

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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The Holy Family

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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 10am

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.
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.

Homebound: If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

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

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Jan 1	St Bridget 8:30 am Mary Strei+
	St Bernard 10:00 am Ambrose & Lucy Theobald+
Tuesday, Jan 2	St Bridget 8:30 am Carroll Baruth+
Wednesday, Jan 3	St Bernard 8:00 am Fr. Joe Keefe+
Thursday, Jan 4	St Bernard 8:00 am Don Wester+
Friday, Jan 5	St Bernard 8:00 am For the priests of the diocese
	Care Center 9:15 am Dorothy Bigelow+
Saturday, Jan 6	St Bernard 5:00 pm Joe Waugh+
Sunday, Jan 7	St Bridget 8:30 am Laurence Kuisle+
	St Bernard 10:00 am For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 6

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Server: needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Jim Nosbisch, several needed

Ushers: Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko

Sunday, January 7

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Bill Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: needed

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Mary Hustak, Patty Miller, Rob Miller, Laura Peters,

Jean Peterson, Pat Robey

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

We are now midway through the Christmas season and a lot of families gather together at this time. We might ponder on the fact that the Son of God had His human family also. He was fully man and human in all but sin. He was respectful of his parents, obedient and open to learning human ways from them. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom.

Most of us have mostly happy memories of family life; however, not all are so fortunate. We should be sensitive to the fact that many in our neighborhood have suffered abuse at the hands of parents and other family members and pray for these people. Also there are those without a family of their own and they are deserving of our sensitivity also.

However, the Holy Family is the model for all Christian family life, for the Christian family is the divinely provided context for the education of children. Were we to imitate the Holy Family, what joy would fill our lives! I wish you much joy as Christmas continues. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

No matter how we may define ourselves we are a part of a family. What is important to know is that this Feast is dedicated to the entire Holy Family. Each in their own right (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) has their own feasts. This feast commemorates the life of the Holy Family together and the focus is, or should be, on religious family life.

We may not know much of Jesus' life or His family from infancy until He was 12 years old. Nevertheless, we need not know all the details to fully appreciate that this family was special, different, Holy. The Holy Family should continue to be an inspiration and an example to us.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 24 Including Christmas

St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 6,328.18
Christmas	\$ 6,565.46
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$146,243.94
YTD Budgeted	\$144,534.00
Over Budget	\$ 1,709.94+

St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 2,247.50
Christmas	\$ 5,014.32
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 69,044.18
YTD Budgeted	\$ 71,942.00
Under Budget	\$ 2,897.82-

Our Parishes

What A Treat! Thank you to those who shared Christmas goodies with the staff. The assortment of delights were much appreciated and enjoyed by many!

Quilting Group: This group meets every other Thursday in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Join us Thursday, January 11, from 1:00-3:30pm.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University:

The first of nine sessions start Sunday, January 14 at 6pm in Marian Hall at St Bernard's. Childcare is provided. You must register and order materials on DaveRamsey.com Questions, contact Ally or Andy Drees at 952-465-9540.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm at St. Bridget's.



Seasonal Thanks: While Christmas is still ongoing – ending with the Epiphany really – I must thank all who have helped to make the Lord’s feast so glorious so far: my staff, those in music and décor and the other church ministries, those helping me with the Care Center and the homebound and other visitation and the many who, behind the scenes, have contributed their time, talent and treasure so generously for God’s greater glory and the good of our parishes. Of course I thank all who have attended our liturgies and those who will – you can’t imagine how much time and effort goes into them. Personal thanks also to those who sent cards and gifts (mostly trying to add to my already ample poundage) - and to all well-wishers. “May your days be Merry and Bright” and may Christmas continue memorable and holy for you all. Fr.W.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, January 3
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie’s Youth Group)

No Youth Group on Sunday, December 31. See you in the New Year on Sunday, January 7!

St Bernard’s



Baptism: Blessings to Felicity Ann Moore, daughter of Andy & Samantha, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism this weekend.

Living Faith: The new Living Faith daily devotional for January through March is on the table in the gathering space.

Word Among Us: Your new edition for Lent is available for pick-up.

Men’s Club Meeting: Men of the parish meet monthly in the parish library on the first Tuesday at 6:30pm. Join us on Tuesday, January 2.

Adult Choir: Sundays, January 7 & 14 at 8:50am, followed by music ministry at 10am Mass.

St Bridget’s

Gone Missing: We seem to be missing 4 white plant stands. If you know anything about these, please contact Father or the parish office.



Feast of Bridget: Saturday, February 3, 6:30pm: The same feast as last time for the same Godly Irish woman (Bridget or Brede in Gaelic). Enjoy wining, dining and entertainment. Mass will begin at 5:30pm, followed by the celebration. Tickets are \$25 each.

Around the Area

Blood Drive: Zion Lutheran Church is partnering with Stewartville area churches and Mayo Clinic to hold a Blood Drive on Monday, January 8. Call Zion to schedule your donation 533-4283.

Coffee House: St. James Coffee is a non-profit Catholic coffee house in NW Rochester. For information on upcoming attractions, visit www.stjamescoffee.com

Volunteer Opportunity: The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a homeless shelter, located just west of downtown Rochester. We are presently in the need of additional front desk volunteers. Visit <http://www.dorothydayrochestermn.org> or e-mail ddhhouse@gmail.com for more info.

