

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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Parish Office

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July 16, 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10am unless a holiday is during the week.

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, just knock on the door for an adorer to let you in.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office.

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.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, July 17	St Bernard	8:00 am
	For the Steinmetz Family	
Tuesday, July 18	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Victor Bungum+	
Wednesday, July 19	St Bernard	8:00 am
	For Bruce & Karen Wagner	
Thursday, July 20	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Roy & Helen Smith+	
Friday, July 21	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Arnie Block+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Bob Majerus+	
Saturday, July 22	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	Ken Watters+	
Sunday, July 23	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	For St Bridget's & St Bernard's	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	Mike Kean+	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 22

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: Brandon McCrady, Zach Spitzer

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Dorothy Hurley

Ushers: Joe Rauh, Bill Rincken, Ken Trisko

Sunday, July 23

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Jim Kuisle, Britt Noser

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Server: Annie Welch

Lector: Amy Edholm

EMC: Patty Miller, Rob Miller, Laura Peters

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

Pastor's Corner

We learned in school how the moisture falls to earth but then returns to the heavens only to fall again and provide needed moisture. God's Word comes like the rain — He sends it to us, but it does not return until it has accomplished its intended purpose. The Word of God has strength and meaning and never fails in its intended objective: our understanding and our discipleship.

Jesus brought the Word to life. In the particular parable He relates today He speaks of a sower, and how the soil in which seeds are planted is more important than the seeds themselves. The same seed can be planted in various places but it is only the seed planted in rich soil which will produce fruit. We, of course, are the soil to which He refers.

Are we "rich soil?" Jesus says, "...the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." It is up to each of us, by prayer and works, to seek to become the kind of soil the Lord's Word needs to produce a harvest. It is we who must receive the Word from the Heavens and do something with it. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Paul today indicates that the Holy Spirit is alive within each of us, and it is through God's word that it is activated, that it blossoms and grows and produces fruit. We cooperate by how we live out discipleship. Revealing the Word and living it out is up to us.

Many gifts from God rain down upon us and in terms of stewardship we might reflect upon the following: "Receiving God's gifts; cultivating them; and returning them with increase to the Lord," is what is needed if we are to be good disciples, good stewards. We are to use everything we have, our time and talent and treasure for God's greater glory and to create for ourselves and others the good soil need for a true and full life.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending July 9

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,230.83
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 8,962.26
YTD Budgeted	\$ 11,118.00
Under Budget	\$ 2,155.74-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,270.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 4,858.50
YTD Budgeted	\$ 5,534.00
Under Budget	\$ 675.50-

Our Parishes

Finance Council Meetings: Tuesday, July 18 at St. Bridget's. St. Bernard's meets at 6pm, St. Bridget's meets at 7pm



Widows: The Widows' Support Group will meet Thursday, July 20 at St. Bernard's at 10am, where we will car pool to the Herring Grotto near Rochester. We will spend about an hour there, followed by lunch in Rochester (place to be determined). A week later, Thursday, July 27, at 10am in the parish library, we will have Jeanette Fortier as our guest speaker. Her topic will be "*Musical Walk with the Women of the Bible*". If you are a widow from either St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's, please feel welcome to join us on these two occasions even if you have not done so in the past. We would love to meet you. Any questions call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, July 27 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard's.

Visiting Priest & Missionary: Monsignor Don Schmitz will be celebrating our weekend Masses for our parishes the last weekend of July through August 13 and the Holy Day on August 15. Brother David Henley from the Glenmary Missionaries will join us the last weekend of July as well.

**Fr. Wilmot's
40th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, July 23**

Join us for a celebration hosted by both parishes in honor of Fr. Wilmot's 40 years of Ordination to the Priesthood. Mass at 10am at St. Bernard's followed by refreshments in Marian Hall from 11am-2pm

Religious Ed & Youth



BYG Summer Sessions: Youth Group meets Sunday, July 16 & 23 at 7pm at St. Bernard's.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with Totus Tuus. Special thanks to Jim & Melinda Otto and Bill & Kristi Mettler for hosting the team members at your homes. Special thanks to parishioners who donated meals for the team; Bill & Rita Oswald, Kim & Michelle Nelson, Dominic & Amy Miron, Bob & Mary Lynch, Chuck & Joan Koestler, Rick & Patty Galbraith, Diane Woodward and Sandra Drees. Thank you also to those who were helpers in the kitchen and classrooms during the week. Your stewardship to the youth of our parish is heartwarming and appreciated. ~ Krissy

From the Totus Tuus Team: Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives. Thank you so much for this wonderful week. We hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth.

St. Bernard

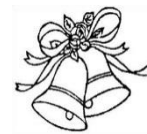
Appreciation: Thank you to those who helped with Bernie Gardner's funeral luncheon on Friday. From setting up, prepping and cooking to clean-up, your assistance is appreciated. ~ St Bernard's Funeral Lunch Committee

Homebound: If you would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member in your home, assisted living or Care Center on a Sunday morning, contact Jan Owen 533-4964.

Lighthouse CDs: 'Right Here Right Now – Always Be Ready To Share Your Faith' by Patrick Madrid is one of the CDs we have in the display rack in the gathering space. Patrick speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and His Church. Help yourself to the selection of CDs for your next road trip. \$3 donation is asked, please.

Card Bingo: Join us at the Care Center to play Bingo with the residents on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30pm

St. Bridget



Blessings: Kirsten Casella & Matt Mulvihill will enter the holy sacrament of matrimony next weekend.

Around the Area

Minnesota Citizens for Concerned Life: MCCL will have an educational booth at the Olmsted County Fair, which is July 24-30. We are looking for volunteers to help at our booth. Shifts are 2 hours beginning at 11 am and going through 9 pm. If you are able to help out, please call Linda McGuire at (507) 259-4035