

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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September 11, 2016

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 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, Sept 12 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+

Tuesday, Sept 13 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Special Intention

Wednesday, Sept 14 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Mike Foster+

Thursday, Sept 15 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Arnie Block+

Friday, Sept 16 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Roy & Helen Smith+

Care Center **9:15 am**
Helen Majerus+

Saturday, Sept 17 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Cody Brown+

Sunday, Sept 18 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Elmer & Mary Wellik+

Saturday, Sept 17

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch, Rose Steinman

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

Sunday, Sept 18

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Amy Miron

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Scott Christian, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle

Henderson, Patty Miller, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

In the long version of this weekend's Gospel we encounter the parable about the Prodigal, or wasteful, son. If we were to survey people's reaction to this parable we would discover that it irritates a lot of people, as did the parable about the workers in the vineyard where the late comers get as much pay as the early risers. This gets under our skin and that is Jesus' intent.

Many think that the youngest son is simply an irresponsible wastrel, the father is a fool and the eldest son is hard done by. We must humbly admit however that all of us might mirror the behavior of the prodigal at one time or another: immersing ourselves in godless and passing preoccupations. We might be tempted also to mirror the self-righteousness of the elder son – it is hard to be right all the time. But how about being as loving and forgiving as the father?

There is nothing foolish about the father's extending his mercy. The idea is that, if given out of love mercy will heal. The younger son is to be pitied because he did not lead a fulfilling life until he saw the bigger picture. What he had sought was empty but, if accepted in the right spirit, he can now have joy and purposeful love. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, God speaks to Moses. In the midst of revealing to him what the Israelites have done and how they have violated His trust in them, the Lord says, "I see how stiff-necked this people is." God may consider us to be stiff-necked at times, might He not? In spite of the Lord's appeals to us to trust Him and to follow Him, we sometimes stiffen and resist. If we are going to accept the challenge of living stewardship as a way of life we must realize that it is not always easy, and it may put us in positions where we feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. We need to trust the Lord, and we need to pray to Him. He will respond with love and mercy.

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Emergency Collection for Louisiana Floods: Severe flooding has recently impacted the state of Louisiana and there has been loss of life, property and livelihoods. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the USCCB, has asked all bishops to consider taking up a special collection on the weekend of September 17/18. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2016 Louisiana Floods will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. Make checks out to the parish.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending September 4

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,099.75
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 47,706.60
YTD Budgeted	\$ 59,196.50
Over Budget	\$ 11,489.90 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,950.01
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 17,366.73
YTD Budgeted	\$ 27,670.00
Over Budget	\$ 10,303.27 -

Our Parishes & Other Notes



Big Appreciation Bash: Everyone is invited this Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's. Food catered by Gleason's; roast beef sandwiches, salads and baked beans. We will also serve hotdogs, chips and root beer floats. Yard games and Bean Bag Toss tournaments will be played, and a St. Bernard parishioner will provide background music. Come join the fun!

Cancer Support Group Meeting: The cancer support group will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept 20 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. We are growing as a support group and invite all who have cancer as well as care givers past and present. We also invite those in remission, recognizing the challenges of your journey. Questions call Chet Daniel 533-0008.

St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Widows Support Group: Our next gathering will be held Thursday, Sept 22, at 10:00 at the parish library at St. Bernard's. Invite your widow friends or offer rides if needed. Any questions call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gatherings will be held Thursday, September 15 & 29, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

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

Religious Ed

Help Needed: We are looking for one helper on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:15 pm. Also needed are helpers for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Contact Krissy.

The Religious Ed Kick-Off is Wednesday, Sept 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

St. Bernard



Choir: The Adult Choir will be starting again with our first rehearsal at 8:50 am on Sunday, September 18. We will sing for 10:00 am Mass that day. We are looking for new members to join the choir. If interested, just show up for the rehearsal on September 18 on the school side of the building.

Care Center Birthday Party: St. Bernard's is responsible for holding a party for those who have September birthdays. The date they gave us is Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 pm. We need a couple of people to handle this activity. St. Bridget parishioners are welcome to help. Please call the office if interested 533-8257.

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

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

St. Bridget

Birthday Wishes: Happy 95th Birthday to Kathryn Fritsch on September 18!



Choir: We will provide music ministry for Mass on Sunday, September 25. Meet beforehand at 7:45 am. New voices always welcome.

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

Around The Area

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/walk, 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.

Pro-Life: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life update on Tuesday, September 20, from 7:00-8:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Rochester. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Visit the events section at www.mccl.org for complete details or call Linda McGuire at 507-259-4035.

Life Chain: Join Christians throughout the United States as we unite in prayer for an end to abortion at the annual Life Chain. Rochester's Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2, from 2:00-3:30 pm in front of Planned Parenthood (7th St. NW at 12th Ave). This peaceful, prayerful witness is a sign of Christian unity, showing that women deserve better than abortion and that all lives are precious. For more information, contact Linda McGuire at 507-259-4035.

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Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information: The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org