

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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October 30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 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 or Labor Day

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, Oct 31	St. Bernard 8:00 am In thanksgiving for children
Tuesday, Nov 1 <i>All Saints'</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	St. Bridget 8:30 am Carroll Baruth+ St. Bernard 6:30 pm Lucille Maccoux+
Wednesday, Nov 2 <i>All Souls'</i>	St. Bernard 8:00 am For all souls St. Bridget 6:30 pm Margaret Hooper+
Thursday, Nov 3	St. Bernard 8:00 am Kenneth Sperry+
Friday, Nov 4	St. Bernard 8:00 am In thanksgiving for Mark Speltz Care Center 9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, Nov 5	St. Bernard 5:00 pm Mike Roeder+
Sunday, Nov 6	St. Bridget 8:30 am James P. O'Neill+ St. Bernard 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's
Saturday, Nov 5	St. Bernard – 5:00 pm Rosary: Judy Bunde Servers: Jamisen Hart Lector: Dorothy Hurley EMC: Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Jim Nosbisch Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo
Sunday, Nov 6	St. Bridget – 8:30 am Server: Leo Noser Lector: Amy Miron EMC: Marilyn Baker
	St. Bernard – 10:00 am Rosary: Jan Owen Servers: Ellah Dodd, Kira Nelson Lector: Needed EMC: Lisa Dodd, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Jan Owen, Karen Volkart Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

As I mentioned last week, God has no favorites. Justice is for both the good and the bad, the rich and the poor – but there is love and mercy available too. Today's piece from Wisdom is a meditation on the majesty of God and the depth of His love for all His creation. The passage is unique in the Old Testament because of its forceful expression of God's love for all people and things and for its giving a reason for His love.

Zacheus is identified as a sinner in need of God's mercy even though he is well off. "Justification" takes place for him because he is converted by becoming aware of a relationship with God – he is not on God's level, he needs a relationship which trusts in God and not in his own worth. Zacheus seeks out Jesus and is transformed. May we all seek Jesus, and the will of God and true justice. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Zacheus story is a cue for us to recall the importance of humility when it comes to being a good steward, but thanks to the lesson of Zacchaeus we learn even more about how to seek stewardship. Like the tax collector we need to make an effort to seek Jesus; like him we must be humble; we must welcome Jesus into our homes and into our hearts; and finally we need to receive him joyfully.

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Serve Those Who Serve: The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is the only archdiocese that provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in US Military Academies, undergoing treatment at Veteran's Medical Centers and working for the federal government beyond US borders. The programs and services vital to the unique mission of the Archdiocese include vocations, pastoral visitation, evangelization and catechesis, sacramental records, tribunal and veterans affairs. It is imperative that the Catholic faithful who defend our religious freedom do not have to sacrifice theirs. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA helps for the continuation to minister to those who protect our nation and who defend the freedoms we hold dear. Use the special envelopes and make checks out to the parish and we will then send one lump sum check from both parishes for this collection.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending October 23

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,678.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 84,346.79
YTD Budgeted	\$ 91,485.50
Under Budget	\$ 7,138.71 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,380.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 31,390.47
YTD Budgeted	\$ 47,039.00
Under Budget	\$ 15,648.53 -

"God loves a cheerful giver." Please remember your call to a fair and responsible stewardship of treasure. Don't leave it to everybody else.

Our Parishes & Other Notes

Priesthood Sunday: This weekend is Priesthood Sunday, a special day set aside to honor priests in the United States. Sponsored by Serra International and Serra members in your parish, it is a day to celebrate Fr. Wilmot. May we always support and encourage those who serve our Church in this ministry. The Rochester Serrans invite you to join in this blessing prayer:

"Lord Jesus, bless all our priests as they minister to us, as they draw us together in worship, comfort us, and show compassion. Bless them as they help us to grow in faith. Guide them in their calling. Let your spirit always allow them to respond with generosity and a joyful heart. We thank you for their humble service to the people of this parish. Amen."

Widows Support Group: We will now be meeting on the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the St. Bernard library. The meeting times for November will be Nov 3 and 17. If something extra is planned it will be put in the bulletin for your information. Any questions please call Midge Block at 507-951-4912.

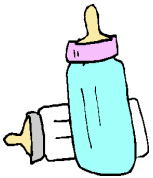
Social Concerns Meeting: Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. All are welcome.

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gathering will be held Thursday, November 10, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.



Adoption is the Loving Option-Adoption Fundraiser Breakfast and Bake Sale: Join us to support the adoption ministry of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's on Sunday, November 20 at St. Bridget's after 8:30 am Mass. Helpers and bakers are needed. Contact Lisa Behnken 282- 5714 or Kay Poss 507-380-6216 if you are willing to assist.

Pray for Vocations: Join Rochester Serrans as we recognize and appreciate the valuable gifts of those who have chosen their vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. May many more answer the invitation to a lifelong commitment and dedication with God. If interested in joining the Serrans to support and encourage vocations, contact Ed Rowley 289-0153 or Dorothy Arendt 289-2416.



Baby Bottles: Thank you to those who have put loose change in the baby bottles for the Catholic Charities fundraiser. Remember to bring the bottle back to the parish the first week in November.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, Nov 17, 7:00 pm

Religious Ed

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes on Wednesday, November 2 at normal times.

Adult Ed & Other Liturgical Offerings:

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. Mondays at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Fr. Wilmot and / or Cindy Meyerhofer will lead these sessions. Session IV, Nov 7: THE STORY OF SALVATION
Session V, Nov 14: WHO IS JESUS?

Evening Prayer & Benediction: Mondays of Advent at 6:30 pm, beginning November 28

Advent Penance Service: Thursday, Dec 15, 6:30 pm

Students Interested in Being a Server – Grade 4 & Up:

Father will provide training on Wednesday evenings (when possible) for St. Bernard students and Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. For St. Bridget students, Saturday mornings by appointment - call Father. Please communicate with Fr. Wilmot if your child is willing to participate in this ministry.

Confirmation Pictures: Pick up your packets of photos on the table in the gathering space.

Grades 9-12: You are welcome to attend the NET Retreat at St. Bernard's on Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5. Contact Krissy for details.

St. Bridget



Early Halloween at St. Bridget's: This was truly a joyous occasion with lots of fun and games for the kids and good food and company for members of both our parishes. It is always good to support these efforts that bring us together. Blessings to all who attended and participated in the organization. Fr.W.

Choir: Music ministry on Sunday, November 20. Meet at 7:45 am for practice. New voices always welcome.

St. Bernard

Men's Club Meeting: We will meet on Tuesday, November 1 after the 6:30 pm *All Saints'* Mass. We will meet in the parish library approximately 7:15/7:30 pm.

Adult Choir: The next practice is Sunday, November 6 & 13 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Cemetery Board Meeting: The annual meeting of St. Bernard's Cemetery will be held Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Breakfast: Sunday, November 13 after 10:00 am Mass.

Around The Area

Cor Jesu: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona will be hosting Cor Jesu, a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Praise & Worship. The first evening will be on Friday, Nov 4, from 7-9 pm. All are welcome to attend. For more details, search 'Winona Cor Jesu' on Facebook, go to winonacorjesu.gitlab.io or call Leandra Hubka at [\(507\) 990-3402](tel:5079903402) or Steven Lehn at [\(507\) 312-9041](tel:5073129041)

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. See www.dorothydayrochestermn.org for more info.

