

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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August 27, 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 10am

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.
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.

Homebound: If you would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm 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 10am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, August 28 St. Bernard 8:00 am
Ralph Dunnigan+

Tuesday, August 29 St. Bridget 8:30 am
Larry Whalen+

Wednesday, August 30 St. Bernard 8:00 am
For a return to Catholicism

Thursday, August 31 St. Bernard 8:00 am
Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+

Friday, Sept 1 St. Bernard 8:00 am
For priests of the diocese

Care Center 9:15 am
Mike Kean+

Saturday, Sept 2 St. Bernard 5:00 pm
Mary Louise Hopkins+

Sunday, Sept 3 St. Bridget 8:30 am
James P. O'Neill+

St. Bernard 10:00 am
For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 2

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Barb Abbott, Jim Nosbisch, Bill Rinken, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Sept 3

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: needed

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Roger Roeder

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: needed

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Janet Speltz, several needed

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

As we Catholics know, or should know, "The Petrine Office" is the theological terminology for the concept of primacy among the Christian people as it resides in the successor of St. Peter.

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples. This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven". An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Notice that one key is gold and the other silver. The gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power. We are ultimately governed in this world, in terms of faith, justice and morals certainly, by the Pontiff.

We are fond of images showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven but it is not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter through his ministry and explanations makes it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ." Pope Francis recently, stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another whilst doing good." God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Humility does not come easily to many people, but living a stewardship way of life is a modest and unassuming way to approach life. At the basis of this is the acceptance and admittance that we are not in charge. God is. There are so many ways that Christ was humble throughout Holy Scripture and it is clear that the Lord felt His focus should be on His Father's will, not His own. More than once Jesus said in these words or words that meant the same thing: "I come to serve, not to be served." So should it be for us as good stewards.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Aug 20

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,533.95
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 37,802.49
YTD Budgeted	\$ 44,472.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,669.51-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,304.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 16,877.00
YTD Budgeted	\$ 22,136.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,259.00-

Our Parishes

Widows' Support Group Meeting: Thursday, September 7 at 10am in St. Bernard's library.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, September 7 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Social Concerns Team Meeting: Thursday, September 7 at 7pm in St Bernard's library. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to join us.



Big Bash: The 'Big Bash' will be held on Wednesday, September 13, beginning at 6pm in the parking lot of St. Bernard's. Come when you can!

It's all about **fellowship** – spending time with our parish family. **Food** – catered by Gleason's; roast beef sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and root beer floats. **Games** – play yard games; bean bag toss, Jenga and more. You can mingle, eat, and enjoy as a parish member provides music. Plan to come for supper, yard games, children's activities and more. This is a fun event put on by both parishes for all to enjoy.

Religious Ed & Youth



Please register your children for Religious Ed if you have not done so already. Forms are at the churches and online at sbsbparishes.org. You can fill out the forms online and submit your payment online as well. Thank you to those who have taken advantage of this convenient form of registering.

Religious Ed Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 20:

Students signed up for the 5:15-6:15pm class come at that time. Students signed up for the 6:30-7:30pm class come then. At 6:30 we will meet in the social hall to introduce all the teachers for the 6:30 classes. Parents are invited to join for the introduction of the teachers and welcome back. Krissy will be available after the students go to class for any questions. Letters were mailed out with this information last week.



Calendars for Religious Ed: Calendars are available in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and the entryway at St. Bridget's.



Teachers and Helpers are Needed: We need teachers and helpers for grades 1,2,3,5,6,7 & and a helper for grade 8. Contact Krissy Sullivan with questions or if you are willing to help.

BYG Youth Group: We will resume meeting in September. ~ Neal

St Bernard's



Baptism: Blessings to Kellen James Stratton, son of Zach & Alyssa, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Liturgical Ministers: We need you! If you are around for the upcoming Labor Day weekend, please volunteer. Also, pick some assignments for yourselves and your children for the upcoming weeks.

Thank You: Our thanks to everyone for the prayers during John's heart valve replacement and recovery. Your support is greatly appreciated. ~ The Woodwards

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your newest two editions are ready to be picked up.

Living Faith: The October-December daily devotional booklet is available in the gathering space.

Lighthouse Catholic CDs: A reminder that we have CDs to listen to for your Labor Day road tripping. Find the display in the gathering space.



Men's Club Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30pm in the parish library. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

Around the Area

MCCL at State Fair: Every year since 1970, MCCL has been the pro-life presence at the annual Minnesota Get-Together. From our booth on the main floor of the Grandstand Building, we educate hundreds of thousands of visitors with factual information about fetal development, abortion, and our efforts to protect unborn babies and other vulnerable persons. The booth is open through Labor Day, September 4.

Consecration of the Diocese - Friday, September 8:

Bishop Quinn will renew the consecration of the Diocese of Winona to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, during a special 5:15pm Mass. The seminarians and faculty will be in attendance, along with the parishioners of the Cathedral. All are welcome to this annual event. It is our Diocesan tradition that we make this renewal every year on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Bishop John Quinn and Bishop Bernard Harrington invite you to join them in Detroit for the *Beatification of Father Solanus Casey*. The Diocese of Winona has organized a 3-night pilgrimage via deluxe motor coach bus to the Beatification Mass at Ford Field in Detroit, November 17-20. Other highlights include the Fr. Solanus Casey Center, Sacred Heart Seminary, a tour of Detroit, and the Shrine of Christ's Passion. The cost is from \$609 - \$999, depending upon accommodations you choose, and includes most meals and all tours. See the diocesan website www.dow.org or contact Ann Ringlien at aringlien@dow.org or at 507-858-1241

Gifts of Faith Online Shop: Thank you so much for all your support. We are continuing to load existing inventory on our website and in the coming months will have many more items on the site. If you ever need a specific item we are still able to order and we can drop ship, or deliver in town. We still want to serve the area as best we can online. www.giftsofffaithshop.com or email-mike@giftsofffaithshop.com