

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Sept 21	St. Bernard Robert Fontana+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Sept 22	St. Bridget James P. O'Neill+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Sept 23	St. Bernard Walt R. David+	8:00 am
Thursday, Sept 24	St. Bernard Ida Wicks+	8:00 am
Friday, Sept 25	St. Bernard Colin Casella+	8:00 am
	Care Center Ed & Frances O'Neill+	9:15 am
Saturday, Sept 26	St. Bernard Bud Klein+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 27	St. Bridget For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Joe Klann+	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Sept 26 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer
Server: Brandon McCrady
Lector: Charlie O'Brien
EMC: Cindy Meyerhofer (several needed)
Ushers: Dennis Graff, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Sept 27- 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss
Lector: Marilyn Baker
EMC: Mary Elton, Bill Kuisle, Roger Roeder

Sunday, Sept 27 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Janet Speltz
Servers: Patrick Miller, Sarah Watters
Lector: Gene Peters
EMC: Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Steve Sturm
Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

Today James tries to identify the strife between people and puts it down to those who are not at one with themselves. These people have not been transformed by Christ and, until they are, cannot bridge differences and end dissention.

The book of Wisdom reflects upon those who, in their insecurity resent the just person in their midst. We often see this as people gauge their own worth by comparing themselves with another instead of looking more deeply at their own identity within God's plan.

Jesus, in the gospel, challenges his disciples to know themselves and be as humble as a child. All people, even if unloved or seemingly inferior to others, have at least a core of value simply by being loved and cherished by God. If we heed these three readings and look more closely at our situation with regard to others, we would become more open to healing which will give us peace and reconciliation is possible. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, as Jesus and His disciples were walking and talking, He noted a discussion occurring among some of the Apostles. He inquired what it was they seemed to be disagreeing about, and they revealed that they were arguing about who was the greatest of all. You can almost see Jesus stopping in his tracks. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." His point is that greatness is found in service to others. This, of course, is the definitive goal and purpose of stewardship. Jesus wants us to get to a point in our faith lives when our trust in Him is great enough for us to humble our Church by serving others. This is the example Jesus offers us, but it is also the result He expects from us as His disciples.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Sept 13

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,481.54 (\$3.60 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 43,683.01
YTD Budgeted	\$ 55,492.04
Under Budget	\$ 11,809.03 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,231.48 (\$4.25 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 24,416.35
YTD Budgeted	\$ 22,576.65
Over Budget	\$ 1,839.70 +

Our Parishes

Baby Bottle Campaign: We will again be participating in this campaign by filling baby bottles with your loose change during the month of October. This helps fund Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Assistance Fund, which provide women who are considering adoption and or parenting financial assistance. The funds raised help women and children right in our diocese. We will be having the baby bottles available soon.



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.

Website & Facebook: Several calendar items have been added to the website. Feel free to check from time to time. Also note, you can access Facebook from the website even if you do not have your own Facebook account. Check out the pictures of our newly baptized and the newly married couples.

Lectors: Those who requested a copy of the "Workbook for Lectors" can pick up their books. We are good and early this year! At St. Bridget's you can't miss them in the entryway. At St. Bernard's they are on the table near the sacristy.

Religious Ed News

Mandatory Training for Catechists, Teachers & Helpers: Those who have not taken the VIRTUS training, you must do so. This program is required by the Winona Diocese for all parish employees and volunteers who work with children and youth. Training is Sunday, September 20 from 1:00-2:30 pm. Register online at www.virtusonline.org by clicking on the Registration link, and then selecting Winona, MN (Diocese). The training is 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.



Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for grades 1-3 is 5:15-6:15 pm. Grade 8 goes to the Care Center to play Card Bingo.

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

Thank You: To all who have come forward to help in any way with the Religious Ed Program for this school year, please know you are appreciated. The following is a listing of teachers, aides and helpers who will receive a special blessing at Mass.

1 st Grade	Jes Vasvick & Marilyn Wester
2 nd Grade	Heather Lukes & Angie Jannsen
3 rd Grade	Hannah Otto & Barb Abbott
4 th Grade	Jean Hoth & George Skare
5 th Grade	Shelly McCrady-Spitzer & Jan Owen
6 th Grade	Bernice Cascella & Yvonne Price
7 th Grade	Pam Mueller & Jim Otto
8 th Grade	Rob Miller, Terry Smith
9 th Grade	Dennis & Amy Edholm, Andy & Ally Drees, Mike & Vicki Kuisle

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Phil & Monica Araoz, Diane Johnson, Lisa Kuisle, Jessie Skare, Krissy Sullivan, Julie Watters

St. Bernard

Eucharistic Ministers: We need you this Saturday, September 26. Also, go ahead and volunteer yourselves for the October and November schedules.

St. Bridget's

Breakfast: The Ladies Group will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, September 27, in honor of our Confirmation students; Grace Friederichs, Julia Friederichs, Chelsea Galbraith, Jackie Galbraith & Nicholas Poss. 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.

Around The Area

Donate Life: Have you ever wondered how the process of being an organ donor or recipient works? Elder Network will sponsor an event open to the public on Tuesday, September 22 at Shorewood Senior Campus in Rochester from 1:00-2:00 pm. For more info, contact Renee at 285-5272.

Coffee and Canvas at St. James Coffee: Join us for fellowship and fun on Saturday, September 26 at 6:30 pm to paint. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at St. James coffee. Invite a friend and join us.

Reading Volunteers at Bonner: Bonner Elementary & Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have partnered to help elementary classrooms achieve their reading goals for the 2015-16 school year. We are seeking adult (55+) volunteers who have an hour a week or more to give. This is a flexible volunteer opportunity, so if you can't make every week that is ok. The program begins in October and runs until June. If you're interested in learning more contact Guthrie 287-2047 ext. 34

Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat: If you are suffering from the loss of a relationship; widowed, divorced, separated, a retreat will be held at Assisi Heights on the weekend of October 23-25. The cost is \$200 for the entire weekend which includes a room, all meals and a great retreat. Register by October 11 by filling out the form online at beminnesota.org or call 261-8248.

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"