

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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**The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016**

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

Monday, Jan 11	St. Bernard Brian Ptacek+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Jan 12	St. Bridget Timothy LeBlanc+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Jan 13	St. Bernard Mike Foster+	8:00 am
Thursday, Jan 14	St. Bernard Megan Atkins+	8:00 am
Friday, Jan 15	St. Bernard George & Teresa Woodward+	8:00 am
	Care Center For Tony Weber	9:15 am
Saturday, Jan 16	St. Bernard Mearl & Bea Raygor+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 17	St. Bridget Jim Clark+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Saturday, January 16

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Lacy Jewson

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton, Bil Rinken

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

Sunday, January 17

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Needed

Lector: Andy Friederichs

EMC: Hand Friederichs, Harvey Friederichs

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb family

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Erica Lamb

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Jan Owen, Laura Peters, Matthew Pierick, Miriam Pierick

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

Pastor's Corner

No one can baptize himself or herself – Jesus was baptized by St. John. Jesus submitted to the sin of this world, though sinless Himself, and triumphed over it. We submit to baptism, even though usually our parents stand up for us, and we are therefore united to Jesus' submission. In baptism we see the power of weakness.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus submits to a baptism of repentance. We understand that Jesus, whose incarnation we have celebrated during Christmas, gives us a further demonstration of His union with humanity as He goes under the water of John's baptism. The baptism anticipates Jesus death and resurrection and it is one more way of His saying to us "I am with you in all your trials and tribulations." God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus' call to be a Servant was realized in His Baptism. We received that same call at our own Baptism. That is the call to service we appreciate as stewardship, the call to love and serve one another using our God given gifts of Time and Talent and Treasure.

Prayer is of vital importance in a life of true stewardship, of course. St. Luke is the only Gospel writer who reports that Jesus was praying during His Baptism. Luke's gospel is filled with references to Christ praying. It is something of which we need to take note. We are called to pray; we are called to serve; we need to pray for God's guidance in how we can serve, how we can live out our Baptismal vows most effectively.

Wilmotic Thanks

I received a lot in terms of cards and gifts and all things tasty and nice over the Christmas period, note my extended waistline, and am extremely encouraged and grateful for all your greetings. I will try to reply to as many as I can but if you don't hear from me personally, please be assured of my gratitude and be confident of my prayers on your behalf. Thank you for thinking of me. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Jan 3

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,835.82
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$135,306.96
YTD Budgeted	\$136,207.73
Under Budget	\$ 900.77 –

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,133.70
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 75,572.53
YTD Budgeted	\$ 55,415.42
Over Budget	\$ 20,157.11 +

Our Parishes

A Final Thanks: Thank you to all who made the Christmas go so well; the music was rarely sweeter and more edifying, the church never prettier, and those in ministry and serving never more helpful in sometimes difficult and unexpected circumstances. Thank you to those who organized and participated in the Children's Christmas Plays. I thank the staff for going the extra mile – especially our custodians – and all who volunteered in any way. I think a joyous and uplifting season was had by all. May you be an example of good stewardship and service for others to follow during 2016. Fr. W.

Cancer Support Group Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's.



Quilting/Sewing Group: Gather on Thursday, January 21 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

St. Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Baylor Paige Groth, daughter of Ben & Whitney, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.



Breakfast: On Sunday, January 10 after the 10:00 am Mass, the Men's Club will be serving breakfast. Everyone is invited for great food and fellowship.

Finance & Pastoral Council Meetings: Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Adult Choir: Sunday, January 17 & 31 (off on Jan 24), practice at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, Jan 28 at 7:00 pm

Religious Ed & Youth

Classes: Wednesday, January 13 at regular times; 5:15-6:15 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-8: You're invited to "Rise Up" – Middle School Winter Chill at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Saturday, January 30 from 6:30-11:30 pm. Included is music, prayer, service projects, games, food, inflatables and more. Early registration is \$15. Contact Krissy for more info and to register.

Things Youthful

The youth initiative by Hannah Otto and Maddie Lee of St. Bernard's seems to have gone well last Saturday and the kids enjoyed the gathering; prayer, movie and all. We can look forward to more of the same in the future, please God. Many thanks go to Krissy Sullivan and Jim Otto for their involvement also. Fr.W.

St. Bridget's



Feast of Bridget: Come celebrate this Pre-Lenten feast at St. Bridget's Parish on Saturday, February 6. (Mass 5:15 pm, social time and hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm, three course meal and entertainment at 7:00 pm) Leave the kids at home and join us for a fun evening of wining, dining, fellowship and entertainment. Tickets are \$20 per person on sale soon. Watch this spot for additional information, including the menu.

Around The Area

Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive: Monday, January 18 from 7:00-10:30 am and Noon-3:00 pm. Contact Bev Wise at 533-4283 or parishnursezion@gmail.com

Indoor Rock Climbing for RCTC Students: Calling all RCTC Students! Meet other Catholic RCTC students and go rock climbing for free. Contact Georges georgesm@rescathroch.org

March for Life: On Friday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul for the 42nd Annual March for Life. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for prolife legislation protecting women and unborn children. To reserve your spot on the bus, call Linda McGuire at 259-4035 by January 20.