

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

Monday, Oct 6	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Jim Miller+
Tuesday, Oct 7	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick+
Wednesday, Oct 8	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Lawrence Bussman+
Thursday, Oct 9	St. Bernard's 8:00 am In reparation for our sins
Friday, Oct 10	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Robert Weis+
	Care Center 9:15 am Joan Towey+
Saturday, Oct 11	St. Bernard's 5:00 pm Edwin & Tricia Irlbeck+
Sunday, Oct 12	St. Bridget's 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard's 10:30 am Vi Olson+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Oct 11 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Emma & Lily Welch

Rosary: Midge Block

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Claeys, Pauline Fontaine,

Susan Hazelton, Cindy Meyerhofer

Greeters: John & Kay Diffley

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Warren Hauger, Joe Rauh

Sunday, Oct 12 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Jacob Twohey

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Roger Roeder, Mike Sheehan

Sunday, Oct 12 – 10:30 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Joseph Gawarecki, Connor McDonald

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Marilyn Eisen, Mary Hustak,

Laura Peters, Krissy Sullivan, Kim Yennie

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

Pastor's Corner

Israel is of course the vineyard of today's Gospel. The Lord planted it and tended it but it failed to produce good fruit. Why? Israel made a succession of bad choices and remained obstinate in those choices. For that Israel would be punished. The vineyard would no longer be exclusively theirs but would be handed over to others i.e. the Gentiles. Remember, the Lord had sent Israel his messengers, the prophets, to bring them back to His way and had even sent his only Son who they tortured and murdered.

If we reflect upon the theme of the first reading and the Gospel, we should realize that we must take care of the vineyard of the Lord. We should understand with humility that we are only included because of God's mercy, and through no merit of our own. As good stewards, open to God's grace, we must strive to show our appreciation for what has been planted in us. We should use of our time, talent and treasure to produce good fruits and protect the vineyard, our inheritance from plunderers and the Evil one. God bless you all.

Stewardship

Two important facets of lives of stewardship are prayer and trust. Too often we may become overly self-reliant, trying to carry our crosses without the help of the Lord. Develop a prayer life and awareness that Jesus is there to help, every day in every way, and the world can be a much more positive place. As St. Paul tells us in the final verse of today's second reading if we do all of this "Then the God of peace will be with you."



Matthew Kelly (born July 12, 1973 in [Sydney, Australia](#)) is a [motivational speaker](#), author, business consultant and founder of the Matthew Kelly Foundation. His lecture topics include identifying negative routines and actions in daily

life and the value and positive inspiration of [Catholicism](#) for practical solutions. Matthew will be at St. Bernard's on May 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Do a search on youtube to find out more about him.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for September 20/21

St. Bernard's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,943.65
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$49,563.93
YTD Budgeted	\$58,775.54
Under Budget	\$14,109.57

St. Bridget's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,541.06
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$26,994.92
YTD Budgeted	\$23,911.85
Over Budget	\$ 1,090.42

Respect Life

Imagine yourself pausing in front of a design of great beauty. Your soul quiets and is filled with wonder and awe. If art, created by man, can evoke such a response within us, how much more is the same wonder, reverence and respect due to each person we encounter, who was handcrafted by the very God who spoke the world into being? Now think of an artist stepping back from a great work of art and admiring his or her creation. When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe. No matter how the world might view us or others, let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is. "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." ~ Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting (*October is Respect Life Month and today is Respect Life Sunday*)

News for Both Parishes

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

Baptism: Blessings to Elijah Everett Davis, son of Blake & Emma, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Thanks! Thank you, Tom Graf, for your work around the grounds of the church. You are appreciated!

Join Us! Anyone wanting to sing in the Adult Choir, just show up at the practices Sunday mornings at 9:00 am on the school side of the building! New voices always welcome!

Adult Choir Practice & Music Ministry: Sunday, October 12 & 26. Rehearsal at 9:00 am, music ministry at Mass.



Update: 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 do so. Yellow pledge cards are in the gathering space.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm

Finance Council: Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm.

Stewardship Fair: We will hold our Stewardship Fair the first weekend of November. We'll have great food, fellowship and fun!

Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation News

Thanks! Thank you to everyone who helped with Confirmation last week. I appreciate all your help!
~ Krissy

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, October 8 at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

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

Adult Catholicism Series: Join us once or join us each time! All are welcome. Study materials are optional. You're invited to the Adult Faith Formation Program

Catholicism by Rev. Robert Barron to be held on Wednesday evenings at St. Bernard's from 6:30-7:30 pm. The first six sessions will be October 22 – December 3 (no class Thanksgiving week). Study materials are not necessary but if you would like to order them, the cost is \$22. Contact Cindy Meyerhofer if you wish to order materials; sbsbparishes.org under Adult Formation or contact cindymeyerhofer@q.com or call 273-9847.

St. Bridget's

Breakfast: The Ladies Group will be serving breakfast after Mass on 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 Vigasaa

Christmas Greenery: Volunteers with MCCL will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths and other greenery after Mass on October 12, 19 & 26. If you miss ordering after Mass, you can call Monica Araoz at 282-4167 with your order. The Christmas greenery will be available to be picked up on November 23.

Finance Council: For your calendar, Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 pm.

Ladies Meeting: St Bridget's Women's Group will have our annual meeting Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited to come and help plan our activities for the coming year. Hope to see you there! Questions call Sandy Woodruff 282-3854.

Around The Area & Other News

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 on Sunday, October 5 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Rochester (7th St. NW and 12th Ave. NW intersection).

Volunteers: Please consider sharing your faith by being a joyful witness at St. James Coffee. Share in the ministry of the Church, meet new people and learn how to make delicious drinks. We will have a group training session on Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 pm. If you are unable to make it, but would like to learn more about our mission, or would like to volunteer, please contact us at sjchvolunteer@gmail.com or call (507)281-3559