

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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Parish Office

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January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

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

Monday, Jan 8	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Albert & Lorraine Sturm+	
Tuesday, Jan 9	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Jim Huber+	
Wednesday, Jan 10	St Bernard	8:00 am
	For Marcelle Fontaine	
Thursday, Jan 11	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Gene Klann+	
Friday, Jan 12	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Edward Bissonette+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Mike Kean+	
Saturday, Jan 13	St Bernard	5:00 pm
	Mother Rosemary Quinn+	
Sunday, Jan 14	St Bridget	8:30 am
	For St Bridget's & St Bernard's	
	St Bernard	10:00 am
	Arnold Zent+	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 13

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Servers: Brandon & Logan McCrady

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Pauline Fontaine, Susan Hazelton, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh

Sunday, January 14

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Daniel Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Alexandria & Thomas Lennon

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

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

Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the coming of the Magi – three foreigners – to the infant Jesus. We have the same readings for this each year and there are many themes we could use to focus on. This year the bishops want us to tie it to immigration. The “manifestation” of Jesus as the Son of God was to the “nations” – to all nations. We might in these increasingly xenophobic times, examine our own attitudes to the welcome we might afford foreigners.

We might keep in mind that, at the time of the birth of Jesus the idea of a faith which would unite all people was unthinkable. Yet, Catholic means Universal and this incorporates the entire world. Therefore the good news is good news for every people. We should be respectful of all nationalities but be especially aware that each person is a son or daughter of the one true God. Only a quarter of the world's population accepts Jesus as the son of God and His way as the way to peace and joy for all – we have a lot of work to do. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles. We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed which it represents the Light of Christ. Through our stewardship, our discipleship we are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, grow every year more bright, and send its glorious beams afar, to fill the world with light.”

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 31 Including Christmas

St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 15,537.92
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$161,781.86
YTD Budgeted	\$150,093.00
Over Budget	\$ 11,688.86+

St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 4,103.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 73,147.68
YTD Budgeted	\$ 74,709.00
Under Budget	\$ 1,562.68-

Simplify 2018: *Why not sign-up for automatic contributions? No muss, no fuss! Contribute with your checking, savings, debit card, credit card, whatever you wish, and how often you want. You control the contributions yourself. Go to the parish website sbsbparishes.org and find the links on the front page. Contact Pam if you have questions.*

Our Parishes

Finance Council Meetings: Tuesday, January 9 at St. Bridget's. 6pm for St Bernard members and 7pm for St Bridget members.

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.

Cancer Support Group: Tuesday, January 16 at 7pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's.

Stewardship Committee Mtg: Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm at St Bernard's.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, January 10
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm



Grade 2: 2nd graders and a parent need to attend First Reconciliation Learning Centers this Thursday from 3-7pm or on Saturday from 10am-Noon. You can come on which ever day works the best for you. It will take about an hour to complete. If you have any questions please contact Krissy.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)



Follow us on Facebook – 'St Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group'

We meet Sunday evenings in the youth room;
Middle School 4-5:15pm, High School 7-8:30pm

Steubenville Rochester Conference: If you are in high school and are hoping to take your faith to a new level, Rochester is once again hosting Steubenville North, a Catholic conference weekend featuring incredible speakers, live praise and worship music, and time each day for Mass, Adoration, and personal prayer. This year's conference will take place July 13-15 at the Mayo Civic Center, and St. Bernard's/St. Bridget's would love to send a group. Contact Neal for more information and to register!

Mission Trip: Are you interested in going to Tennessee with us this summer? We are going June 19-24. There are still a few slots available. Contact Neal for information.

St Bridget's

Choir: Music ministry on Sunday, January 14 & 28 during the 8:30am Mass. Meet prior



Feast of Bridget – Saturday, Feb 3, 6:30pm: A great night for adults to wine, dine, be entertained and let their hair down. Tickets on sale at the office and after the weekend Masses. Mass will be held at 5:30pm at St. Bridget's (4pm at St. Bernard's). Tickets are \$25 each.

Thank You: 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.

St Bernard's

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

Breakfast: The Men's Club invites you to enjoy breakfast and fellowship on Sunday, January 14. Join them in Marian Hall after Mass.

Respect Life

Did You Know? There is a spike in human trafficking around the time of the Super Bowl? [Mayo Clinic](http://MayoClinic) and [The Link](http://TheLink) joined forces to create riseupgifts.org in an effort to shine a light on trafficking in Minnesota communities and inspire people to make a difference. Through the Rise Up gift registry, you can give a gift of personal necessities to help victims become survivors. The Link will distribute these items to people in need.

9 Days for Life (January 18-26): is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join to receive the novena through the *9 Days for Life* app - see www.usccb.org for information.

March for Life: Monday, January 22 at our state capitol in St. Paul at noon, followed by a short program at 12:30pm. For information, see www.mccl.org (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life)