

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

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. You may call earlier than that for availability.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot or if you would like to be added to Fr. Wilmot's First Friday Communion List, call the office at 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 will be held for Totus Tuus students this week at 11:15 am. Everyone is welcome to come to these daily Masses at St. Bernard's. Priests will be Fr. Shawn Haremza, Fr. Tom Loomis & Msgr. Don Schmitz. Fr. Wilmot returns Friday.

Monday, July 27	St. Bernard 11:15 am Bernie Bissonette+
Tuesday, July 28	St. Bernard 11:15 am Darrell Sperry+
Wednesday, July 29	St. Bernard 11:15 am Walt R. David+
Thursday, July 30	St. Bernard 11:15 am For family health
Friday, July 31	Care Center 9:15 am Jim & Cathy Hively+
	St. Bernard 11:15 am Lucy Tooke+
Saturday, August 1	St. Bernard 5:00 pm Bernadine Peterson+
Sunday, August 2	St. Bridget 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard 10:00 am Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, July 31 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Kevin & Kari Koenigs

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Server: Adam & Samantha Koenigs

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Jim Nosbisch (2 needed)

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger,

Dan Rainey

Sunday, August 1- 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Andy Friederichs

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Hank Friederichs, Harvey Friederichs

Sunday, August 1 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Bayli Henderson, Janet Speltz

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Bayli Henderson, Joseph Gawarecki

Lector: Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mychelle Henderson, Matthew Pierick,

Miriam Pierick, Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

Today we see St. John's account of the feeding of the five thousand. This is obviously a miracle and is mentioned in all four gospels (Matt 14, Mark 6 and Luke 9). I say it is obviously a miracle because you will have those who seek to invent some natural explanation for what happened. Their claim might be for instance that Jesus inspired all present to share what food they had with one another. This is a "nice" idea but not what happened. Jesus shows His love and compassion but also His divine power.

Our faith tells us that what happened was a true miracle and a sign that Jesus is the Messiah and as such will provide for all our needs. It is also a precursor to the Eucharist where Jesus is the food of life and draw all into one community of faith.

I hope by the time you read this I am with a sister and her family in England, getting the scoop, current goings on within the extended family and sharing happy memories while enjoying some delicious home cooking. See you soon. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

As difficult as it may be for us, we need to focus on others in service more than we should try to glorify ourselves through what we may seem to have. In particular we need to focus on the "possess loosely" aspect. That is more than material items, of course. We have a tendency to hang on to traditions, people, and other things that we view as ours. Pope Francis cautions us, "A heart occupied with the desire to possess is a heart full of this desire, but without God."

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending July 19

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,538.31 (\$2 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 10,882.89
YTD Budgeted	\$ 15,134.19
Under Budget	\$ 4,251.30 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,242.80 (\$2.55 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 5,398.12
YTD Budgeted	\$ 6,157.27
Under Budget	\$ 759.15 -

Our Parishes

Welcome! Fr. Mike Surufka, OFM is joining us to celebrate the weekend Masses.



Liturgical Ministers: Great job on your involvement with the newest schedule!

Postcards from Abroad: We have received a postcard for each parish from Fr. Wilmot. They are on the bulletin board. Father will return late this week.



On our parish website, www.sbsbparishes.org view the bulletin and you can check our Facebook page by clicking the underlined icon on the left. You don't need a Facebook account to do this. Those with FB accounts can search 'St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's' and 'Like' us so you can be in the loop.

Quilting / Sewing Group: The next gathering will be Thursday, August 6 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Social Concerns Meeting: Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library. Anyone interested in social concerns in our community is welcome to attend.

St. Bernard

Thank You: To everyone who helped set-up, prepare, serve and clean up for the Dorothy Graen funeral lunch last weekend. You are appreciated!

~ St. Bernard's Funeral Committee



An Open House celebration will be held in the social hall on Sunday, August 2 from 1:00-4:00 pm in celebration of Kate Towey's 90th. Happy, Happy Birthday, Kate!

Men's Club Meeting: The first Tuesday of the month, all men of the parish are invited to attend the Men's Club Meeting. The next meeting will be held August 4 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.



Card Bingo: Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm at Stewartville Care Center. Volunteers are needed! Contact Jeanette 358-7144.

Cemetery Committee: A special meeting of the St. Bernard Cemetery Committee will be on Thursday, August 6, at 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Check it Out! St. Bernard's Parish is very blessed as one of our own, Neal Abbott, son of Brian & Barb, will be attending Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona this fall. In addition to spiritual support, we will be hosting fundraising events at the picnic, Sunday, August 16, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Fundraising events include:

***Silent Auction:** Donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, etc. are needed. Drop off at the parish office. Contact Pam Mueller with questions 533-1952 or 254-9478.

***Confirmation Students' Service Hours Live Auction:** Bid for students to help with housework, babysitting, yardwork, etc.

***Personal Business Fundraising Tables:** Set up a table of your own items to sell ie Divine Design Rosaries, Essential Oils, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Avon, etc. Contact Diane Carlson for a table 358-6580.

***Pie Sales:** Make and donate a homemade pie. Contact Judy Bunde with questions 254-0135.

More volunteers are needed, please contact Pam Mueller if you're willing to help in any way.



Parish Picnic/Neal Abbott Fundraiser: Everyone is invited after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, August 16. This event will include a Silent Auction and Live Auction,

music, kids' games, food, pie sales and more! Generous free-will offerings are welcome as we are sending one of our own, Neal Abbott, to the seminary to give his life for the Lord.

Youth Envelopes: Contribution envelopes for the kids are on the table by the window in the gathering space. Sorry if you couldn't find them last week – things were moved around a bit after the funeral.



Coins For The Church: Collect your spare change for the week and drop it in the wooden box near the office. All loose coins and bills from the box go toward the



Building Fund loan.

Someone forgot their sunglasses two weekends ago. Contact Pam in the office.

Around The Area

Msgr. Don P. Schmitz's Anniversary Celebration: Since Msgr. Don P. Schmitz was ordained in Rome during his last year of seminary, he did not start priestly ministry in the Diocese of Winona until August 1965. In honor of his 50 years of priestly ministry in the Diocese, there will be a celebration at Pax Christi Parish in Rochester on Saturday, August 1, which will include 5:15 pm Mass and a reception afterwards. All are welcome!

Invitation: Assisi Heights invite you to join them at THURSDAYS on FIRST, August 6, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Peace Plaza, downtown Rochester. Come visit our booth. Assisi Heights is known as the "Powerhouse of Prayer" – we welcome your prayer requests via notecards provided. In addition, register at our booth to win a festive "Honey Basket" from Assisi Heights Gift Shop