

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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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 1:00 - 10:00 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 at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date. You may call earlier than that for availability.

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 at 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.

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Oct 26	St. Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 27	St. Bridget Timothy LeBlanc+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Oct 28	No Mass Father has a meeting at the Diocese	
Thursday, Oct 29	St. Bernard For Kristin Bussman	8:00 am
Friday, Oct 30	St. Bernard Kathleen Schissel+	8:00 am
	Care Center Bob Majerus+	9:15 am
Saturday, Oct 31	St. Bernard For the Dick Koenigs Family	5:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 1	St. Bridget Wayne & Suzanne Idso+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am
Monday, Nov 2	St. Bernard <i>All Souls Day</i>	8:00 am
	St. Bridget	6:00 pm

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Oct 31 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, Nov 1 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Jim Kuisle, Pam Kuisle

Sunday, Nov 1 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Joseph Gawarecki

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Steve Sturm, Karen Volkart, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

Melchizedek, the mysterious character who flits in and out of the bible leaving a profound message in his wake is identified as the King of Salem, therefore we have the connection with the Holy City of Jeru-Salem hundreds of years before David. Melchizedek offers bread and wine which we see as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist and Abraham does homage by offering tithes. The core of what will become the Church is apparent.

The notion of the "eternal priesthood" of Melchizedek, his having no earthly lineage, certainly has an effect on our understanding of the permanent character of ordination and the irrevocability of the priestly commitment.

Melchizedek, in its Canaanite meaning, is "king of saving Justice" and this helps us to see the meaning of the high priesthood of Jesus. With the aforesaid, it is founded upon Christ's complete identification with eternity and with a compliant people in need of sacrifice.

Last week we saw how difficult it was for the Apostles to grasp what Jesus was saying about His ultimate sacrifice but in Bartimaeus' case we encounter one who is able to see deeply, who accepts Jesus' priesthood and the mystery of salvation. He is well prepared for the journey he must make. We too must be accepting of the priesthood of Jesus which He passed on through the Apostles. We should realize that we, people in need, should turn to His sacrifice, celebrated in the Eucharist, for eternal salvation. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

After Jesus has responded to the blind man's calls for mercy and healing, and the Lord has told him that it was his faith which had saved him, the Gospel tells us of the former blind man, Bartimaeus, "Immediately he received his sight and followed him (Jesus) on the way." What is noteworthy about this is that at time and for the first years after Jesus' Resurrection His disciples were called "followers of the way". They recognized Jesus as the way to live and the way to salvation. (Jesus stated more than once, "I am the way.")

Bartimaeus, most likely, was with Him all the way. Are we willing to follow the Lord on such a journey? That is exactly what He is asking us to do through our stewardship.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Oct 18

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,554.14 (\$3 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 67,284.95
YTD Budgeted	\$ 80,715.69
Under Budget	\$ 13,430.74 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,612.70 (\$7.45 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 35,614.45
YTD Budgeted	\$ 32,838.77
Over Budget	\$ 2,775.68 +

Our Parishes

Quilting / Sewing Group: We meet every other Thursday in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's from 1:00-3:30 pm. We will meet October 29 and on November 12. Anyone interested in quilting and/or sewing, we invite you to come join us.



Baby Bottle Campaign Will Wrap Up: Please remember to bring the baby bottles by this weekend as the Campaign to fund Catholic Charities comes to a close the end of October.

All Souls' Day: Monday, November 2 we will have Mass at 8:00 am at St. Bernard's and 6:00 pm at St. Bridget's.



St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's will be holding their annual food drive in November for the local food shelf, Channel One. We are alerting early so when you are grocery shopping in the next few weeks and you run into some good sales, grab an extra can or box to share with those less fortunate. Please no expired food.

Calendar on Website: Our parish website has been updated with several calendar items as well as some of the upcoming Masses for Holy Days, Christmas, etc. Look through it and mark it on your own calendar.

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Grace Marie Koza, daughter of Wade and Jennifer, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Servers & Eucharistic Ministers Needed for This Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm: If you can help, volunteer yourself in the system or contact the office.

Adult Choir: We will sing at Mass on Sunday, November 1. Meet at 8:50 am for practice.

Men's Club Monthly Gathering: The Men's Club invite all men of the parish to join them for their November meeting, Tuesday, Nov 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Edward Jones Account: In the past, those who donated using stocks, dividends, etc. had to go through the Diocese and Edward Jones in Winona. We now have an account at Edward Jones in Stewartville which makes it local and convenient for transfers. Feel free to contact the financial advisor, Troy Knutson, at 533-4404

Religious Ed & Youth

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, October 28, regular classes will be held at normal times: 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Adult Session: Whether you have students in religious ed or not, all adults are invited to the Adult Session in the church area on Wednesday, Oct 28 as Fr. Wilmot gives the second of his two talks on the Blessed Mother.

YOUTH LOCK-IN



Overnight Retreat Grades 9-12 for Both Parishes:

A National Evangelization Team (NET) Retreat will be held over the weekend of Friday night through Saturday afternoon, November 6 & 7 at St.

Bernard's. All students in grades 9-12 are invited for this overnight lock-in retreat. NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. NET Ministries is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Minnesota funded through individual donations, program fees and grants. Contact Krissy Sullivan for details and to register.

Host Homes Needed for NET Team Members: We are in need of a couple of people who will open their homes to host retreat members for 2 evenings, Thursday, Nov 5 and Saturday, Nov 7. If you have an extra room or two in your home and are willing to assist with this ministry, contact Krissy.

St. Bridget's

Spend an Hour with Jesus: We have an hour open on Mondays from 5:00-6:00 pm. Please call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you would be interested in Adoration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We have started the classes for the pre-schoolers. We will follow the schedule and curriculum that has been set for both parishes. Volunteers are needed to help – if interested or if you have questions, contact Holly Braun brau0280@umn.edu or Wanda Nienow mwnienow@msn.com

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, October 27 at 6:15 pm

Ladies Group Meeting: Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in the social hall.

Interested in Yoga? Classes will be offered at St. Bridget's beginning Monday, November 9 at 5:30 pm in the social hall. Contact Jeannette Sheehan with questions jrsheehan@hotmail.com More detail to follow.

Around The Area

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life: MCCL will hold its Fall Tour Meeting on Monday, October 26 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm at Holy Spirit Church in Rochester. MCCL advocates will share an audio-visual presentation, with relevant updates. Come and learn how to be most effective in efforts to protect life. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be provided.



Festival of Trees: Hiawatha Homes Foundation celebrates 30 years of giving this year with the Festival of Trees beginning with the Opening Night Gala on Tuesday, November 24, which is a dazzling night of dining amongst the trees for \$75/person at the Mayo Civic Center. All proceeds benefit Hiawatha Homes, Inc., whose mission is to provide quality support services for people with disabilities in our community. The festivities continue on Friday, November 27 through Sunday, November 29, from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. On Saturday there will be an 80's Dancy Party, complete with big hair! What a great way to start off the holiday season. Visit the website for a complete list of events and times and also if you would like to give as a volunteer, behind the scenes or among the action www.hiawathahomes.org