

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. 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 Schedule & Intentions

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Aug 24	St. Bernard Ida Wicks+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Aug 25	St. Bridget Mari Ahlers+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Aug 26	St. Bernard Bernie Bissonett+	8:00 am
Thursday, Aug 27	St. Bernard Harley Bourquin+	8:00 am
Friday, Aug 28	St. Bernard Roy & Helen Smith+	8:00 am
	Care Center Lucy Tooke+	9:15 am
Saturday, Aug 29	St. Bernard Ron Schoepner+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Aug 30	St. Bridget Patrick Kuisle+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, August 29 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Sharon Theobald

Rosary: Midge Block

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Emily Rinken

Lector: Nick Konrady

EMC: Terri Elsbernd

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrell Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

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

Server: Chelsea Galbraith

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Mary Elton

Sunday, August 30 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Needed

Servers: Patrick Miller

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart (4 needed)

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

Pastor's Corner

Joshua confronts the people and asks them if they intend to follow the pagan gods of their neighbors or the God of Israel. He chooses the one true God, of course and will abide by the covenant made on Sinai. Many others will follow also but how true will they remain both to God and His statutes? This decision is something we continue to face. So many of us do not put God first in our lives and though we might wish to be seen as religious we often try to create our own god in our own image. We make God fit our life style instead of vice versa.

Peter makes his choice, his decision to follow the one true God when he says to Jesus "You have the words of eternal life." Peter's faith will waiver in early days but he will return to the Lord and even give his life in witness. We must be strong in faith and seek to be transformed into true believers rather than diluting the demands of the covenant to fit current fads and fashions or our own selfish and ignorant agendas. Semper fidelis! Keep the faith! God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Joshua has as his main point today main that people have a choice. Each of us has a choice when it comes to deciding if we will indeed "serve the Lord" or satisfy our own self-interests. This is the stewardship choice addressed by St. Paul in the Second Reading as well. Each of us makes a choice in life as to whether we are going to be self-centered or other-centered. Paul means that we need to consider others first before ourselves; we should not be self-seeking; and we need to find joy in other's successes. That is a humble approach to relationships, but it is the stewardship attitude.

Peter in the gospel exemplifies the choice we have — that is, to follow Jesus or not. Following the Lord, living in the way He expects, is not easy nor was it ever intended to be easy. That is our challenge when we make our own choices. As Christians we need to learn that just like the Apostles, there is really nowhere else to go.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Aug 16

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,160.41
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 27,309.13
YTD Budgeted	\$ 35,313.12
Under Budget	\$ 8,003.99 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,260.01
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 16,212.06
YTD Budgeted	\$ 14,366.96
Over Budget	\$ 1,845.10 +

Religious Ed News



Religious Ed Teachers Needed: The day is fast approaching when we will begin our Religious Ed classes at St. Bernard's. We still need teachers to help pass the faith on to our youth. This is a valuable and blessed contribution to the life of our parishes. Contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192 or ksullivan@sbsbparishes.org

Needed at this Time:

3rd grade: Teacher & Aide

4th grade: Teacher & Aide

5th Grade: Co-teacher or Aide

7th Grade: Aide

8th Grade: Teacher and two Aides

Confirmation: A married couple to teach at their home

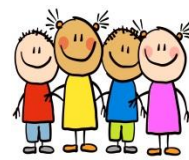
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Level 2 from 5:15-6:15 pm need an Aide

Level 1 from 6:30-7:30 pm need an Aide

Children's Liturgy of the Word: A few teachers to lead once a month

Confirmation: Will be held on Sunday, September 13 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Bernard's.



Religious Ed Kick-Off: Wednesday, September 16 at St. Bernard's beginning with supper at 5:45 pm. Get your children registered for classes. You can print off a form on the website. It's on the left side toward the bottom.

Our Parishes

Heartfelt Thank You: I want to thank the entire St. Bernard parish community, and many from St. Bridget's, for supporting me as I head off to seminary. In particular, I must thank those that helped with the parish picnic and fundraiser this past weekend: Fr. Wilmot for his overall leadership, encouragement and many contributions to the effort, the Weston family and Aaron Simmons for providing music, Scott Christian and the Men's Club for preparing and serving the food and drink, Judy Bunde for her pie sales, Diane Carlson & Pam Mueller for organizing the silent auction and raffle etc. and Jeanette and Krissy for helping with the kid's games and activities. I thank everyone who contributed in whatever way and all who attended. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me and know that I appreciate all you did in making the picnic/fundraiser a success. I cannot express to you all what an honor it is for me to represent our parish at the seminary, and I pray that, God willing, He will give me the ability to inspire others to follow Christ in the ways that you all did for me. Thank you and God bless you! ~ Neal Abbott
(See first draft on Facebook; St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's, or go to website www.sbsbparishes.org and click on the link on the left side)

A GRATEFUL FR.W. Many, many thanks to all who could show up and all who contributed in any way – from the food to the music to the baskets and donations and all dotted in between - to our successful Picnic in anticipation of the feast of St. Bernard and as financial fundraiser for Neal and his tuition etc. The diocese pays for food and board and many living expenses but our amount of, \$7,064, will help with tuition at St. Mary's Seminary and things like books and other study necessities. It will be kept here in trust and doled out as needs arise over the next couple of years. You are grand people and good stewards.

Check Out The Calendar: The website has been updated with calendar events. Feel free to check from time to time.

Becoming Catholic: If you wish to receive instruction with a view to joining our faith, usually at Easter or thereabouts, please call Fr. Wilmot 533-8257, or our RCIA coordinators; St. Bernard's Mary Brouillard 533-6596; St. Bridget's Sandy Woodruff 282-3854.

Communion Ministers: If you're available next weekend for Mass, please sign up. At the time of printing, several are needed.

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Adelynn Rose Johnson, daughter of Joshua & Renee, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Wedding Banns: Kayla Solum & Michael Geib ~ Saturday, August 29

St. Bernard's Building Loan: Thanks to some frugal parish living, people being true to their pledges and several donations, we now have the amount owed down to the \$250,000 mark. Of course, we will need new pledges and careful living for a couple of years more but this is encouraging. Well done. (Please continue to use the gold envelopes in your packets) I will be talking about our loan to all gathered sometime in the not too distant future. Fr.W.



Men's Club Meeting: Held the first Tuesday (September 1) of the month at 6:30 pm in the parish library. Let's get some new faces to join in. New parishioners are encouraged to attend.

St. Bridget's

Wedding Blessings: Megan Hamilton & Mark Theobald ~ Friday, August 21

Wedding Blessings: Samantha Sobolik & Alex Hartley ~ Saturday, August 22



Jim Kuisle and his niece, Jennifer Kuisle, invite you to join them as they serve coffee and donuts after Mass on Sunday, August 30.

Around The Area

Widow's Group: Resurrection Church in Rochester holds a gathering for widows every 2nd and 4th Friday morning at 9:00 am. The next one is held on August 28. All are welcome to attend.