

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Sept 14	St. Bernard Ollie Fritsche+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Sept 15	St. Bridget John & Irene Galbraith+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Sept 16	St. Bernard Mike Foster+	8:00 am
Thursday, Sept 17	St. Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
Friday, Sept 18	St. Bernard For Mark & Susan Bissonette & Family	8:00 am
	Care Center Jim & Cathy Hively+	9:15 am
Saturday, Sept 19	St. Bernard Margaret Wagner Case+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 20	St. Bridget Cyril & Frankie Roeder+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Sept 19 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Joan Titus

Server: Lacy Jewson

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Barb Abbott, Emily Kiefer, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Sept 20- 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Andy, Hank & Harvey Friederichs

Sunday, Sept 20 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Gene & Sharon Bernard

Servers: Annie & Lily Welch

Lector: Needed

EMC: Scott Christian, Mary Hustak, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,

Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

In today's second reading, setting aside for now the controversy that raged for centuries between us and the protestant churches, James shows that faith and works are inseparable. If you perform good works you do so by virtue of divine grace, if you have faith you will be impelled to do good.

Jesus comes to us as the suffering servant. He does all for us in obedience to the Father and with love for us. If we are to be his followers, like Peter, we will have to come to the realization that we will be faced with various degrees of sharing in Christ's suffering; with sacrifice, persecution and even a form of martyrdom. To withstand these we need to be filled with his love, with faith.

This weekend 25 young men and women will be confirmed in the Faith by Bishop Quinn at St. Bernard's. The spiritual descendant of the apostles will bestow on them the Holy Spirit who in turn will grant them seven gifts: Wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and fear of the Lord. These are not given solely to be harbored but to help them grow in the faith and to produce good fruit. May God shower us all with special joy and blessings this day.

Stewardship Reflection

Being a Catholic and a Christian entails being obedient to God, and it also requires that we see God as the controlling factor in our lives. We trust Him, and we rely on Him in all aspects of how we live and what we do. In other words, as good stewards we live God-centered lives. When Isaiah says "I have set my face like flint" he is quoting the Messiah and indicating Jesus determination and resolve in fulfilling His mission. That may be demanding for us to emulate, but that is the steadfastness the Lord expects from us.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Sept 6

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,355.84 (\$16.50 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 40,201.47
YTD Budgeted	\$ 50,447.31
Under Budget	\$ 10,245.84 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,505.25 (\$5 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 21,184.87
YTD Budgeted	\$ 20,524.23
Over Budget	\$ 660.64 +

Our Parishes

Cancer Support Group: Join us on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.



Quilting / Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday. The next gathering will be September 17 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

NCYC - National Catholic Youth Conference for High School Students: This is an exciting, three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and adult chaperones. Nationally recognized speakers and performers, bands and concerts are part of this event. The trip dates are November 18-22 and the cost is \$600 (parish grants are available). The deadline for registration is September 30. If interested, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.



Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels:

Join us for a talk on the Holy Guardian Angels at St. Bridget's on Friday, October 2 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Social Hall.

We will learn what sacred Scripture and the tradition of the church teach us about the Angels and how we can fully cooperate with them. We will touch on stories of the Saints and their Guardian Angels as well as the Vatican approved consecration to the Holy Angel(s) ending with the Litany to the Holy Angels.

Religious Ed News

If you have not registered your students, you're late! We asked for registrations by last Friday. PLEASE do not wait until Wednesday evening to register your children.

4th Grade Teacher Needed: Help pass the faith on to our youth. Prayerfully consider sharing your gifts. Contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.

Religious Ed Kick-Off: The Men's Club will be preparing and serving brats, hotdogs and chili dogs and sides on Wednesday evening, September 16 at St. Bernard's for the Kick-Off. Supper will be at 5:45 pm followed by 'Meet the Teacher' at 6:30 pm.

Catechists, Teachers & Helpers: VIRTUS is a training program to prevent child abuse and is required by the Winona Diocese for all parish employees and volunteers who work with children and youth. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend, as we all have a role in creating a safe environment for our children. Two sessions are available at St. Bernards - Saturday, September 19 from 9:30-11 am or Sunday, September 20 from 1:00-2:30 pm. Online registration is required at www.virtusonline.org by clicking on the Registration link, and then selecting Winona, MN (Diocese). The training includes two DVD's that are designed to raise awareness about the nature of child sexual abuse, to educate on how to recognize the warning signs, and to train on what to do when it appears a child is being victimized. Contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 273-9847 if you have any questions.

Students 4th Grade & Older: Interested in being a server at Mass? Father will be holding training on September 23 during Religious Ed classes.

St. Bernard



Wedding Blesings: Kelly Norman & Kody Kramer ~ Saturday, September 12

Baptism: Blessings to Adalynn Grace Elpert and Ethan James Elpert, daughter and son of Jesse & Holly, as they receive the holy sacrament of baptism.

Council Meetings: Tuesday, September 15 the Finance Council will meet at 6:30 pm and the Pastoral Council meets at 7:15 pm. Meet in the parish library.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, Sept 17 at 7:00 pm in the parish library.



Dick and Pat Koenigs will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children and grandchildren will host an open house at St Bernard's Marian Hall on Saturday, Sept 19 from 1:00- 4:00 pm. No gifts please.



Irish Mass: Join us Sunday, September 20 at the 10:00 am Mass for special music by the group from Chicago called "Switchback". They are Marty McCormack and Brian Fitzgerald, who wrote the music for a Mass and will perform here at St. Bernard's. Check out their website: waygoodmusic.com. This is a gift to the parish and community from Gene and Sharon Bernard in celebration of her recent retirement after 35 years as Activity Director at the Stewartville Care Center. The Men's Club will sponsor a breakfast following Mass, where there will be a meet and greet.

St. Bridget's

Choir: We'll provide music ministry at Mass on Sunday, September 20. Meet at 7:45 am.

Breakfast: The Ladies Group will be serving breakfast after Mass in two weeks, Sunday, September 27, in honor of our Confirmation students. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and hashbrowns. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate our students receiving this special holy sacrament.

Confirmation 2015

Welcome Bishop Quinn: This Sunday we welcome our Bishop, John M. Quinn, to St. Bernard's. It is always a pleasure to have a visit from him and we are delighted that he will be confirming some young men and women from both St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. May it be an occasion of great joy and spiritual awakening for all present. Fr.W.

Confirmandi 2015: Elizabeth Becker, Jushua Beecher, Kailee Brower, Kevin Christian, Will Colaiano, Jacob Edholm, Grace Friederichs, Julia Friederichs, Chelsea Galbraith, Jacinta Galbraith, Carter Groski, Bobbie Hart, Bayli Henderson, Blake Holschlag, Adam Koenigs, Maddie Lee, Kaitlyn Newcom, Hannah Otto, Nicholas Poss, Hayden Presley, Emily Rinken, Jessica Skare, Katherine Tomlin, Julianne Waugh, Emma Welch, Dustin Windschitl