

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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January 31, 2016

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2016

Parish Registration: 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 unless a holiday is during the week.

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 for availability of dates.

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, Feb 1	St. Bernard 8:00 am Marijane Irlbeck+
Tuesday, Feb 2	St. Bridget 8:30 am James P. O'Neill+
Wednesday, Feb 3	St. Bernard 8:00 am George & Teresa Woodward+
Thursday, Feb 4	St. Bernard 8:00 am Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+
Friday, Feb 5	St. Bernard 8:00 am Lyle & Colette Abbott+
	Care Center 9:15 am George & Lillian Gehling+
Saturday, Feb 6	St. Bernard 4:00 pm John Steines+
	St. Bridget 5:15 pm Tom & Loretta Kennedy+
Sunday, Feb 7	St. Bridget 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	St. Bernard 10:00 am Stan & Peg Himmer+

Saturday, February 6

St. Bernard – 4:00 pm

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Servers: Needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Barb Abbott, Susan Hazelton

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

St. Bridget – 5:15 pm *Celebration of St. Bridget*

Server: Needed

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker

Sunday, February 7

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Britt Noser

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Scott Christian, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Mary Hustak, Jan Owen, Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

The Gospel reading today picks up where we left off last week. In the synagogue in His home town of Nazareth Jesus reads a passage from Isaiah which speaks of the signs that would accompany the Messiah when He comes and He finishes off with "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He was laying claim to the title at least of prophet – even Messiah.

At first the people are pleased with Him, probably not putting two and two together, but when He goes on to wade into controversial matters about the place and the acceptance of foreigners, the people become riled and even try to do Him harm. They knew where He came from after all and who His family was – how could He be the prophet?

We have to accept the fact that doing good and speaking the truth does not necessarily lead to popularity. However, as members of the Body of Christ we must do good and speak of justice and peace to all who will listen. Jesus embraces all human flesh – foreigners included. The life of grace is empowered by the love Jesus lived and taught. May we be His true followers. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Jeremiah understood that God had called him to be a prophet; he had no choice, and he fulfilled God wishes. Scripture speaks to us also, as we are reminded in our reading from Jeremiah, the Lord does not just know who we are; He has plans for each of us. This, of course, is where free will comes in. Whether we seek to understand God's plan for us and whether we choose to pursue it is totally up to us. To try to comprehend that vocation, that role, can be a humbling experience. It is not unrealistic for us to have thoughts of ourselves, which may not reach the level of God's plans for us; nevertheless, our task as good stewards is to recognize our gifts and to respond to God's call.

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The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016 (formerly known as diocesan annual appeal): Will kick off the weekend of April 3 this year. Gifts for the CMA 2015 campaign will still be applied until April 1.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Jan 24

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,141.01
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$152,535.97
YTD Budgeted	\$151,341.92
Over Budget	\$ 1,194.05 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,192.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 79,031.28
YTD Budgeted	\$ 61,572.69
Over Budget	\$ 17,458.59 +

Our Parishes

Thank You: On behalf of Family Promise and Zumbro Valley Health, the St. Bridget/St Bernard Social Concerns Team thanks each parishioner who donated gifts or gift cards during Advent. Your help was deeply appreciated.

Thank You: Collections for Catholic Charities for the Baby Bottle campaign amounted to \$1,246.25 from St. Bernard's and \$314.71 at St. Bridget's. Thank you for your generosity.



Attention 20 & 30 Somethings: There will be a gathering in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 8 for anyone interested in getting a few things going in our parishes for this age group. It will be a brainstorming session with no commitment led by Ally Drees. So come along with an open mind and we can go from there.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays through Lent 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's and 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's beginning February 12.

Prayerful Journey: Bishop Quinn will celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion for our RCIA candidates, Teala Heddlesten and Burke Milnes on Saturday, February 13, at 1:00 pm at Resurrection Church in Rochester. We pray for Teala and Burke as they continue their journey in the Catholic faith.

St. Bernard

Men's Club Meeting: The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.


Mass Time: Remember, Saturday Mass will be at 4:00 pm on February 6 so that St. Bridget's can have a Mass prior to their big celebration feast.

Adult Choir: Sunday, February 7, practice at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass.



Boy Scout Sunday: On Sunday, February 7, we celebrate the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from our parish: Allen Bredesen, Eagle Scout Jacob Edholm, Nathan Edholm, Dayton Hayes, Leland Jeardeau, Grant Jeardeau, Beau Johnson, Brandon McCrady,

Logan McCrady, Zach Spitzer, Ethan Stone, Christopher Watters, David Watters and Matthew Watters. Congratulations to Eagle Scout Jacob Edholm who has earned the Pope Pius XXII religious emblem and to Cub Scout Leland Jeardeau, who has earned the Parvuli Dei religions emblem. Fr. Wilmot will present these emblems to the boys on Scout Sunday.

 **Breakfast:** St. Bernard's Men's Club will be serving a delicious breakfast on Sunday, February 14. Join your parish family for fellowship and good food.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

St. Bernard's FAITH Night: All members, all ages are welcome to join your parish family on Wednesday, February 3 for FAITH Night. A taco supper will be served from 5:45-6:30 pm (We could use a couple of homemade desserts – let Krissy know) The students will have regular class from 5:15-6:15 pm or after supper, 6:30-7:30 pm. Fr. Wilmot will hold an adult session in the church entitled, 'Heaven, Hell or Purgatory'.

St. Bridget's Family Night: Wednesday, February 3 at 6:00 pm in the social hall. All parishioners are welcome to come join us for food, family, faith and fun. Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by learning about our Patron Saint, St. Bridget.

Wednesday, February 10: Lent begins with *Ash Wednesday*, on February 10. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Mass with their children that evening at 5:15 pm at St. Bridget's or 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's and receive ashes on your foreheads.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation: Fr. Wilmot will continue his talks on the Sacraments: Mondays Feb 15 & 22 from 6:30 -7:20 p.m. The first week will feature: Baptism / Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick (last rites).

Mission Trip for Grades 9-12: All students in these grades have the opportunity to participate in a parish Mission Trip to Milwaukee on July 12-17. Plan on service projects, workshops, witness talks, praise and worship and team building. The cost per person is \$370, which includes transportation, housing and meals. Adult chaperones ages 21 and older will be needed. Contact Krissy with additional questions and to register. There is an \$80 deposit required when registering.

St. Bridget's

Choir Sings: We will sing for the Feast of St. Bridget Mass on Saturday, February 6. Meet at 4:45 pm that day.

Last Call for Tickets: The Celebration of St. Bridget will be held on Saturday, February 6 beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm followed by social time and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm. Dinner and entertainment will begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased in the parish office in Stewartville (if there are any left).

Around The Area

Resurrection Church Annual Mardi Gras Party: Sunday, Feb 7 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come enjoy the famous Filipino Association's delicious home cooked meals, live music, fun and games for all ages, ending with a balloon drop filled with gift cards and other prizes.

Respect Life: The *40 Days for Life Spring Campaign* takes place February 10 through March 20. Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign in 2007, there have been many blessings – 607 cities, 32 countries, 675,000 individual participants, 64 abortion centers have closed, and 127 abortion workers have quit. Best of all, 11,165 lives saved from abortion (documented). Come join others in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood. Contact Paula Ellefson at (507) 398-5677 or at buggz25@msn.com. To sign up for a time slot to pray, see www.40daysforlife.com/rochester-mn

St. Pius X Couples Mass "GOES TO PROM"! Pull out those old bridesmaid dresses and suits. Although prom attire is not necessary to attend, we hope you will have fun dressing up. Join us on Saturday, February 13 at 6:00 pm for Mass followed by "The Prom Party". There will be beer, wine, a great DJ, food and a photo booth! Please feel free to invite your friends and we hope to see you there.