

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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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 Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Sept 8	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Terrence Elliott+
Tuesday, Sept 9	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Alex Meir+
Wednesday, Sept 10	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Jack Suess+
Thursday, Sept 11	St. Bernard's 8:00 am In reparation for our sins
Friday, Sept 12	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Carroll Baruth+
	Care Center 9:15 am Florence Donovan+
Saturday, Sept 13	St. Bernard's 5:00 pm Helen Payton+
Sunday, Sept 14	St. Bridget's 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard's 10:30 am Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Sept 13 – 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Needed

Rosary Leader: Midge Block

Lector: Nathan Onsgard

EMC: Barb Abbott, Pat Koenigs

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko, Sam VandeLoo

Sunday, Sept 14 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Andrew Poss

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Britt Noser, Roger Roeder, Mike Sheehan

Sunday, Sept 14 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Chelsea Pierick

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Lector: Rita Oswald

Greeters: Janet Speltz, Anna Bussman

EMC: Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Brad Kime, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Gene Peters

Pastor's Corner

The world really does seem to be in a mess, doesn't it; war, division, backstabbing etc. Jesus calls us to be good stewards who will take care of the beautiful world God gave us and who will improve the lives of all upon it. However, we so often become part of the problem rather than the solution. We must trust in Jesus, hear what he has to say and strive to live accordingly. At the very core of our lives should be our love of God and the care we owe our neighbor. We should seek, and encourage others to seek, reconciliation and peace. If we can't manage to right the wrongs we find by ourselves, then we should seek help from others and, through prayer, from God. We should become one first of all with who we are, of course, and build on that perhaps. God bless you all.

Stewardship

As we review and reflect upon the readings for any given Sunday, it is good to try to connect what is proclaimed with our lives and our understanding of stewardship. A key word for us to notice today comes in the first reading from Ezekiel and it is "Watchman." We may think of a watchman as a kind of security guard, but that is not exactly what the word meant in Ezekiel's time. It was synonymous with "steward." This is God declaring that Jesus, the Son of Man, is appointed the steward of Israel and all of us as well. The appointment is from God, not from a human. We are called in the same way, by God, to be good stewards.



Stewardship of Treasure

Collection Weekend of August 30/31

St. Bernard's \$ 3,936.13

St. Bridget's \$ 2,866.70

Ice Bucket Challenge: The Ice Bucket Challenge is all over the news. The story is you are supposed to either dump a bucket of ice cold water over your head or donate to ALS research. ALS is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, which is a fatal, progressive neurological disease. So raising awareness about ALS and getting monetary support for ALS research is a good thing, right? Not so fast. ALS Association has admitted giving some of its money to embryonic stem cell research. This is the research that leads to the death of tiny human embryos. But there is good news. There are alternatives for donations that use only ethical stem cell sources. The Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (MSCTC) at the University of Kansas Medical Center uses only adult and non-embryonic stem cell research in clinical trials.

Protecting God's Children – VIRTUS Training: VIRTUS which derives from Latin and means valor, moral strength, excellence and worth — is the brand name that identifies best practice programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote correct actions in religious organizations. The VIRTUS program, "Protecting God's Children" helps people recognize improper behavior and is required for all clergy, employees and volunteers who have contact with children, young adults or vulnerable adults. Please register at virtusonline.org to attend a class at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 pm or Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 am. If you have questions or need help registering, please contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 273-9847.

St. Bernard's

Wedding Blessings: Congratulations to Mark Smith & Rebecca Gehling

Wedding Banns: Kyle Steffen & Stephanie Dickey will enter the holy sacrament of matrimony September 13

Join The Adult Choir: New members are needed so if you have been thinking of joining and offering your ministry talents in this way, now is the time! Join us for rehearsal on Sunday, September 14 at 9:00 am on the school side of the church building. Following rehearsal, we will sing at Mass.

Free-Will Rummage Sale: Cleaning out the cupboards in Jeanette's room, there are several items that might be of interest to people. Stop by classroom 6 Tuesday – Thursday, September 9-11 between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to take a look.

Card BINGO at Care Center: Come play BINGO with the residents at the Care Center on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The residents love to have children join in the fun. Contact Jeanette 533-8931 if you plan to attend.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Breakfast: Next Sunday, September 14 following 10:30 am Mass, the Men's Club will be serving breakfast in the social hall in honor of the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese of Winona. You're invited for fellowship and great food.

Blessing & Dedication: The respect life monument at St. Bernard's Cemetery will be blessed and dedicated on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Monday, September 15 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Birthday Party: We are responsible for throwing a party for the residents of the Care Center on Thursday, September 18. We need a couple volunteers to help make this happen. Please contact Jeanette if you are willing to help.



Final Phase Building Campaign: Let's get this building paid off! Participation from each family, no matter how much, makes a difference. Please support this campaign by making a pledge. Yellow pledge cards and automation contribution forms are next to the race car poster board.

Faith Formation News

Grade 9 Confirmation: There will be a Confirmation meeting for the 9th graders and a parent on **Wednesday, September 10** from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Kick-Off: Faith Formation Kick-Off is coming up quickly. If you have not registered your children there is still time. Faith formation for all classes will start on **Wednesday, September 17 at St. Bernard's** with a supper from 5:30-6:30 pm then classes will start at 6:30 pm.

Grade 10 Confirmation: The 10th grade Confirmation class will be meeting in the church at St. Bernard's on Wednesday September 17 at 6:30 pm. Rehearsal for Confirmation is set for Wednesday, September 24 in the church at 6:30 pm. Sponsors need to attend the rehearsal. If they cannot make it a parent can fill in for them.

Parents of 7th Graders: There will be an informational meeting for you to view a video on Theology of the Body on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm. As 7th graders your children will be learning about Theology of the Body. Parents are required to attend this meeting if you have not seen the video in the last 2 years.

St. Bridget's

Choir: We will provide music ministry on Sunday, September 21. Meet for practice at 7:45 am.

Around The Area & Other News

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese: Friday and Saturday, September 12 & 13 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato. Come hear dynamic speakers and uplifting music, games, children's programs, youth sessions and family activities. Free to all, but pre-registration is requested for the Saturday event. Register at www.dow.org

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: Saturday, September 13 marks the second annual remembrance to help raise awareness about the 44 locations around the country where the bodies of babies are buried. Some of these graves contain thousands of babies. The chance to grieve at a gravesite or have a memorial service is an important step in the healing process. This is sponsored by *Priests for Life*, *Pro-Life Action League* and *Citizens for a Pro-Life Society*. For locations of gravesites and more information, see www.AbortionMemorials.com