

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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July 13, 2014

Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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 2:00 - 11:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. 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 St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 14	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Dick Halvorson+	
Tuesday, July 15	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	Bob Majerus+	
Wednesday, July 16	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Margaret+	
Thursday, July 17	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Matt Nash+	
Friday, July 18	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Fr. Joseph Keefe+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Ed & Carol Hooper+	
Saturday, July 19	St. Bernard's	5:00 pm
	Dave Ryan+	
Sunday, July 20	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	Elbert & Peggy Borst+	
	St. Bernard's	10:30 am
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	
	St. Bridget's	1:00 pm
	Latin Mass	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, July 19 – 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

Rosary: Midge Block

EMC: Barb Abbott

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey, Bill Rincken

Sunday, July 20 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Roger Roeder, Mike Sheehan

Sunday, July 20 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Katie & Patrick Miller

Lector: Patty Miller

Rosary: Steve Sturm

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Marilyn Eisen, Rob Miller,

Steve Sturm, Krissy Sullivan

Greeters: Jarett & Pam Jones Family

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Geraldo Morales, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

A parable is a story with a strange twist which people loved at the time of Jesus. Today's parable, and I remember is called the parable of the "sower" but really it is about the seeds that are sown. The parable explains the different reactions to the Gospel. Haven't we met people like that? Are we like that? Will we be the ones who produce a bountiful harvest or will we, without the good soil of a healthy spiritual life, just get scorched by the sun of modern living. Will our wrong agendas allow us to be choked by the wiles of the wicked one? We need zeal for the faith, the Word, and we need an ordered faith life to grow and to flourish.

I remember seeing Billy Graham speak at a gathering in London. Hundreds were inspired by his talk and went up afterwards to sign up as ardent followers of Jesus. A few weeks later, and the Rev. Graham admits this, the numbers thinned drastically. It had plenty of enthusiasm but no roots – no zeal. So it is often with the Mega churches in these days. Good for an hour but not for lifelong commitment. We should be sure to create, with God's help, a prayer life and a style of living that will see us through good times and bad – here's the twist -and help us to produce much fruit for the kingdom. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In a sense, we begin and end our readings on this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time with the impact of the Word. God reminds us in the first reading that we are to take the Word and live it, and Jesus prompts us again in today's Gospel that the Word is real, that we are to take it and nurture it and make it fruitful. How carefully do we listen to the Word of God at Mass? How often do we try to absorb it and understand it? Most important, how frequently do we take the message and put it into practice in our own lives? Stewardship calls us to be attentive and to look beyond the obvious. Jesus wants us to be the fertile ground on which His words, the Word fall. We are the good soil, but we must accept and nurture the seeds planted by the Word. Stewardship necessitates conversion. To be truly converted we must see; we must hear; and we must understand. Catholic Steward, July.

Stewardship of Treasure

The budget figures for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are not shown as the totals have not yet been set in stone.

St. Bernard's

Amount Received July 6	\$ 3,643.40
Fiscal Year Total Received	\$236,891.18
Budgeted	\$242,519.72
Under	\$ 5,628.54

St. Bridget's

Amount Received July 6	\$ 3,003.25
Fiscal Year Total Received	\$109,515.78
Budgeted	\$ 98,665.41
Over	\$ 10,850.37

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update as of July 8:

St. Bernard's has given \$21,400 toward the goal of \$23,800. St. Bridget's has given \$6,370 toward the \$7,590 goal. Thank you to those who have participated. Pledge envelopes are near the bulletins. Fill out the form and put it in the collection basket or you may donate online www.catholicfsmn.org

Religious Education 2014-2015

As you know, all our programs will take place at St. Bernard's this year. However, it will be a cluster effort and so teachers from St. Bridget's are encouraged to join us. We already have a couple and are thankful for them. It is a blessed burden indeed to pass the faith on to our young. It is vital that all who wish to join the First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for next year make that known to Krissy A.S.A.P. Many, many thanks to Jeannette Sheehan and her team for their huge effort at St. Bridget's over the years. The seed is planted. ~ Fr. W

St. Bernard's

Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 13. Everyone is invited for fellowship and great food.

Cancer Support Group Meeting: We invite all who deal with cancer or another terminal disease, active or in remission, and care givers past and present, to join us in support of one another on our journeys'. Join us Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish library. For questions, call Chet Daniel 533-8192.



Wedding Banns: Tom Schneider & Katie Carlson ~ Saturday, July 19

Birthday Party at Care Center: St. Bernard's is responsible for celebrating one party a year for residents who have birthdays the month of September. We are looking for a couple of people to help with this event, which will be held September 18 at 2:00 pm. Contact Jeanette Fortier if you are willing to assist.

Thank You: We thank Millie Petersen and her crew who have taken care of the yearly birthday party at the Care Center for many years. We appreciate all your good work.



Make a Contribution for a 3-year Pledge for the Building Fund: Thank you to those who have responded to our final phase of our building campaign, *Together in Faith*. Those who have not responded, please do so. Extra pledge cards can be found by

the bulletins.

Around The Area & Other News

Training at St. James Coffee: St. James Coffee is looking for volunteers to assist in our coffee house ministry. We will have training on **Sunday, July 13 at 4:00 pm**. Please join us if you would like to share in this Catholic outreach ministry, have fun and learn how to make wonderful drinks. If you are unable to make it but would like to volunteer, contact us at sjchvolunteer@gmail.com

Family Picnic: Teams of Our Lady groups in the Rochester area invite all Catholic couples and their families to a summer picnic on Sunday, July 20 from noon-4:00 pm at Chester Woods Park (7 miles east of Rochester on Hwy 14). The park entrance fee is \$5. Bring beverages and meat to grill for your family and a salad or dessert to share. Grills and eating utensils will be provided. Questions contact Carol Fishbune at cfishbune@charter.net

Baby Olmsted: The Olmsted County Chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life is hosting its Baby Olmsted Contest at the Olmsted county fair. Children 2 and younger are eligible to enter. For more information or to enter your child, please contact Linda McGuire at 259-4035. Space is limited to the first 20 contestants.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr. Steve Peterson and Fr. Kurt Farrell invite you join them to visit religious and historical sites of the Holy Land including the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and more. The price is \$3,499 which includes airfare, first-rate hotels, tour buses and guides and most meals. Contact Fr. Peterson 507-583-2529 or Fr. Farrell 507-932-3294 for more information and a brochure.

Lay Formation: Late applications to the next class of the diocesan **INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION**, which will begin its formation this fall, will still be considered. Anyone wishing to apply should first contact Todd Graff in the Office of Lay Formation by emailing tgraff@dow.org or call (507) 858-1270. Application materials remain available online at the Institute's web page: www.dow.org/ILF.

Respect Life

"Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the Roe v. Wade decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion "is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be." Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a "right" so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the court ruled. As an act of "raw judicial power" (to use Justice White's biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in Roe v. Wade has so far been made to stick. But the court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, Roe v. Wade has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation." - Ronald Reagan, in his book, 'Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation' (1983).