

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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 2:00 - 11:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. 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 St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Friday, August 22 Care Center 9:15 am
Communion Service

Saturday, August 23 St. Bernard's 5:00 pm
Bob Dunagan+

Sunday, August 24 St. Bridget's 8:30 am
James & Helen Sheehan+

St. Bernard's 10:30 am
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, August 23 – 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Lily & Emma Welch

Rosary Leader: Midge Block

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Mary Claeys, Pauline Fontaine, Susan Hazelton,

Dorothy Hurley, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dave Bunde, Dan Pyan, Joe Rauh

Sunday, August 24 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Chelsea Galbraith

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Roger Roeder, Mike Sheehan, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, August 24 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Sarah Watters, Hannah Otto

Rosary: Ginny Hanson

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Ginny Hanson, Mary Hustak,

Rob Miller, Pat Robey, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

Greeter: Anna Bussman

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Andy Moore, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

I should still be enjoying the sights and culture, especially the cuisine, in France as you read this. The French are a very hospitable lot when you give them a chance and I know I will have plenty of time to pray, relax and enjoy the sights and sounds. I hope my postcards have arrived.

We are called always to emulate the Lord in our way of life, though we know we will always fall more than a little short. This week the liturgy tells us that we must try, with God's grace, to be as merciful as He is merciful. If God forgives all, then we should do likewise. We should strive to be as we were created to be and harboring grudges and practicing spite does us no good at all, let alone those who are the target of our hardheartedness. We should rid ourselves of prejudice, even the more subtle forms, and radiate the compassion and mercy of Christ. Let us reflect upon our shortcomings in this regard; let us be more intent on drawing people to the Lord and not alienating them. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel Peter is admonished by Jesus for his lack of faith or trust whereas the gentile woman is praised for hers: Trust is at the foundation of stewardship. Most of us realize that "trust" is built by knowing someone well. Stewardship calls us to get to know the Lord. This is accomplished by prayer and reflection and study. We may make a greater effort during Lent at this, but we need to build prayer and reflection into our lives throughout the year. The better we know the Lord, the more we will trust Him. To have great faith in God, we must be intimate with Him, one with Him. In a recent homily, our Holy Father Francis put it this way, "Put on Christ in your life and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust." *Catholic Steward*

Stewardship of Treasure

Totals Received Through August 10

St. Bernard's	\$ 3,061.95
St. Bridget's	\$ 3,030.80

Update: The 2014 Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal continues making progress. St. Bernard's has raised \$22,035 towards the \$23,800 goal. St. Bridget's has raised \$6,570 toward the \$7,590 goal. Wow! Thank you to all who have contributed to date! We are very close to making our goals. If you haven't had the opportunity to support the Appeal, please consider a donation. Your support, no matter how much, makes a difference.

Please Note: The *Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota* was formerly known as the *Diocese of Winona Foundation*. The Foundation has undergone a name change in the past six months. If you made a pledge to the *Rooted in Faith, Rejoice in Hope Campaign* or the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you will receive reminders from the *Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota*. This is not junk mail. Please open all correspondence from the Catholic Foundation.

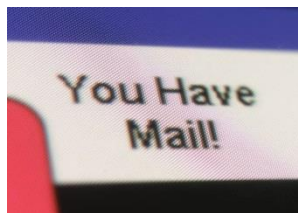
Our Parishes

Thank You: Fr. Francis Gallus will again celebrate the weekend Masses for us on August 23/24.

Thank You: Rob Miller, from St. Bernard's and Terry Smith, from St. Bridget's has been assisting with Communion Service this month on Fridays at the Care Center. Both men are participating in the Diocesan Diaconate Program. We thank them for their assistance and offer them our prayerful support as they continue the journey.

Cancer Support Group: The Cancer Support Group will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm in the church library. We invite all who deal with cancer or another terminal disease, active or in remission, and care givers past and present to join us in support of one another on our journeys'. For questions or more information call Chet Daniel 533-8191.

Our Parishes



Parish-wide Mailing: Members of the parishes should be receiving in the mail information on faith formation for the 2014-15 school year. Be sure to get your children registered as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Forms can also be found on the website; sbsparishes.org and in the kiosk in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and on the table in the entryway at St. Bridget's. If you have questions, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.

Confirmation students need to contact Krissy about setting up an interview with Fr. Wilmot on September 3rd or the 10th between 3:00 - 7:00 pm. You have to turn in your letter to the Bishop, your sponsor candidate packets finished, your saint name and if you missed a class you need to do the lesson and turn in the finished lesson by August 31.

We Need You! Our Faith Formation Program for our children is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 17th. Would you prayerfully consider whether God could be calling you to this important ministry? What better way to serve Him than to share your love and faith with our children. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your faith as well, and tuition is waived if you have children in the program! Our goal is to have two teachers or one teacher and a teacher's aide for each grade. We are blessed to have 8 teachers who have already volunteered. We are in need of 8 more teachers for grades 1 through 9. Please contact Krissy Sullivan by phone or email if you have questions or would be willing to help out this year.

Matthew Kelly: A good way to check out who Matthew Kelly is and what he's about is to visit youtube.com and then do a search for Matthew Kelly. There are several video clips ranging anywhere from 4 minutes to over an hour. As a speaker and an author, Kelly possesses a powerful ability to combine the ageless tool of storytelling with a profound understanding of today's culture and the common yearnings of the human heart. As a result he captures our imaginations and helps us to see the challenges and opportunities of our everyday lives in a new light. We are excited to welcome him to our parishes next year.

St. Bernard's

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your new books can be picked up near the sacristy.

Lost & Found: A silver / white gold hoop earring was found two weekends ago. Contact Pam in the office.

CD in the Spotlight: "Prove it, God! ... and He did" by Patty Schneier is the CD in the spotlight this week. In this CD, Catholic wife and mother of three, Patty struggled with the Church's teaching on contraception. Her discovery of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body revealed to her the fullness of God's plan and led to a dramatic renewal of her marriage and faith. This CD can be found in the display rack near the windows.

St. Bridget's

Choir: We will provide music ministry at Mass next Sunday, August 24. Meet at 7:45 am. New voices always welcome!

Around The Area & Other News

Johnsburg Fall Parish Dinner: St. John's Church in Johnsburg extend an invitation to their Annual Turkey & Ham Fall Dinner on Sunday, September 7 from 3:30-7:00 pm. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. They will serve turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, pie and more. St. John's Church is located 6 ½ miles SW of Adams (10343 640th Ave) 507-582-3321

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese: Friday and Saturday, September 12 & 13 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato. Dynamic speakers, uplifting music, games, children's programs, youth sessions and family activities. Free to all, but pre-registration is requested for the Saturday event. Register at www.dow.org

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Queen of Peace Tours will have one more trip this year; September 23-October 3. Roundtrip airfare, bus transfers, accommodations, two meals a day and much more for \$2089, not including airport taxes. You may contact St. Bernard parishioner, Pauline Fontaine 533-8074 for more information and to register.