533-4808

Adorers Needed: Join us for Adoration. Tuesdays 5-6pm; Wednesdays 2-3am; 4-5am; 7-8am; 9-10am; 12N-1pm. Contact Pam Mueller at 507-254-9478

Around the Area & Other Notes

Hunter's Nightmare: In December of 2015, Rochester resident Dr. Richard Olsen was enjoying his yearly hunting trip when tragedy befell him, leaving him to struggle to survive on the flatlands of North Dakota. Near dusk, he accidentally fell into a drainage ditch, breaking his leg. After surviving the night in freezing temperatures, a miracle occurred. Now, over a year later, Richard returns to his passion of hunting with new insight. Come and hear Dr. Olsen's reflection on life's gift and his interpretation of faith and hope. Assisi Heights, Wednesday, February 28, 6:30-8:00pm, \$10 pre-registered \$15 at the door. www.rochesterfranciscan.org/whats-happening

Fish Fry in Spring Valley: St. Ignatius Church is holding their 32nd Annual Fish Fry on the first Friday of Lent, March 3, from 5-7:30pm. Adults \$10, ages 3-11 \$4.

Boy Scout Chili Feed: The Stewartville Boy Scout Troop #56 will hold their Annual Chili Feed on Sunday, March 5 from 11am-2pm at the Sportsman's Club. Serving all you can eat chili, chicken noodle soup, salad, and pie! Adults \$8, kids from 3-11, \$5. Purchase tickets at the door or from parishioners Jacob & Nathan Edholm 206-4501.

12th Annual Gary Vanselow Memorial Fish Fry: Held at the International Event Center on Friday, March 10 from 5-7:30pm. Advance adult tickets \$15, ages 4-10 \$7. Raffles, live music and children's activities – a fun family evening! Get tickets online at the www.lourdesfoundation.org or call the Lourdes office 289-2584. Proceeds for this event go to the Vanselow Scholarship Fund to help more students receive faith-based education in Rochester.

Man of God, the Diocese of Winona Men's Conference: Saturday, April 8, at Lourdes High School. Register (\$25) online at www.dow.org/event-details/96 Questions, contact Ben Frost @ bfrost@dow.org