

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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August 21, 2016

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 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 am -2:30 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
Not on Memorial Day – May 30th

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays 9:00 pm. 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, Aug 22 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Marie Bergler+

Tuesday, Aug 23 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Special Intention for Patty Roth
& Mary Kuisle

Wednesday, Aug 24 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Gene & Shirley Loechler+

Thursday, Aug 25 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For the souls in purgatory

Friday, Aug 26 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
George & Lillian Gehling+

Care Center **9:15 am**
Intention for the residents

Saturday, Aug 27 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Joe, Sr. & Jennie Rauh,+

Sunday, August 28 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Patricia Mullenbach+

Saturday, August 27

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd,
Emily Kiefer

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

Sunday, August 28

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Amy Miron

EMC: Marilyn Baker

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,
Mary Hustak, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

"Are they few in number who are to be saved?" we read in today's gospel. Well Jesus wants us all to be saved. He wants us all therefore to enter into a personal relationship with God. As well as, though superior to, our private prayer life; each time we come to Mass, and meet and receive Jesus in the Eucharist we have a very personal, very intimate relationship with God made flesh.

We would seem to live in times where it is fashionable to proclaim our spiritual identity and yet discount any connection with a faith community and its practices. A good, live connection with a faith community is inconvenient. This would imply that we have a personal God who is desirous of our personal attention and with whom we are called into a relationship but without others. Here we flee a relationship which is outgoing and ongoing though.

Our meeting together with others is the narrow gate that Jesus talks about. It is a prelude to a lifelong, actively lived life of friendship with God and neighbor. This we are called to experience every day in the world in which we live and work. Good to be back. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Why Scripture each week at Mass – Old Testament, New, etc.? The Word of God comes to us through Holy Scripture, the Bible. Simply put, the Bible — Old and New Testaments — is a collection of books written over hundreds of years by those inspired by God to write. In many ways it is the primary witness of our faith. Scripture was written by prophets and apostles in human language. However, it was collected, edited, and sanctioned and blessed by the Church. It is a faith document. This direct word of God, with a Catholic commentary, should be a constant companion as we embark on and continue a life of stewardship which is all about the "greater Glory of God".

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending August 14

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd \$ 3,743.75

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd \$ 1,146.51

Our Parishes & Other Notes

Parish Website: If you missed getting a bulletin or want to look up something for the parishes, check out the website where you can find the bulletins and other info. Visit sbsbparishes.org



Automated Giving: An easy way to contribute to St. Bridget's or St. Bernard's without having to write a check or dig for cash is to sign up on the parish website for automatic payments. You can contribute once a week, once a month, quarterly - whenever or however you wish. Check it out!

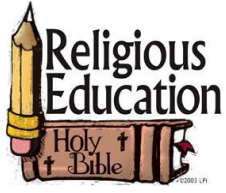
St Bernard and St Bridget's Widows Support Group:

We are a Catholic based support group of widows sharing joys and sorrows as we journey through our new life. We will be meeting Thursday, August 25, at 8:45 am (right after Mass) in the parish library at St. Bernard's. All widows are welcome to attend for fellowship, prayer, and support. If you have questions call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

Parish Appreciation Bash:

Mark your calendar for the evening of Wednesday, September 14 as St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's will get together at St. Bernard's for fun, fellowship and a meal.

Religious Ed



Starting Date: The beginning of classes is one month away, Wednesday, September 21. The kids will be back to school and Religious Ed classes will soon follow. Please be sure to get your children registered - the earlier, the better, for planning purposes.



St. Bridget and St. Bernard parishioners are needed for the Religious Ed Program this year. No experience needed – you will have great resources and training. Teachers and helpers are needed. Contact Krissy if you are willing to assist.



Card Bingo: On Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm, we will play Bingo with the residents of the Care Center. Parishioners and students from both parishes are invited to join the fun. Any questions, contact Jeanette 358-7144.

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St. Bernard



Wedding Banns: Adam Meyerhofer & Alyssa Rehm ~ Saturday, August 27

Thanks! Thank you to those who helped in any way with Jan Heitman's funeral lunch on Tuesday.
~ St Bernard's Funeral Committee

Coins for the Church: The wooden box next to the office door is for donations for our building fund. Loose change from pockets or the bottom of purses is always appreciated. Thank you to those who regularly place a baggie of change in the box. Every coin counts and helps to pay off the loan on our beautiful church.

St. Bridget

Adoration Note: Adoration will not be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Around The Area

Natural Family Planning: Couples can plan and space their children using modern natural methods of family planning. For more information contact Pam Mueller at fertilitycare4u@myclearwave.net or 254-9478.

Blue Mass: All those involved in providing public safety with our police and fire departments and as first responders, are invited to attend and be recognized at the Annual Blue Mass, celebrated by Bishop John M. Quinn on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist. Please bring your family, wear your uniform and arrive early in order to participate in the procession. All others are invited to attend and bless those who serve and protect our community. A reception, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will follow the Mass. All faith traditions are welcome. Call 507-288-7372 or stjohn@sj.org for more information.

Women's Conference: The Diocese of Winona's Women's Conference offers a day of fun, fellowship, time to be with Our Lord and women from throughout Southern Minnesota on Saturday, October 15 at Lourdes High School in Rochester. Join us as we celebrate Our Lady, Mother of Mercy and her radiant impact in the lives of faithful women throughout the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$20 for the entire day. Visit the diocesan website dow.org to register.

