

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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September 28, 2014

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

Monday, Sept 29	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Arnie Block+	
Tuesday, Sept 30	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	Carroll Baruth+	
Wednesday, Oct 1	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	For Dave & Judy Bunde	
Thursday, Oct 2	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	For Jan Heitman	
Friday, Oct 3	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Helen Payton+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	For the residents	
Saturday, Oct 4	St. Bernard's	5:00 pm
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	
Sunday, Oct 5	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	George & Teresa Woodward+	
	St. Bernard's	10:30 am
	For Roger & Pam Mueller	
	St. Bridget's	1:00 pm
	Latin Mass	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Sept 27 – 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Emma Davis, Jean Peterson

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko

Sunday, Sept 28 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Jim Kuisle, Bill Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, Sept 28 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

CONFIRMATION

Servers: Hannah Otto, Sarah Watters

Lector: Nathan Onsgard

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Ginny Hanson, Dick Koenigs, Laura Peters,

Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Brad Kime, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto

The new schedules for October and November are available online. October is pretty well set. We need volunteers for the first Saturday of October at St. Bernard's; servers & Communion Ministers - so please sign-up if you're available.

Pastor's Corner

At Mass we say "I confess" and "I believe" because although we are called to live and work as a community and although we are here to support each other on our journey, we must realize that we are called to individual responsibility. Ezekiel is the prophet of individual responsibility. As individuals we can affect the spiritual health of a community of believers for good and for bad. "One rotten apple can spoil the barrel" after all.

We are not saved simply by being Catholic, by belonging but rather because our lives conform to the will of the Lord. We do not deserve salvation; instead we are saved by doing, by becoming and by being. We see the Lord's kindness and compassion but we must not take it for granted. We take confidence only in that abundant mercy which enables us to do the Father's will as did Jesus as He humbly and obediently gave His life on the Cross for the salvation of each one of us. God bless you all.

Stewardship

In today's second reading from St. Paul: If we lived in a community where everyone else regarded each of us as more important (everyone else looked up to us; and we in turn looked up to everyone else), what a community it would be. Each of us would be elevated, lifted up by all those around us. What the result would be is an unbelievable sense of unity. That is what Paul calls the Philippians to, and it is what Jesus calls us to through stewardship

Blessings: Students from St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's will receive the holy sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Harrington on Sunday. Thank you to Bishop Harrington for sealing our students in the Spirit and celebrating this special day with us. Blessings to our students: Kaitlyn Augustin, Allison Birch, Charlie Bleifus, Dawson Buss, Travis Capelle, Jordyn Danielson, Philip Engesser, Brayde Faulhaber, Sophia Goettke, Hannah Grafe, Cecelia Gray, Dawson Grotjohn, Broden Herman, Brianna Higgins, Matthew Higgins, Heather Koenig, Brandon Lange, Courtney McConnell, Graham Mueller, Jordan Newcome, Kara O'Byrne, Nathan Onsgard, Matthew Pierick, Emily Sexton, Matthew Uhlir, Alex VandeLoo, Brittany Vigasaa, Zachery Vigasaa, Colin Willenborg and Abigayle Wilson

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for September 20/21

St. Bernard's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,357.78
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$46,620.28
YTD Budgeted	\$58,775.54
Under Budget	\$12,155.26

St. Bridget's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,761.75
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$25,453.86
YTD Budgeted	\$23,911.85
Over Budget	\$ 1,542.01

News for Both Parishes



2014 Baby Bottle Campaign: The Baby Bottle Campaign is sponsored by the Diocese of Winona and the Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program. All the money collected is used to assist women in the diocese to choose parenting or adoption as well as raising awareness concerning the day to day efforts which Catholic Charities has been engaged in on behalf of women. Take a baby bottle and put as much of your loose change in it as possible. This campaign will run through the month of October.

Social Concerns Team Meeting: Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 pm in the parish library of St. Bernard's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FYI: Father's birthday is on Monday, October 6.

Lectors: Those who wanted a Lector Workbook, please pick up from the table in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and the table in the entryway at St. Bridget's. If we missed someone and you'd like a book, contact the office.

St. Bernard's

Thanks! Thank you to the following people who helped with the birthday party at the Stewartville Care Center last week; Betty Daniel, Denise Herman, Marijane Irlbeck, Pat Robey & Sharon Theobald. Special thanks to Jeanette Fortier for her work with all the organizing and details. A wonderful time was had by all.

Wedding Blessings: Congratulations to Brandon Hanson & Mary Hurley who entered the holy sacrament of matrimony on Saturday, September 27.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, Oct 2 at 6:30 pm

Singers: We are looking for additional singers (cantors) for the weekend Masses. Prayerfully consider offering your talents for your parish. See Fr. Wilmot if you are interested.



Update: First of all, thank you to those who have participated in helping to pay off the loan for our church building by contributing to the Together in Faith Final Phase. Your generosity is appreciated. As of September 23, there have been 62 households who have turned in pledge cards. \$121,105 has been pledged in a 3 year period. The balance on the loan is \$411,981.78. There are approximately 500 registered households in this parish. If you haven't given a gift toward this fund, we would encourage you to please do so. Let's get this 'race to the finish' hopping! Yellow pledge cards are in the gathering space on the tables.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Classes: Wednesday, October 1st at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grade 7: Meet at the Care Center for Card Bingo on Wednesday, October 1st from 6:30-7:30 pm. Parents, please drop off and pick-up your child at the Care Center. Those adults who would like to stay and play Bingo, you are more than welcome and encouraged to do so!

Volunteers Needed: Anyone interested in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word just once a month, please contact Krissy Sullivan.

Adults: Please join us for the 2014-2016 Adult Faith Formation Program [Catholicism](#) by Rev. Robert Barron. To be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning October 15. Study materials include the

Catholicism Study Guide & Workbook that will be used for 22 one-hour sessions over a two-year period of time. Cost is \$22.00. October 15 – November 19th, 2014 January 17 – February 11, 2015. Register at sbsbparishes.org under Adult Faith Formation or contact cindymeyerhofer@q.com or call 273-9847.

Catechists, Aides, Teachers: If you haven't taken the VIRTUS Program, please do so. The VIRTUS program, required by the Diocese, helps people recognize improper behavior of anyone who comes in contact with children, young adults or vulnerable adults. Please register on line at onlinevirtus.org to attend at St. Bernard's on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 am. Contact Cindy Meyerhofer (adult faith formation coordinator) at cindymeyerhofer@q.com or 273-9847.

St. Bridget's

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm

Breakfast: The Ladies Group will be serving breakfast after Mass in two weeks, Sunday, October 12 in honor of our Confirmation students. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate our students receiving this special holy sacrament. Blessings to; Dawson Buss, Jordyn Danielson, Philip Engesser, Sophia Goettke, Brittany Vigassa and Zachery Vigassa

Around The Area & Other News

Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies: You are invited to take part in the Novena For Unborn Babies prayer event Monday, September 29-Tuesday, October 7. The rosary is offered across the world for the intention of "for the protection of unborn babies". Pray one Rosary each day.

National Life Chain: In its 27th year, this is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of people across the US and Canada who gather for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. The Rochester Life Chain will take place from 2:00 - 3:30 pm on Sunday, October 5 on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (7th St. NW and 12th Ave. NW intersection).

Respite Care Volunteer: The Elder Network is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to an elderly person, while temporarily providing a break to caregivers. Contact Holly at 285-5272 www.elder-network.org