

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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August 28, 2016

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 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 – 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
Not on Memorial Day or Labor Day

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays 9:00 pm. 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, Aug 29	St. Bernard Marie Bergler+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Aug 30	St. Bridget Carroll Baruth+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Aug 31	St. Bernard For Steinmetz & Ancius families	8:00 am
Thursday, Sept 1	St. Bernard For the souls in purgatory	8:00 am
Friday, Sept 2	St. Bernard Stan & Peg Himmer+	8:00 am
	Care Center For Tony & Shari Weber	9:15 am
Saturday, Sept 3	St. Bernard Ron Schoepner+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 4	St. Bridget For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	8:30 am
	St. Bernard David Ryan+	10:00 am

Saturday, Sept 3

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken, Dan Schoepner

Sunday, Sept 4

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: needed

EMC: Scott Christian, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Dan Pyan

***Liturgical Ministers:** The upcoming weekend is a holiday weekend and many of you will be out of town. Those that are staying in the area, please volunteer where possible.*

Pastor's Corner

In our First Reading this weekend Sirach recommends humility and he is not merely being pragmatic but is essentially saying that those in higher positions are equal to all humans in the greater order of things. Those with lots and those with less are all subject to death. We should therefore be less harsh with and kinder to our subordinates, the poor and disenfranchised etc.

Jesus was possibly not just being pragmatic, either, when he told his humorous little story about the man being moved to a lower place at the table. How embarrassing for him! He is concurring with Sirach; it is socially more advantageous to be humble but He is really saying that true humility rests in realizing that we are all, we humans, children of God and all dependent on Him. We, all of us, must share God's love with our fellow humans if we wish a place at the heavenly banquet. We are all created in the image and likeness of God. God's love is at the very core of life. Humility comes from the Latin word that means earth - an earth that will pass, and we all die. Love remains. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

(I remind you that these reflections are edited extracts from a longer publication entitled The Catholic Steward. Fr.W.)

In today's First Reading the few verses we have are filled with advice and wisdom for us, including the importance of humility, how we need to seek wisdom, the value of almsgiving, and how we must listen to learn. Each of these is significant in its own way for us who wish to regard ourselves as good stewards. Humility is the key word of the day, of course, .Jesus, too, addresses the issues of humility and perseverance. He assures us that if we are humble and if we trust in the Lord, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." That is what stewardship is all about, or at least what it should be all about.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending August 21

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd \$ 3,724.50

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd \$ 1,387.52

Our Parishes & Other Notes

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Members of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Pastoral Councils will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's social hall.

Automated Giving: An easy way to contribute without having the hassle of checks or cash is to sign up on the parish website for automatic payments. You can contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly - whenever or however you wish. Check it out!

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gatherings will be held Thursday, September 1 & 15, 1:00-3:30 pm.



St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's Big Appreciation Bash

– Wednesday, September 14 starting at 6:00 pm in the parking lot at St. Bernard's: It's all

about..... **Fellowship** - Spending time with fellow parishioners, being recognized and appreciated for being part of our church family. **Food** - Catered by Gleason's, there will be roast beef sandwiches, salads & baked beans as well as hot dogs, chips, non-alcoholic beverages & root beer floats. **Fun** - You can mingle & eat & enjoy as a fellow member provides some background music. **Games** - Play yard games like giant Jenga & Connect 4, or participate in a Bean Bag Toss Tournament.

Come one, come all!

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Fatima Tour For Peace: The Diocese of Winona welcomes the world famous Virgin Statue. The statue was sculpted in 1947 according to the precise instructions of Sister Lucia, one of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared each month from May – October 1917. While the statue is in our diocese, you are welcome to visit; October 24 – Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, October 25 – St. Francis of Assisi in Rochester, October 26 – St. Mary's in Worthington. Visit the website www.fatimatourforpeace.com

Religious Ed



Kick-Off – Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm: Registered households will be receiving a mailing with the calendar, a registration form as well as details for the upcoming program.

Those who are not registered members, contact Krissy. Please be sure to get your children registered before the Kick-Off. It makes for better planning.

Help Needed: We are looking for teachers and helpers for grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm Wednesday evenings. Also, on Wednesdays, we need one more helper for the 5:15-6:15 pm class. Please think about sharing your faith with our students. Pray about it. Contact Krissy for details.

Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group: Please note, the Middle School BYG will not meet on Sunday, August 28.

Youth Group: All middle school and high school students are welcome to come join the fun in the Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group (BYG). If interested, contact our Youth Leader, Neal Abbott 316-5545.

St. Bernard



Wedding Blessings: Adam Meyerhofer & Alyssa Rehm ~ Saturday, August 27

Men's Club Meeting: All men of the parish are invited to this meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the parish library. Questions, contact Scott Christian at 533-6692 or srchrh@yahoo.com

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, Sept 22 at 7:00 pm.

St. Bridget

St. B & B Health and Wellness Class: Join us on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the old social hall (in the rectory basement). Bring comfy clothes - \$5 per session.

Choir: Music ministry Sunday, September 25.

Around The Area

MCCL at the State Fair: Every year since 1970, MCCL has been the pro-life presence at the Annual Minnesota Get-Together. From our booth on the main floor of the Grandstand Building, we educate hundreds of thousands of visitors with factual information about our efforts to protect unborn babies and other vulnerable persons. Models, videos, literature and conversation all help to deliver the compassionate pro-life message. Men and women sign our pro-life petition and many take a free "Thanks Mom for Life" button.

Host Family Needed: A host is needed for a girl from Vietnam coming to Lourdes HS this fall to attend 11th grade. The host families provide room and board plus some transportation to and from activities/sports. All other costs are covered by the student. For more information contact Catalina Ferreira caferre@msn.com 507-438-7627

Blue Mass: Those involved in providing public safety are invited to be recognized at the Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Bring your family, wear your uniform and arrive early to participate in the procession. Reception following by the Knights of Columbus.

Adult Faith Opportunity at Resurrection Church, Sept 15-Dec 22: PIVOTAL PLAYERS is Bishop Robert Barron's latest DVD endeavor which explores a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars. Two sessions are available (9:15-11:15 am) or evenings (7-9 pm). You may register at Resurrection, on the website (you have to print the form) www.rescathroch.org or call the office 288-5528. Fee of \$25 and deadline is September 12.

St. Pius Fall Festival Sept 17/18: The new St. Pius X Fall Festival is a 2 day event. Saturday will include a 5K run/salk, rummage sale, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, concessions and an evening of fun enjoying beer, brats and karaoke. Sunday is our silent auction, raffles, bingo, Taste of St. Pius X and children's games. Check our website - www.piusx.org for more details.

Women's Conference: The Diocese of Winona's Women's Conference offers a day of fun, fellowship, time to be with Our Lord and women from throughout Southern Minnesota on Saturday, October 15 at Lourdes High School in Rochester. Join us as we celebrate Our Lady, Mother of Mercy and her radiant impact in the lives of faithful women throughout the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$20 for the entire day. Visit the diocesan website dow.org to register.