

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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November 2, 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 1:00 - 10:00 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, Nov 3	St. Bernard's 8:00 am For Jan Heitman
Tuesday, Nov 4	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Ed & Frances O'Neill+
Wednesday, Nov 5	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Mike Roeder+
Thursday, Nov 6	St. Bernard's 8:00 am For Pat Delesha
Friday, Nov 7	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Helen Payton+
	Care Center 9:15 am Helen Majerus+
Saturday, Nov 8	St. Bernard's 5:00 pm LaVonne Schoeppner+
Sunday, Nov 9	St. Bridget's 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard's 10:30 am Lawrence Bussman+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Nov 8 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Bayli & Bryttin Henderson

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Mychelle Henderson,

Emily Kiefer, Jean Peterson

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Himmer, Dan Pyan

Cantor: Samantha Moore

Sunday, Nov 9 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Roger Roeder, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, Nov 9 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Connor McDonald, Chelsea Pierick

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Pat Robey,

Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Meyer, Brian Meyerhofer, Bill Oswald,

Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

Today's observance is one consequence of our belief in the communion of all the saints. The bond of baptism binds us all in charity, a bond which death itself cannot break. We live in the community of the living and the dead. We are happy with the nearness to heaven of our departed loved ones and we are hopeful for ourselves. Our hope is that we will feel the same warmth of the Lord's embrace when our time to pass from this world will come.

We still miss our loved ones but are trusting of the Lord, hence our joy, albeit subdued joy. We do not canonize, we do not judge and so we constantly pray for those who have gone before us. The best prayer we can offer is that of a life well lived. The good stewardship of our time, our talent and our treasure might be seen as the most fitting of all prayers as we give God greater glory by our use of them. Our loved ones have hopefully gone before us as examples of lives well spent and faith well used and expressed. We who remain have the assurance that our encounter with Christ in this life, through the sacraments, will be consummated beyond our own death. Christ keeps his promises. God bless you all.

Stewardship

All Souls Day on November 2 is a day when we pray for deceased souls. These prayers may be general in nature or they may involve specific members of our families and our faith communities, including perhaps physically visiting the graves of our family members. To practice stewardship completely we need to be aware of our personal families and our faith families. Jesus reminds us that He is "the bread of life". He is essential for life, for eternal life. Jesus is not speaking of the physical life on this earth, but about "eternal life." It is that hope which allows us to trust in Him by living stewardship.



Roses on the Altar: The flowers on the altar at both parishes represent those who passed away since last year's All Souls Day. Their names are written in The Book of Life; Arnold Block, Jean Polkowske, Dorothy Christie, Robert Meyerhofer, Richard Halvorson, Stanley Kukuzke, Henry Drees, Violet Olson, Lyle Abbott, Peg Himmer, Catherine Herron, Agnes Griffin, Florence Koelsch & Suzanne Idso. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your deceased loved ones in The Book of Life and we will especially pray for them this month;

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for October 26

St. Bernard's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,442.88
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$64,405.85
YTD Budgeted	\$83,265.35
Under Budget	\$18,859.50

St. Bridget's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,850.17
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$34,421.45
YTD Budgeted	\$33,875.12
Over Budget	\$ 546.33

Our Parishes



Quilting / Sewing Group: The next gathering will be Thursday, November 6 from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. All are welcome! Future dates of gatherings are: November 20 and December 11. If you have any questions, contact Mary Claeys 754-5542 or Marilyn Twohey 533-6527

Social Concerns Team Meeting: Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. All are welcome to attend.

Are you Interested in Inquiring into the Catholic Faith? There will be a meeting on Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's in the church for anyone interested in knowing more about what the process for becoming Catholic entails. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process will be explained and we will answer any questions you might have about becoming Catholic. The meeting will last about an hour. This is an informational meeting only and does not commit one to begin the RCIA process.



Adoption is the Loving Option – Fundraiser Breakfast and Bake Sale: This will be held at St. Bridget's social hall on Sunday, November 16 to benefit the Adoption Ministry of St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. For more info and/or to volunteer to bake and help, contact Lisa Behnken-Kuisle 282-5714 or Kay Poss 507-380-6216.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers: On the weekend of November 22/23, Fr. Wilmot will be offering a special blessing at all Masses for expectant mothers.

St. Bernard's



History Books: Several of you have stopped by the office to pick up your reserved copies. Hopefully next week, we will get a message to those who haven't picked up their copies. In the meantime, feel free to stop by the office with \$35 for your book. Those who wish to purchase a book or two after the reserved have been distributed, (they would make a great Christmas gift), please sign up in the gathering space or contact the parish office.

Thanks! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Himmer funeral luncheon last Wednesday. Your ministry is very much appreciated by the family.

Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast next Sunday, November 9 after Mass. Plan on joining your parish family for great food and fellowship.

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, Nov 18, 6:30 pm

Needed: "Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond." ~ Blessed Pope Paul VI) Please consider making a weekly hour of Adoration; Tuesdays 2 am, 4 am, 7 am, 12 noon, 3 pm Wednesdays; 7 am, 9 am, 3 pm. Contact Pam Mueller 533-1952 if you are interested.

Thank You! Thank you to Kate Towey for sharing goodies with the office staff. We sure enjoy your visits and the treats ☺

Mass Time Change: St. Bernard's will change the Sunday Mass from 10:30 am to 10:00 am starting the end of November.

Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation News

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes Wednesday, November 5 from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grade 6: You will be playing Card Bingo at the Care Center on Wednesday. Parents are welcome, too! Please drop off and pick-up at the Care Center.

Grades 9-12: You are welcome to attend the NET Retreat Friday & Saturday, November 7 & 8 from 5:00 pm Friday until 2:00 pm Saturday at St. Bernard's. Confirmation students are required to attend. Contact Krissy for info.

Host Home(s) Needed: We are looking for one or two households to host 2-3 members of the NET Team Saturday evening, November 8, until Sunday morning. You would pick up the members at church at 6:00 pm, provide supper, a place to sleep, breakfast the next morning and then return them to church Sunday morning. If you are willing to do this, contact Krissy.

F.A.I.T.H. Night: All members, all ages, are invited on Wednesday, November 19 for supper, followed by class sessions for everyone.

Confirmation Pictures: Those who have not picked up your pictures that you ordered, please do so. They are on the table in the gathering space.

Adults: You're invited to the **Catholicism Series** Wednesday, November 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Bernard's in the church. Join us once or join us each Wednesday.

St. Bridget's



Thank You: To all those who helped in any way with the Trunk-or-Treat last Saturday. A great time was had by all! The contest winner for the best decorated trunk was Shane & Julie Watters Family. First place junior costume contest winner was Ransome Woodrough and first place senior winner was McKenna O'Neill. Thank you all for participating!

Fundraiser: Those who are willing to help with the Adoption Fundraiser Breakfast & Bake Sale to be held in two weeks, Sunday, November 16, contact Lisa Behnken-Kuisle 282-5714 or Kay Poss 507-380-6216.

Family Night: Everyone from St. Bridget's is invited on Wednesday, November 19 to enjoy a meal together followed by fun activities (blanket making) and service for our community (food drive for Channel One). Students are excused from attending regular class in Stewartville.

Calendar Item for Caroling: Mark your calendar anyone interested, we will be going caroling on Saturday, December 6. Watch the bulletin for more info.