

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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December 23, 2018

The 4th Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10am

Becoming Catholic: Contact Fr. Wilmot or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@gmail.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 at 5pm, so knock to be let in.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am-Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesdays. 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
Additional confession times are listed in the Advent Calendar

Baptism: First-time parents are required to take a Pre Jordan Baptism Class. Contact the office for details.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Fr. Wilmot 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.

Homebound: If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

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

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

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

Health & Wellness: Mondays at St Bridget's rectory from 5:30-6:30pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

St Bernard	4:00 pm	Helen Smith+
St Bridget	6:00 pm	Frank & Peg Roeder+
St Bernard	8:00 pm	Mike Hurley+

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas

St Bernard	8:00 am	LeVerne & Mary Meyerhofer +
St Bridget	9:30 am	Agnes Griffin+

Wednesday, December 26

St Bernard	8:00 am	Mathias Kellner+
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Thursday, December 27

St Bernard	8:00 am	Marvin Meyer+
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Friday, December 28

St Bernard	8:00 am	For the souls in Purgatory
Care Center	9:15 am	Frances Kuisle+

Saturday, December 29

St Bernard	5:00 pm	For our parishes
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Sunday, December 30

St Bridget	8:30 am	Ed & Frances O'Neill+
St Bernard	10:00 am	Bernadine Peterson+

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, Dec 29 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Server: needed
Lector: Charlie O'Brien
EMC: Pauline Fontaine
Ushers: Warren Hauger, Joe Himmer, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh

Sunday, Dec 30 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: needed
Lector: Terry Smith
EMC: Marilyn Baker, Roger Roeder, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, Dec 30 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Server: Bryttin Henderson
Lector: Jean Peterson
EMC: Mary Claeys, Karen Greenslade, Joann Hinders, Rob & Patty Miller
Ushers: Jerry Finn, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Over the previous three Sundays of Advent, we have done our best to set our sights on the glorious Second Coming of Jesus. Now, with only a few days left we focus on the humble coming into our human existence of the Savior in Bethlehem.

Today we see in the Gospel the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth and realize how favored both this woman were – Elizabeth would give birth to the herald of the Messiah, John the Baptist and Mary, our Savior Himself. Great gifts indeed from a loving God and humbly accepted by both women. We might live these few days prior to the great feast of Christmas in gratitude and generosity of spirit ourselves.

This will be my last Christmas with you and I hope we enjoy it to the fullest. I wish you and your families every blessing and you can be assured of my gratitude to you for accepting me into your midst so lovingly. Be assured also of my prayers for your future life in Christ. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Stewardship Reflection

Obtaining peace comes as a Christmas gift. We are reminded that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let us avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let us look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. When we get this gift right, all the other gifts and "to-dos" on our Christmas list will fall into their proper place.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 16

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,676.30
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$140,845.59
YTD Budgeted	\$136,238.12
Over Budget	\$ 4,607.47 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,505.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 67,110.09
YTD Budgeted	\$ 64,184.00
Over Budget	\$ 2,926.09 +

Our Parishes



Thank You: Those who brought Christmas goodies to the office, thank you! We enjoy the special treats this time of the year.

2018 Contributions: Just a reminder about your end-of-the-year giving ☺ Please have your contributions postmarked or in the office by December 31.

Quilting Group: Thursday, December 27, 1-3:30pm



Farewell Breakfast for Fr. Wilmot: All are invited to attend a Farewell Breakfast in honor of Fr. Wilmot, compliments of St. Bernard's Men's Club, on Sunday, January 6, after the 10am Mass at St Bernard's.

Clergy Replacements – After January 7th: Monsignor Melvin, Vicar General of the diocese, addressed the advisory Councils of the parishes, i.e. Pastoral and Finance Councils on Tuesday evening. He announced that Father Tom Loomis would be the parochial administrator of the two parishes and Father Kevin Connolly will be the sacramental minister taking care of our sacramental and pastoral needs. This hopefully will only be until Father Connolly assumes fully the Pastor's role. No timeline for that was set. Fr. Connolly will be living at Holy Spirit to begin with but will commute almost daily. After addressing several health issues it was felt that our parishes would be a good fit for Father Connolly to step back into pastoral ministry. Your cooperation and goodwill will be imperative in this process. Fr.W.

Religious Education

No Class: Classes will not be held Wednesday, December 26. Merry Christmas! Classes resume Wednesday, January 2.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

Thanks!: Thank you to those who participated in our babysitting fundraiser last Saturday. Funds raised go toward our summer mission trip.

St Bridget

Adoration Notice: There will be no Adoration December 24 and 31 (Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve).

2019 Contribution Envelopes: Be sure to pick-up your boxed set of 2019 contribution envelopes in the hallway leading to the social hall. Any questions, contact Pam in the office.

St Bernard



2019 Calendars: Thank you to Griffin-Gray Funeral Home for gifting St Bernard's with Catholic calendars.

Adult Choir: Practice at 6:30pm on Sunday, Dec 23 and at 7pm on Christmas Eve.

Prayer Group: We will not meet on Wednesday, Dec 26

Adoration Notice: There will be no Adoration on Tuesday, December 25 & Wednesday, December 26. There will be no Adoration on Tuesday, January 1. Adoration will resume Wednesday, January 2 at 6am.



Liturgical Ministers for Christmas

Christmas Eve

4pm St Bernard

Server: Carson Janssen
Lector: Marge Reimers
EMC: Angie Janssen, Emily Kiefer, Bill Rinken, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz
Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Ken Trisko

6pm St Bridget

Server: Isaac Kuisle
Lector: Bernice Casella
EMC: Mary Elton, Bill Kuisle

8pm St Bernard

Server: Ellah Dodd
Lector: Nick Konrady
EMC: Lisa Dodd, Karen Greenslade, Joann Hinders, Dorothy Hurley

Christmas Day

8am St Bernard

Rosary: Pauline Fontaine
Servers: needed
Lector: Rob Miller
EMC: Mary Claeys, Dorothy Hurley, Mary Lynch, Patty Miller, Pauline Fontaine

9:30am St Bridget

Lector: Robert Sheehan
EMC: Bill Kuisle

Kiddie Corner

