

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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February 26, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 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 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am-Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm. Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office.

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?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Feb 27	St. Bernard 8:00 am For the Steinmetz Family
Tuesday, Feb 28	St. Bridget 8:30 am For Faith Clay
Wed, March 1 Ash Wednesday	St. Bernard 8:00 am Helen Owen+
	St. Bridget 5:15 pm Margaret Kuethe+
	St. Bernard 6:30 pm Gene Robinson+
Thursday, March 2	St. Bernard 8:00 am Marijane Irlbeck+
Friday, March 3	St. Bernard 8:00 am Michael Lucas+
	Care Center 9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, March 4	St. Bernard 5:00 pm For St Bernard's & St Bridget's
Sunday, March 5	St. Bridget 8:30 am Noel Schoo+
	St. Bernard 10:00 am Margaret E. Hanson+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 4

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: Jamisen Hart

Lector: Angie Jannsen

EMC: Mary Claeys, Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 5

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Emilee & Olivia Otto

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Patty Miller, Pat Robey

Ushers: Andy Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

Today's brief passage from Isaiah urges us to think of our lives in terms of fundamental relationships – such as a child's dependence on its mother. A good mother will never abandon or harm her child in any way but it does of course happen in the case of far too many mothers nowadays. God would never forget His child. We can feel safe and happy always in His embrace.

Mammon refers to the perishable things of this earth, like wealth and/or a preoccupation with acquiring wealth. This brings forth anxiety as do other worldly fantasies and desires. Jesus wants us to be joyful in the things that are of the present but lasting.

If we serve Jesus by striving to live his way, we will avoid the stress and misery which come from trying to serve two masters. Yes, we are to live in the present, not being lackadaisical and impractical, but putting our energetic faith and trust in what will really count both in the here and now and in the hereafter. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Paul today basically tells us that we are meant to be faithful in order to be good disciples, stewards, and servants. We have to place ourselves second to others and second most of all to Christ our Savior. We tend to question this and tend to have strong feelings of independence. That is what we learn from our society. Yet, to be a steward like Paul requires us to be humble and accepting.

St. Augustine wrote, "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." That, too, is stewardship.



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excellent Catholic Schools, televised Mass, and much more. Every gift to this annual appeal for our diocese makes a difference. Visit www.catholicfsmn.org to learn more and / or donate online.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending February 19

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,893.15
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$188,421.61
YTD Budgeted	\$182,971.00
Over Budget	\$ 5,450.61

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,031.82
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 83,584.66
YTD Budgeted	\$ 94,078.00
Under Budget	\$ 10,493.34 –

Our Parishes

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm at St Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: We meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 10am in St. Bernard's library. The next meeting will be held March 2.

Stations of the Cross Throughout Lent: Friday evenings at St. Bernard's and Monday evenings at St. Bridget's, 6:30pm, beginning Friday, March 3.

Little Black Books & Rice Bowls: The black book should help your growth in humility and charity. Your offerings in the Rice Bowls will demonstrate your ability to put charitable thoughts into action. Bring the Rice Bowls back with your change by Easter

Fasting & Abstinence: During the Lenten Season, we exercise works of charity and fulfill our responsibilities more faithfully by fasting and abstaining. **Fasting:** To be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics from age 18 - 58. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals (snacks) are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. **Abstinence from Meat:** To be observed by all Catholics age 14 onwards on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Though these are the rules, we might consider them the least we can do to make a good Lent. Every healthy person should be able to refrain from eating meat once a week. We can save money and place it in our Rice Bowls to help the poor.

Voluntary Self-Denial: As well as giving up something, deeds of mercy, acts of kindness, participation in daily Mass, saying the Rosary, Lenten Devotions, and Stations of the Cross are also encouraged.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, March 9 from 1:00-3:30pm at St. Bernard's.



St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17: Bishop Quinn grants a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products to all Catholics in the Diocese of Winona on St. Patrick's Day. Those who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to engage in another act of penance or charity on that day.

Liturgical Ministers for Ash Wednesday

There are still ministry positions open for these Masses. Please check the online program or contact the office if you are willing to assist.

St Bernard – 8am

Lector: Dorothy Hurley
EM: Mary Claeys

St Bridget – 5:15pm

Server: needed
Lector: Bill Kuisle
EM: Marilyn Baker

St Bernard – 6:30pm

Server: Jamisen Hart, Cole Janssen
Lector: Marge Reimers
EM: Angie Janssen, Rob Miller, Jean Peterson, Pat Robey, Rose Steinman

Religious Ed

Classes: No classes on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Attend Mass with your parents. Classes will resume Wednesday, March 8.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Age 3 through grade 4, June 12-16

Totus Tuus: Grades 1-12, July 9-14

Grades 7-12 - Mission Trip: You are invited to join the Youth Group on a mission trip this summer to St. Louis, June 27 – July 2. Registration needs to be in by the end of this week. There is an \$80 deposit due when you register. Contact Neal with questions.

Grades 8-12: Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester on July 14 -16. Check out the website www.partnershipforyouth.org Students interested in attending contact Neal Abbott.

St. Bridget



Annual Women's Spring Lunch: All ladies of the parish are invited Saturday, March 11, at 11:30am for food, fellowship and fun.

St. Bernard

Thank You: Thank you to all who helped with the recent funeral luncheons. Your ministry to our parish families is comforting and greatly appreciated. God bless all of you! Those who baked cakes or bars, don't forget to grab your cake pans from the kitchen.

Cemetery Committee Mtg: Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm in the parish library.

Adult Choir: Practice for Sunday, March 5 at 8:50am, followed by music ministry at 10:00am Mass.

Men's Club Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 6:30pm in the parish library.

Breakfast: St. Bernard's Men's Club invite you to breakfast on Sunday, March 12 after the 10am Mass.

Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner: Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville. Menu: A heaping plate of spaghetti and meatballs, fresh Italian garden salad, garlic toast, wine and spumoni ice cream for dessert. The evening features live music and entertainment, a silent auction, raffles and a grand prize drawing. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased either after Mass, at the parish office, the license bureaus in Rochester or St. James Coffee House.



Costa Rica? Yes, Please! A parish member has graciously donated a week at a condo in Costa Rica for our Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction. If interested contact Ken Trisko kbt2@triskos.us or 533-4808

Around the Area & Other Notes

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner: St. John the Evangelist gymnasium in Rochester, 5-7pm, all Fridays of Lent starting March 3. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$5.

Catholics at the Capitol: Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic speakers, and Catholics from across the state Thursday, March 9, 9am-4pm for a day of inspiration and advocacy. Morning refreshments, boxed lunch and transportation \$25. Register on the diocesan website www.dow.org

12th Annual Gary Vanselow Memorial Fish Fry: Friday, March 10 from 5-7:30pm at the International Event Center. Advance adult tickets \$15, ages 4-10 \$7. Get tickets online at the www.lourdesfoundation.org or call the Lourdes 289-2584.

The Diocese of Winona's Women's Lenten Retreat: Saturday, March 18 at St. Joseph's Church in Owatonna from 10am-3:45pm. Register (\$15) online at www.dow.org or contact Camille 507-858-1271