

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 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Nov 9	St. Bernard Ida Wicks+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 10	St. Bridget	No Mass
Wednesday, Nov 11	St. Bernard Lawrence Bussman+	8:00 am
Thursday, Nov 12	St. Bernard For Priests of the Diocese	8:00 am
Friday, Nov 13	St. Bernard For Linda Pellerin	8:00 am
	Care Center For Katelyn Claeys	9:15 am
Saturday, Nov 14	St. Bernard LaVonne Schoeppner+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 15	St. Bridget Carroll Baruth+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Nov 14 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeter: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Midge Block

Servers: Riley Schild, Zach Spitzer

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

Sunday, Nov 15 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker

Sunday, Nov 15 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Sarah Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Scott Christian, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Janet Speltz, Steve Sturm, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

There are many examples in life and in the scriptures where people on the "edge", so to speak, make great acts of love. We might consider our own moral poverty and bring it to God for His healing from time to time.

Elijah seems to have lived at a time, 9th century BC, when nearly everybody had forgotten about God. However, during a devastating drought a widow, in dire straits herself, is willing to trust in God and her willingness to trust reaps rewards.

Many people think they don't exist if their activities go unnoticed but Jesus asks us to look more deeply into human actions to see a depth of love and generosity which publicity tends not to register. Our present existence is "passing" and we must make the very best of it, this mere glimpse of what is eternal. In today's gospel we see what happens when all the "right people" give a small portion of their surplus in order to be seen doing so whereas the poor widow contributes from her meager livelihood because of her generous faith and love.

Pleasing God should be our goal, of course. We would all do best learning to seek peace and to rejoice by returning in due measure the gifts that God has given us out of His abundant love and generosity. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The readings for this Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time bear powerful stewardship messages for each of us. Is there a more eloquent statement about what it means to be a good steward than the chronicle of the widow included in today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark?

Jesus is observing people placing their offerings in the "treasury." He makes it clear that He was not concerned with how much people gave, but how they gave. He sees us in the same light. The Lord is concerned with our motives and what is in our hearts. The widow gave all she had in complete trust of the Lord her God. How often do we make a gift and think, "I will give more when I have more" or "This is all I can afford right now?"

As difficult as it may be to accept, God expects more from us, more trust in Him, and more of a willingness to make a sacrifice. The spirit of the gift is weightier than the size of the gift. God does not need our gifts, but we need to make those gifts out of love and trust.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Nov 1

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,681.75 (\$4 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 76,152.37
YTD Budgeted	\$ 90,849.88
Under Budget	\$ 14,652.78 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,225.75 (\$2.50 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 44,722.20
YTD Budgeted	\$ 36,943.62
Over Budget	\$ 7,778.58 +

Our Parishes

Online Contributions: Would you like to give your church support automatically with a credit or debit card? Log on to the parish website sbsbparishes.org and find the links on the home page. Click on the link and follow the directions. You may give this way as often as you like, weekly, monthly. If you would like to have contributions withdrawn directly from your bank account, we have forms in the parish office that you may fill out. At St. Bernard's, the forms are on the table by the window in the gathering space.

'Word Among Us' Daily Devotional: Anyone who would like to place an order for a subscription is welcome to do so. It's \$20 for the entire year. Make checks out to St. Bernard's and place in a separate envelope marked "Word Among Us". Books are then distributed at the parishes for those who subscribe.

Quilting / Sewing Group: We will gather on Thursday, November 12 at St. Bernard's in the Marian Room from 1:00-3:30 pm. Come when you can!



Food Drive: We are holding our annual food drive for Channel One, the local community food shelf, to help assist individuals and families especially during the Christmas season. We will collect until Thanksgiving and then our Social Justice Team Members will deliver the food.

St. Bernard

Word Among Us December Issue Available: Pick-up your December issue. If you want to renew your subscription, remember to do so.

FAITH Night & Dinner: All parishioners are invited on Wednesday, November 18 for a turkey dinner – serving from 5:45 – 6:30 pm. Join your parish family for great food and fellowship.

Religious Ed & Youth

Recently Confirmed Students: Your pictures are on the table ready to be picked up!

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, November 11, regular classes will be held: 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

FAITH Night at St. Bernard's: Wednesday, November 18 serving dinner from 5:45-6:30 pm. Regular classes will be held. Grade 6 plays Card Bingo at the Care Center following dinner.

Family Night at St. Bridget's: St. Bridget students and their families as well as all families are invited for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by religious ed session.

St. Bridget's

Recent Comments From Adorers: *“Adoration is a beautiful time of peace that translates into me being at peace.” “Eucharistic Adoration allows me to know mercy and be in the presence of the greatest love of my life seeking His will for myself and those I love.”*

“Quiet time with the Lord...When I leave church after adoration, I feel as though a weight has been lifted off of my shoulders. The problems do not go away, but I feel as though I can handle them better.” Please consider joining our Adoration group. We have openings for a second adorer on Monday afternoons & evenings (2-3, 5-6, and 9-10 pm). We can always use more subs. Call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you are interested or have questions.

Thank You: The Idso family would like to thank everyone who gave so generously after our mothers death, which helped us make the registry at St Bridget's cemetery. A special thank you to Larry Kosnopel for his help. ~ The Idso Family

Drop-In Gentle Yoga: Mondays, November 9 – December 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall (rectory

basement). Gentle Yoga is a beginner series. Age 13 and older is welcome. It is a 'drop-in' so you pay as you attend (\$5 per session). Bring a mat or towel and wear comfy clothes. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan jrsheehan@hotmail.com or Lisa Behnken lbehnken@umn.edu

Family Night & Dinner: All parishioners are welcome on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm as we share a meal together followed by a religious ed session for all.

Annual Adoption Celebration: St. Bridget's will hold a breakfast and bake sale after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 22 to support the Adoption Ministry of St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. Donated baked goods are needed for the bake sale and helpers in the kitchen are needed as well. Contact Kay Poss 507-380-6216 or Lisa Behnken 282-5714 to help on the 22nd.



We will be caroling again this year on Saturday afternoon, December 5, so anyone wanting to join us is welcome. Those who want the carolers to visit their home, get your name on the list by contacting Roseann Melby 696-8760.

Around The Area

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: Thursday, November 12 at 12:10 pm at St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Bishop Quinn will celebrate Mass with clergy from across the diocese, including Fr. Wilmot.

Mom's Night Out at St. James Coffee - Friday, November 13 at 7:00 pm: Join other moms to share the journey through fellowship and learning. All Ages welcome.

RSVP for Adoption Day Celebration at St. Bridget's: Join families from across the Diocese of Winona who have created their families through adoption and those families who are ready to adopt by celebrating National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 21. Catholic Charities is hosting a lunch and Mystifying Magic Show at St. Bridget Church. Lunch will be at 11:30 am and entertainment at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Jenny Wolfe at 507-387-5586, extension 2 or jennywolfe@ccwinona.org with the number attending by November 13.



Coffee & Canvas: Join artist Tasha Flicek to paint this church scene on Saturday, November 21 at 6:00 pm at St. James Coffee. Cost is \$25. Tickets available at the door.