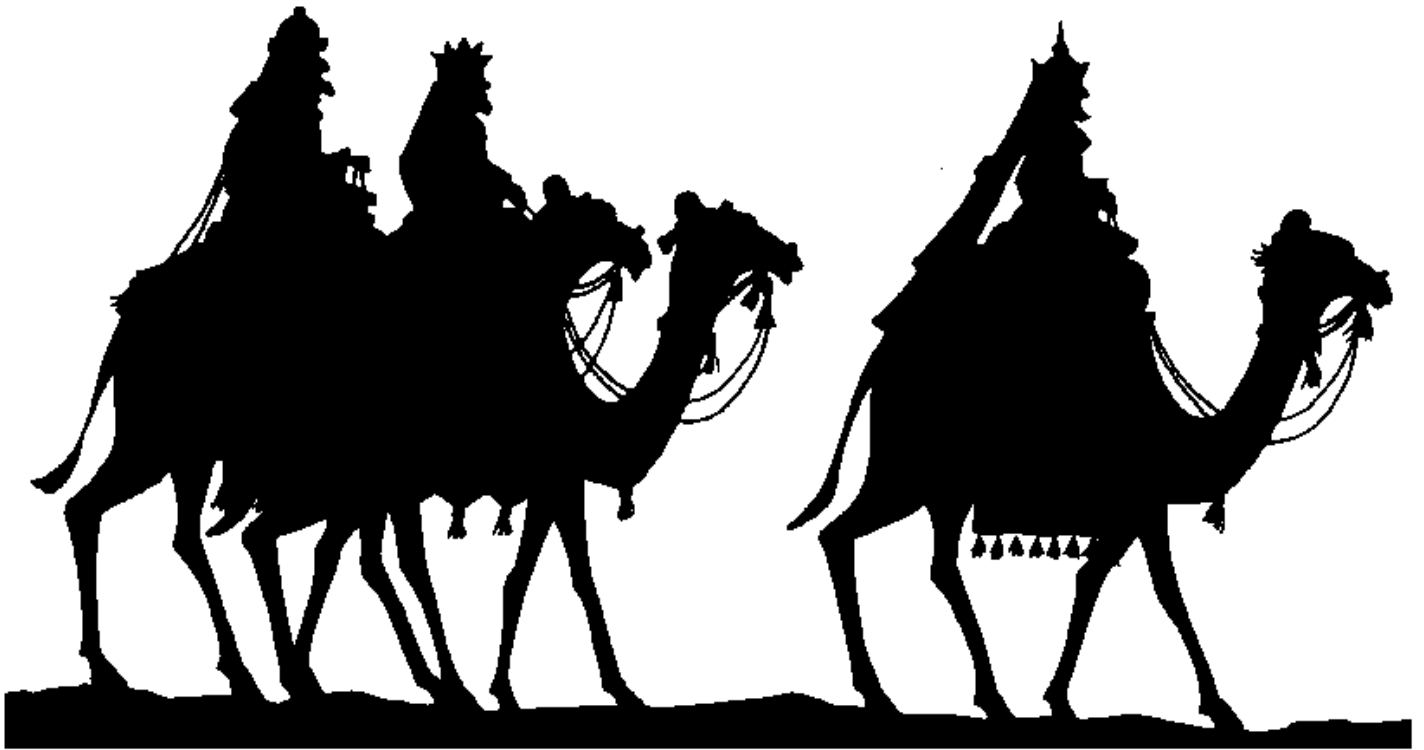


The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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January 4, 2015

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.

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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, Jan 5	St. Bernard's 8:00 am For Dave & Judy Bunde
Tuesday, Jan 6	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Fr. Leroy Eikens+
Wednesday, Jan 7	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Healing for cancer patients
Thursday, Jan 8	St. Bernard's 8:00 am For the priests in the diocese
Friday, Jan 9	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Carroll Baruth+
	Care Center 9:15 am For the residents
Saturday, Jan 10	St. Bernard's 5:00 pm Lyle Abbott+
Sunday, Jan 11	St. Bridget's 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard's 10:00 am Gene Klann+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Jan 10 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Emily Rinken

Rosary: Needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Mary Claeys, Bill Rinken (please volunteer)

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs

Sunday, Jan 11 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Bill Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, Jan 11 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Bayli Henderson, Sarah Watters

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Scott Christian, Mychelle Henderson, Laura Peters,

Janet Speltz, Steve Sturm, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Jerry Finn, Gene Peters,

Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Despite its seeming simplicity this feast is highly complex – but I shall not go into those complexities right now. Suffice it to say that in the West we concentrate on the Incarnation of Jesus whereas in the East, it is his baptism – His divinity coming to the fore. Christmas as we know it is celebrated today in the East. In former times the three manifestations – or epiphanies - were celebrated by the Western Church on the same day; the coming of the Magi – aka Three Kings, the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding feast of Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle; this latter being a precursor to the Eucharist.

Now these manifestations are dealt with separately, and today we focus on the fact that the Christ Child came for all people of goodwill – even within the so called pagan nations whom the Magi represent. Today's Mass is really an inclusion of all peoples and nations into salvation. Jesus therefore came not only for the Jews but also the Gentiles and our mission is to spread the Good News, in word and action, to all corners of the earth. We think today, designated Mission Sunday, of those dedicated to the “foreign missions” but also of ourselves who should be committed to what are called the Home Missions – the spiritually and physically poor on our doorstep. Enjoy this blessed 12th and final day of Christmas (actually Jan. 6th) and make every day of the New Year ahead as joyous as Christmas. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

As we finish Christmas and begin to settle into a New Year (secular), let us re-examine our priorities in life. Simeon dedicated himself to waiting for the coming of the Lord who would sum up all existence – he went home satisfied, at one with himself and with God. The Magi satisfied their yearning for the one who would make all things right. Let us, with God's help, satisfy the yearning within us to be pleasing to the Lord and at one with ourselves and our neighbor as we recommit ourselves to the stewardship way of life. The gifts brought by the Magi were three. Let us worship Him, glorify Him and cooperate with his final mission by bringing our three gifts of the responsible use of our Time and our Talent and our Treasure.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of December 29

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 12,647.00	includes Christmas
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96	
Fiscal YTD Received	\$112,783.44	
YTD Budgeted	\$127,347.00	
Under Budget	\$ 14,563.56-	

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,416.79	includes Christmas
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65	
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 60,530.20	
YTD Budgeted	\$ 51,809.00	
Over Budget	\$ 8,721.20+	

Our Parishes

Before Christmas: Advent: Yes, Christmas has gone very well and I thank everybody who was involved in any way. The joyous cooperation is, hopefully, a good omen for parish life in the year to come. I must not forget those who helped set the stage for so wonderful a Christmas: those who performed for the play at St. Bridget's, those who put on that delightful evening of food, fun and music at St. Bernard's, bell-ringers and carolers, servers, ministers to the poor, the list goes on. Thank you for your good stewardship. Fr.W.

Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose: We are very excited to have Matthew Kelly and special musical guest Eliot Morris at St. Bernard's on May 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$39 each. Contact the parish office to purchase your tickets. This event will sell out. If you'd like to give tickets as a Christmas gift, be sure to contact the office by this Monday or Tuesday.

Ticket Contest Deadline Extended to January 15: College students from St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's can win free tickets to the Matthew Kelly event. Submit an essay of “What It Means To Be Catholic”. This is sponsored by St. Bernard's Men's Club. Send to Fr. John P. Wimot, St. Bernard's, 116 4th Ave SE, Stewartville, MN 55976

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Quilting / Sewing Group: This new group, consisting of parish members from both churches, has been having all kinds of fun and fellowship. Anyone interested in quilting and / or sewing is invited to attend whenever you can. The next gathering is Thursday, January 8 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room (school side) at St. Bernard's.

Mass Intentions: St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's is accepting Mass Intentions for your loved ones, living or deceased. Each Mass is \$5, and limited to four Masses per person at this time. Checks are to be made out to the parish. Contact Pam in the office.

Taking Down Christmas: Decorations will be taken down after the Epiphany. Those who donated flowers in memory of someone may pick up a red poinsettia after next weekend's Masses.

Website & Facebook: Be sure to periodically check out the website www.sbsbparishes.org and also Facebook; St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's

St. Bernard's



Blessings to Wesley Tate Doherty, son of Nicholas & Kristina, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Choir: Practice will be held on Sunday, January 11 at 8:50 am followed by singing at 10:00 am Mass.

Communion Ministers: We need you this Saturday evening at 5:00 pm Mass! Some of the new folks, please log in to your account and designate which Mass you prefer attending. If you need help or have questions, contact Pam.

Bye, Bye St. Nick: One enormous highlight as we approached Christmas was the visit of St. Nicholas. We had a huge turnout of families to greet him and he can't wait to visit us again next year. Fr. W

Religious Ed News

Faith Formation Classes: All grades in both parishes will have classes Wednesday, January 7 at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

St. Bridget's



Boxed Envelopes: Your contribution envelopes are in the social hall. Please take a moment to pick up your box.

Choir: We will sing at Mass on Sunday, January 25.

Around The Area

DivorceCare: Find help, discover hope and experience healing from the hurt from separation or divorce with a local, weekly support group at Grace Church in Stewartville beginning January 7, 6:00 pm. The purpose of this ministry is to promote reconciliation first and foremost. Check out divorcecare.org. To register or questions call Kirsti 533-8229.

Young Adults (20s & 30s): Want to find information on Catholic events in the Rochester area? Check out rayoungcatholics.org (Rochester Area Young Catholics) "Our mission is to invite young adults into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by: engaging in the sacramental life of the Church, further study/catechesis and fostering authentic friendships rooted in holiness"

Happy
New Year!