

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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February 21, 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent February 21, 2016

Parish Registration: 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 – Friday 8:30-5:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am unless a holiday is during the week.

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 for availability of dates.

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

Monday, Feb 22	St. Bernard Marijane Irlbeck+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 23	St. Bridget Tom O'Neill+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Feb 24	St. Bernard Les Wernimont+	8:00 am
Thursday, Feb 25	St. Bernard For Shirley Finn	8:00 am
Friday, Feb 26	St. Bernard Larry Raadt+	8:00 am
	Care Center Ollie Fritsch+	9:15 am
Saturday, Feb 27	St. Bernard For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	5:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 28	St. Bridget John Lynaugh+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Vernon Diehthelm+	10:00 am

Saturday, February 27

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Kira Nelson

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Cindy Meyerhofer, Jim Nosbisch

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

Sunday, February 28

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Nicholas Poss

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Karen Sheehan, Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Needed

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Baylie Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Graham Mueller, Pat Robey, Steve Sturm

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

We have, of course, our worldly desires and needs but, as Paul says, "our true citizenship is in heaven" and we must strive, with God's grace, to reshape the world around us. This doesn't mean we go about with our feet planted firmly in mid-air, but in a world torn by sin, we must try to mend our ways, and reconcile with God, neighbor – and indeed our true selves.

The transfiguration might be seen as a favor to Peter, James and John that they might cling to faith even as they felt all their hopes being dashed upon Jesus' arrest, conviction and execution. Jesus was plainly the intended Messiah but would endure suffering, self-sacrifice, in order to gain victory over Satan. Christ's life is meaningless unless it points to the meaning of suffering and we should be aware of that as we encounter life's many pains and make our own sacrifices.

As we move through Lent toward Easter let us have courage and move away from merely being comfortable in our faith. Let us embrace the cost of true discipleship. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

On the First Sunday (last week) we heard one of the accounts of Jesus' temptations in the desert. This week the way to overcome these temptations is revealed. The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin "trans", which means "across" and "figura" meaning "form" or "shape." It signifies a change of form or appearance, and this is exactly what happened to Jesus; His appearance changed and became glorious.

We are called to conversion and witness of the truth. As stewards we must allow ourselves to be transformed. That is what Lent should be all about for us. The stewardship message is that we need to strive for conversion, for grasping the hope offered by Christ.

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Dress Code: When we serve at the altar as a Communion Minister or Lector we should strive to be appropriately dressed. I know that sometimes we stand in for "no shows" but if we are actually on to serve we might think that we are coming to the Lord's holy space and do Him the honor of being well clad for the occasion. Most people do this I am glad to say but I see the wearing of blue jeans etc. becoming more and more frequent. We don't want a fashion show but some well-placed sign of respect would be appreciated. Fr.W.

Welcome Aboard: Kathy O'Connor, whom you may have seen singing as a cantor and in the choir, is now a part time member of my staff. She will help for the present as a general assistant in office administration. Be kind to her ☺ Fr. W

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Feb 14

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,715.82
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$166,006.30
YTD Budgeted	\$166,476.12
Under Budget	\$ 469.82 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,343.07
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 88,830.95
YTD Budgeted	\$ 67,729.96
Over Budget	\$ 21,100.99 +

Our Parishes

Additional Lenten Confession Times: As well as those listed in the Lenten Schedule and the bulletin, Father will be adding the following opportunities for Confessions during Lent: After the Monday Adult Ed sessions, after the Friday Stations of the Cross at St. Bernard's and before at St. Bridget's, and each Saturday at St. Bernard's 10:00-11:00 am.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass said for the intentions of a loved one, living or deceased, contact Pam in the office. The cost is \$5.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays through Lent 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's and 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

Online Ministry Scheduler: The online scheduler may not allow you to view and/or volunteer for the Masses that are at 'unusual' times. In your profile, in addition to your preferred Mass, you need to also check the box '*any special service*' if you would like to assist during Holy Week this Lenten Season. You can uncheck the box any time you want.

Youth Initiative: Now that we have Neal Abbott back with us, he will be busy. Neal will be the Youth Leader for St. Bernard/St. Bridget Cluster and will work with Krissy Sullivan to present and direct more parish opportunities for our young people. Watch for more information.

20 & 30 Somethings Initiative: Ally Drees and company had a fruitful meeting recently and some good ideas were tossed around. Something regarding this initiative will be forthcoming. If you are interested in joining the group contact Ally at funkyalygator@yahoo.com

St. Bridget

Choir Sings: Meet at 7:45 am for practice on Sunday, February 28.

Finance & Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, March 1 6:30 pm for Finance and 7:15 pm for Pastoral.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Lenten Adult Faith Formation: Join Father in the church at St. Bernard's on Monday, Feb 22 from 6:30 -7:20 pm.

Religious Ed Classes: Regular scheduled classes on Wednesday, February 24 from. 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. **Grade 3 and a Parent:** You will meet at the Care Center at 6:30 pm to play card bingo with the residents.

Teachers, Religious Ed Helpers: VIRTUS is a training program to recognize and prevent child abuse and is required by the Winona Diocese for all parish employees and volunteers who work with youth. There is a session offered at St. Bernard's on Saturday, February 27 at 1:00 pm. Online registration is required at www.virtusonline.org by clicking on the registration link, and then selecting Winona, MN (Diocese) or contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 273-9847.

9th Grade Confirmation Class: Grade 9 students and their sponsors meet on Sunday, February 28 in the Marian Hall at St. Bernard's at 9:45 am. The students will be signing the book during the 10:00 am Mass for the Rite of Commitment. After Mass we will have a speaker, food, talk about saint projects and learning centers. The day will conclude around 2:00 pm. If a sponsor is unable to attend a parent can fill in for them.

'Rediscover Jesus': Discussion on Matthew Kelly's bestseller, Rediscover Jesus, will be facilitated by Fr. Wilmot & Cindy Meyerhofer on Monday, Feb 29 from 6:30 – 7:20 pm. The next discussions will be Mondays, March 7 & 14.

Thanks! Thank you to those who donated desserts for FAITH Night and to those who helped in any way with the meal. You are appreciated!

St. Bernard

Lost & Found: A couple of items were turned in to the office last weekend; a red cell phone and a dangly white earring. Call or stop in.



Baptism: Blessings to Jace Brett Bushman, son of Jared & Amber, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Adult Choir: Upcoming practices and music ministry on Sunday, February 28 and March 6 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm
Stewardship Mtg: Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm
Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm.

Around The Area

St. James Coffee and Canvas: Join Friday, March 4 at 6:30 pm to paint a picture and then have the opportunity to put a favorite scripture or favorite saying on it to make it unique. Cost is \$25. Tickets available at St. James Coffee. Invite friends and come join in the fellowship and fun.

24 Hours at St. John the Evangelist Church: All are invited for Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 4:00 pm on Friday, March 4 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 5.

Harvesting Gifts in the Dark - International Women's Day: You're invited to Assisi Heights for an evening with three ordinary women telling of life lived in the real world, while shrouded in darkness. Despite the issues they had to contend with, each found what was fruitful and productive, gifted with possibility and surprising power in order to continue moving forward in their lives. Join us Tuesday, March 8 from 6:00-8:30 pm \$25 per person includes appetizers.

Around The Area

Social Concerns Team Meeting: Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library. Anyone interested in social concern issues is welcome to attend.

Women's Lenten Retreat: The Diocese of Winona presents this all-day retreat on Saturday, March 12 at St. Joseph's Parish in Owatonna. This is a true spiritual renewal retreat led by Amanda Teixeira and Mass celebrated by Bishop Quinn. Registration is \$20 online at www.dow.org

Man of God, Men's Conference: This will be held Saturday, April 2 at Lourdes High School in Rochester from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, sponsored by the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht will be the emcee for the conference. Bishop Quinn will close the conference by celebrating Mass. More information and registration can be found at www.dowmen.org or on the bulletin board at St. Bernard.

Volunteer Opportunity: The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a temporary homeless shelter, just west of downtown Rochester. We are presently in need of additional front desk volunteers. For more info, visit dorothydayrochestermn.org