

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 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 at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, May 18	St. Bernard	8:00 am Katherine Skyhawk+
Tuesday, May 19	St. Bridget	8:30 am Marie Sorenson+
Wednesday, May 20	St. Bernard	8:00 am For Art & Carmen Siler
Thursday, May 21	St. Bernard	8:00 am Walt R. David+
Friday, May 22	St. Bernard	8:00 am Tina Chinn+
	Care Center	9:15 am Jim & Cathy Hively+
Saturday, May 23	St. Bernard	5:00 pm For Marijane Irlbeck
Sunday, May 24	St. Bridget	8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard	10:00 am Colin Casella+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, May 23 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Chris & Diane Gray

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: George & Henry Gray

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer,

Mary Lynch, Jean Peterson

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan,

Dan Rainey

Sunday, May 24 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Nicholas Poss

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Andy, Hank & Harvey Friederichs

Sunday, May 24 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Ginny Hanson

Servers: Chelsea Pierick

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Emma Davis, Lisa Dodd,

Ginny Hanson, Jan Owen, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is preparing His Apostles for life after His departure. He will always be with us of course through the working of the Holy Spirit and most especially in the Eucharist but He will be gone from worldly sight. The Apostles would perform many powerful signs in His name; healing the sick, casting out demons (exorcism still exists in the Church) forgiving sins and more.

Jesus ascends to sit at the right hand of the Father with whom He is one, with whom He is equal in glory. Naturally we know that God is no more up than He is down but the Ascension shows us that Christ like the Father and Spirit is above every principality, authority, power and dominion and everything that ever existed and will ever exist.

Jesus is consubstantial with the Father and we recognize as we gather today that we are not alone. God is always with us as Christ in union with Father and Holy Spirit. Luke and Mark, using different images, tell us that at this time Jesus enters the fullness of glory that is rightfully His and where He has gone so go all the faithful. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today Jesus tells the Apostles and His followers who witness His Ascension that they will "receive the Holy Spirit." "Christ's Ascension into Heaven signifies His participation, in His humanity, in God's power and authority."

The traditional gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Jesus reminds us that we are to use the Holy Spirit to go and teach others the "Good News". It is a call to evangelization and stewardship. Just as the Apostles needed the Holy Spirit to fulfill Christ's wishes, so do all good stewards.

Kathmandu, Nepal: Another major earthquake hit the remote mountain region of Nepal last Tuesday, less than three weeks after the Himalayan nation was ravaged by its worst quake in decades. More than 8,000 people have been killed. Entire villages flattened, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. Approximately \$2,500 was given last weekend in the second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Bless you for your generous hearts.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of May 10

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,190.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$217,000.05
YTD Budgeted	\$220,408.27
Under Budget	\$ 3,700.51 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,133.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 96,854.55
YTD Budgeted	\$ 89,669.42
Over Budget	\$ 7,185.13 +

Our Parishes

Welcome Matthew Kelly: Well, the day has arrived at last and Matthew Kelly is with us to inspire us and with his gift for words help broaden our perception of what being involved in our Church and being part of the stewardship really means. We have a beautiful Church with a beautiful message; that of the risen Christ who gave all He could for our salvation. I thank Bishop Quinn and Bishop emeritus Harrington for supporting our efforts and for being here to share in our joy. I thank Ben Frost for working with me over the past several months, our co-host parishes, those who helped sell tickets and those who now lend voluntary support to ensure that all goes smoothly as we welcome Matthew and his team to our parish. We are all called to be vibrant witnesses to the living Gospel; to be the living stones of the living temple, Jesus Christ. Working together we can achieve so much to spread the Word. Fr.W.

Cancer Support: The Cancer Support Group will be gathering on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. 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'. Note that there is also a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering space for those dealing with cancer that would like to be added to our prayer list or you may call Chet Daniel at 533-8191 to be put on the list or if you have questions.

Quilting / Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday afternoon in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. It's open to parish members of St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. The next gathering will be Thursday, May 28 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

St. Bernard

Adult Choir: Practice on May 24 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am

Memorial Day Mass at St. Bernard's Cemetery: Monday, May 25 at 8:00 am.

Card Bingo at the Care Center: Jeanette Fortier invites you to join her as she leads Bingo with the residents; May 27, June 10, July 1 & August 5 – all Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering space or call Jeanette at 358-7144. Youth are especially needed to assist.

Religious Ed News

Thank You: Again, thank you to all my catechists for a great year. If you are interested in teaching next year please let me know. ~ Krissy

Thank You: To those students who helped clean the church and to those who helped stuff bags last Wednesday. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Summer Faith Formation Program for all Grades: *Totus Tuus* will be held at St. Bernard's and is scheduled for July 27-31 for grades 1-6 from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. For grades 7-12, it is scheduled July 26-30 from 7:30-9:40 pm. The cost is \$20 per child and one dozen cookies per family. There are registration forms in the kiosk at St. Bernard's and at St. Bridget's they are on the table in the entryway. Let Krissy know if you are interested in hosting in your home 2 of the team members.

St. Bridget

Memorial Day Mass at St. Bridget's Cemetery: Monday, May 25 at 9:30 am.

Wedding Banns: Kara Roeder & Steve Jezeski on Saturday, May 30.

Trip to La Crosse: You're invited to join us for a fun and spiritual trip to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Chapel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse on Saturday, May 30. Those planning to go please call or text Marilyn Baker 206-7212 that you can meet at St. Bridget's at 8:15 am with planned time to carpool at 8:30 am. Bring money to eat lunch together as a group. An afternoon return is planned back to St. Bridget to pick up your car. Please park your car farther away from the church entrance area as there will be a wedding that day and the parking lot is reserved for their guests.

Around The Area

Job Opportunity: Are you over 18 and enjoy helping those who may need a little assistance with meal prep, light laundry, emptying trash, shopping, appointments, etc. Elder Network is a local non-profit agency serving older adults in our area for over 27 years. We are looking to hire responsible, self-directed, caring and compassionate individuals who are interested in being part of our Team. Companion schedules can be flexible. Necessary training and background checks are required. This is a great opportunity for those looking for part time, flexible work schedules. Contact Laurie Marreel @ (507) 285-5272 or lauriem@elder-network.org for more information.

Community Volunteer: The Dorothy Day Hospitality House, a temporary homeless shelter in Rochester is in need of two volunteers to manage the house during overnight hours, 2-3 nights every other week. The hours needed are generally between 9:30 pm and 7:00 am during the week and 9:30 pm and 9:00 am during weekends. We enforce a curfew overnight and we have a bed in the facility for the overnight volunteer so there is an opportunity for sleep while serving at the house. In return for working with us we give our overnight volunteers free room and board at a separate residence in a private room. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving in this capacity and might be in need of free housing, please call or email Ray (507) 251-5869 rostfeld@dorothydayrochestermn.org

Brew Ha Ha Event: This fundraising event for St. James Coffee is on Friday, May 22 from 4:30-9:30 pm at the Rochester Event Center. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or \$300 for a table of 8, and can be purchased at St. James Coffee or online at stjamescoffee.com under the Events tab.

Ordination of Deacon Jonathan Fasnacht: Friday, June 19 at 2:00 pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Winona. Jonathan is the younger brother of our former priest, Fr. Matt Fasnacht.

World Meeting of Families on September 21-28: As was expected, the moment Pope Francis announced his visit to Philadelphia, people have rushed to reserve their places on the diocesan pilgrimage. Log on to the Winona Diocesan website: www.dow.org and click on the picture of the Philadelphia Pilgrimage for additional information. They offer the trip by bus or plane. The cost varies depending upon which transportation and the number of people in your group.