

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Nov 16	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+	
Tuesday, Nov 17	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	Pete Flynn+	
Wednesday, Nov 18	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Ollie Fritsche+	
Thursday, Nov 19	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Lucy Tooke+	
Friday, Nov 20	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Stan & Peg Himmer+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	For Katelyn Claeys	
Saturday, Nov 21	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	Gene Klann+	
Sunday, Nov 22	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	Arnie Block+	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Nov 21 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Carter Miller

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Barba Abbott, Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Terri Elsbernd

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

Sunday, Nov 22 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Mike Sheehan

Sunday, Nov 22 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily, Erica Lamb

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Erica Lamb, Patrick Miller

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Jan Owen, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

Using apocalyptic phrases Jesus today reminds us that all things will come to an end and only the Father knows when. We are called to live the life we have to the fullest, in keeping with the Father's will so that we might be part of that great future beyond time and space.

We tend to understand the "end" in terms of our individual demise. This is not so as there will, we are told, be an "end of days" for all things. However, this may be the best way for us to grasp the concept of God's lordship over the vastness of creation. We are seeing ourselves as a microcosm of all creation and that is not all bad since what is perishable will one day pass.

If we recognize our current existence as "passing" we are not considering it as useless. Our existence is something that must be appreciated no matter how fragile it is. We thank God we are alive and are beautifully made because life is a gift from God and God does not make trash. We should therefore deepen our sense of the gift of life and live each moment well. God bless you all

Stewardship Reflection

In today's reading from Mark there is more than a bit of a caution for each of us. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Jesus is speaking while on the Mt. of Olives, which is well known for its fig trees, some of which reach a height of 30 feet. Fig trees are on a different natural cycle than most other trees. They blossom and produce fruit at a time when most other trees do not. That is why the Lord uses the fig tree as an example. He may well have been teaching while seated beneath one; and He knew His audience was aware of the different nature of a fig tree. It is not easy to predict until "its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves." Then things happen very quickly. Jesus' Second Coming is the same for us. We cannot expect that we will know the time, and the warning will be brief and rapid. That is why we must prepare now. Stewardship involves conversion, but it is not a conversion for which we can wait. We need to pursue it and seek it now.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Nov 8

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,107.64 (\$8.04 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 80,260.01
YTD Budgeted	\$ 95,849.88
Under Budget	\$ 15,589.87 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,894.00 (\$4.75 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 46,616.20
YTD Budgeted	\$ 38,996.04
Over Budget	\$ 7,620.16 +

Our Parishes



Wouldn't it be convenient to give your church support electronically with a credit or debit card or through your bank account? 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, etc. Also, those who would like to have automatic payments electronically but not through the internet process, we have forms in the parish office that you may fill out. Contact the parish office for the forms.

Cancer Support Group: Meets Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Food Drive: Remember to bring in your donations for Channel One, the local food shelf. We will collect until Thanksgiving and then our Social Justice Team Members will deliver the food.



Quilting / Sewing Group: With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, we have set the dates for the next gatherings: Thursdays, December 3 & 17 and then January 7 & 21. We meet from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Join us when you can!

Respect Life: “Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America ... the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet preborn.” — Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Journey to the United States and Canada: Farewell Ceremony, September 19, 1987

St. Bernard



FAITH Night with Dinner: All parishioners are invited Wednesday, November 18 for a turkey dinner – serving from 5:45 – 6:30 pm. Join your parish family for great food and fellowship. Classes for the students will be held.

Religious Ed & Youth

Much Appreciation: Thank you to Mike & Vicki Kuisle, Dennis & Amy Edholm, Phil & Monica Araoz and Roger & Pam Mueller for hosting members of the NET Team in your homes last weekend.

** Special thanks to Vicki for helping with all the meals at the church; preparing, serving and clean-up.

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.

No Classes Wednesday, November 25: Enjoy family time this Thanksgiving!

St. Bridget's

Looking for Adorers: Consider joining our Adoration group. We have openings for a second adorer on Mondays (2-3, 5-6, and 9-10 pm). We can always use more subs. Call Kathy Baruth at 269-8065 if you are interested.

Adorers: From now on, we will be locking the church doors at 5:00 pm. Those coming to Adoration after 5:00 will need to knock on the door to be let into the church.

Drop-In Gentle Yoga: Our yoga classes continue, Mondays, November 16 – December 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall (rectory basement). Age 13 and older is welcome to this beginner series of yoga, \$5 per session. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan jrsheehan@hotmail.com or Lisa Behnken lbehnken@umn.edu

Gather & Give: All parishioners are welcome on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm as we share a meal together for **Family Night**. Bring non-perishables and blankets to donate for Interfaith Hospitality Network. If you would like to donate fleece for blankets that we will be tying that evening, contact Wanda Nienow at 250-5530

Choir Sings: Sunday, November 22 – meet at 7:45 am.

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. 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

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

Adoption Day Celebration: Join families from across the Diocese who have created their families through adoption and those who are ready to adopt. Catholic charities is hosting a lunch and a Mystifying Magic Show at St. Bridget's on Saturday, November 21 at 11:30 am. RSVP to Jenny Wolfe at 507-358-5586 ex 2.

Widows: “Our Lady of Good Help Widow's Group” is having a pot luck supper on Sunday November 22 at 5:00 pm at Resurrection Parish. Please bring a dish to share. If you have questions call St. Bernard's parishioner Midge Block at 533-8339.