

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Nov 2 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
All Souls Brian Ptacek+

All Souls **St. Bridget** **6:00 pm**
Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+

Tuesday, Nov 3 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For Noel Schoo

Wednesday, Nov 4 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For Linda Pellerin

Thursday, Nov 5 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Mike Roeder+

Friday, Nov 6 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Roy & Helen Smith+

Care Center **9:15 am**
Heitman, Steinmetz &
Ancius Families

Saturday, Nov 7 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+

Sunday, Nov 8 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Frank & Peg Roeder+

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Nov 7 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeter: Diane Woodward

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Lacy Jewson

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

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

Server: Eli Aroaz

Lector: Colleen Gau

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Wanda Nienow

Sunday, Nov 8 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Emily Lamb

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Laura Peters, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of All Saints. My Celtic ancestors gave us Halloween of course and I have nothing against all the spooky customs and costumes. However, we might remember that the idea was that because of the sacredness of the eve of All Hallows, the evil in the world reacted horribly and still does, at the very thought of holiness. Dressing up as witches etc. was a primitive attempt to frighten off the evil spirits that roamed the world.

However, the goodness of the saints, mortals like ourselves who achieved sanctity, is what we should be celebrating and these great men and women should be our role models. Today the number of those officially recognized as saints is around 7,000 but I am sure that there are many others, whom we might have encountered in our lives, that could be added to that number. The saints give us heroic examples of having faithfully followed Christ. We ask our friends and family to pray for us, why not ask them? God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Most of us are aware that every day of the year is Feast Day for some saints. In fact, and this is of great consequence to our understanding, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia* "The Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honors all saints, known and unknown."

This is a day which should remind us that we, too, are called to sainthood. Not that we aspire to be honored publicly by the Pope or by the Church, but we do need to recognize that each of us is called to holiness. It is those unknown saints who provide examples of how to live and love and treat others, how to be good stewards. May we pray for them and may we seek to be like them in our own lives!

Respect Life: Have you heard of the *Spiritual Adoption Prayer*? The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of a pre-born child. This is done by praying that one particular, but unknown child's life, be spared abortion. It was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year. **"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the pre-born baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."** During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers. (Crusade for Life Intl., North Glenn, CO)

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Oct 25

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,185.67 (\$7 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 71,470.62
YTD Budgeted	\$ 85,760.42
Under Budget	\$ 14,289.80 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,882.00 (\$2.75 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 37,496.45
YTD Budgeted	\$ 34,891.19
Over Budget	\$ 2,605.26 +

Our Parishes



Make Life Easier! Would you like to give your church support automatically with a credit or debit card? Log on to the parish website sbsbparishes.org and find the links on the home page. Click on the link and follow the directions. You may give this way as often as you like, weekly, monthly, etc. If you would like to have contributions withdrawn directly from your bank account, we have forms in the parish office that you may fill out. At St. Bernard's, the forms are on the table by the window in the gathering space.

Social Concerns Group Meeting: Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's.

Baby Bottles: Thank you to those who gave to this campaign to benefit Catholic Charities Women and Children Program. The campaign has come to a close. If you forgot to return the baby bottle, please do so when you can.

'Word Among Us' Daily Devotional: There are several people who subscribe to this monthly booklet. Anyone who would like to place an order for a subscription is welcome to do so. It's \$20 for the entire year. Make checks out to St. Bernard's and place in a separate envelope marked "Word Among Us". Books are then distributed at the parishes for those who subscribe.

St. Bernard

Men's Club Monthly Gathering: The Men's Club invites all men of the parish to join them for their November meeting, Tuesday, Nov 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

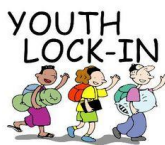
Adult Choir: We will sing at Mass on Sunday, November 8. Meet at 8:50 am for practice.

Eucharistic Ministers: You are needed for this coming weekend, November 7 & 8. We realize it is opening deer season and many will be on their stands. Let's step up to cover while the hunters are away.

Religious Ed & Youth

Thank You: A big thank you to Teresa, Leland & Grant Jeardeau, and Hannah & Olivia Otto for all their hard work last Saturday helping rake yards for the Rake-n-Run. I know the parishioners appreciate all your work. If anyone else is willing to rake, there are parishioner's yards we didn't get to, due to the lack of help and time. Contact Krissy for more information.

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, November 4, regular classes will be held: 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.



Register for the Overnight Retreat - Grades 9-12 for Both Parishes: The National Evangelization Team (NET) will hold an overnight retreat at St. Bernard's the weekend of Friday night through Saturday afternoon, November 6 & 7. NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Contact Krissy Sullivan for details and to register.

Host Homes Needed for NET Team Members: We are in need of a couple people who will open their homes to NET team members to spend the night, Thursday, Nov 5 and Saturday, Nov 7. If you have extra room in your home and are willing to assist with this ministry, contact Krissy.

St. Bridget's

Spend an Hour with Jesus: We have an hour open on Mondays from 5:00-6:00 pm. Please call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you would be interested in Adoration.

Drop-In Gentle Yoga: Classes will be offered at St. Bridget's on Mondays, beginning November 9 – December 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall (rectory

basement). *Schedule may change due to weather. Gentle Yoga is a beginner series of postures, stretches and breathing exercises designed to strengthen or align the body to promote relaxation, reduce stress and increase muscle tone. Anyone 13 years and older is invited to attend. It is a 'drop-in' so you pay as you attend (\$5). Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and wear comfy clothes. If you would like to attend, contact Jeannette Sheehan jrsheehan@hotmail.com or Lisa Behnken lbehnken@umn.edu

Calendar Item: Annual Adoption Celebration will be held the weekend of November 21 & 22 at St. Bridget's, see Adoption announcement below. St. Bridget's will hold a breakfast and bake sale after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 22 to support the adoption ministry of St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. Donated baked goods are needed for the bake sale and helpers in the kitchen are needed as well. Contact Kay Poss 507-380-6216 or Lisa Behnken 282-5714 to help on the 22nd.

Around The Area

Special Mass: All are welcome to attend the Diocese of Winona's Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy on Thursday, November 12 at 12:10 pm at St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Bishop Quinn will be celebrating the Mass with clergy from across the diocese, including Fr. Wilmot.

Diocese of Winona Women's Conference: Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Pacelli Catholic School in Austin. Come learn how each of us as women, no matter what our age or vocation, are called to live out the gift of motherhood, after the example of the Blessed Mother. Register at www.dow.org/faithformation or call Camille 507-858-1271

Adoption Day Celebration: Join families from across the Diocese of Winona who have created their families through adoption and those families who are ready to adopt by celebrating National Adoption Day on November 21. Catholic Charities is hosting a potluck lunch and Mystifying Magic Show at St. Bridget Church. Lunch will be at 11:30 am and entertainment at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Jenny Wolfe at 507-387-5586, extension 2 or jennywolfe@ccwinona.org with the number attending by November 13.

Widows: For all widows of St. Bernard's/St. Bridget's parishes "Our Lady of Good Help Widow's Group" is having a pot luck supper on Sunday November 22 at 5:00 pm. It will be held at Resurrection Parish. Please bring a dish to share. If you have questions please call Midge Block at 533-8339. Look forward to meeting you.