

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday March 27, 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 8:30-2:30 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, March 28	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Gene & Shirley Loechler+	
Tuesday, March 29	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	Marie Sorenson+	
Wednesday, Mar 30	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	For Theobald & Heimerman families	
Thursday, March 31	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	George & Lillian Gehling+	
Friday, April 1	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+	
	Care Center	9:00 am
	For Heitman, Steinmetz & Ancius families	
Saturday, April 2	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	Pat Mullenbach+	
Sunday, April 3	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	Agnes Griffin+	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	

Saturday, April 2

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Joan Titus

Servers: needed

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, April 3

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan, Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb

Servers: Emily and Erica Lamb

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Jean Peterson

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

Pastor's Corner

What would life after a long dreary winter be like without Spring? What would life be like without Easter? We celebrate today a joyous fact, that Jesus has risen from the dead and in so doing He freed all believers from the dreariness of life and the fear of death.

We have witnesses that tell us that Jesus, during His last supper, established His priesthood, left us the means by which he would remain with us, service and Eucharist, and then died in order to bring us to life again. I have used the word "life" several times because that is what Easter is all about. "The glory of God is man fully alive" said St. Irenaeus and so it is. Jesus rose, having defeated death and extended a heavenly reward to all who would follow in his footsteps – the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In order to live what is new we must let go of what is old. Let us let go of any anger or bitterness, any selfishness or greed, any hatred or resentment and let us, especially at this time concentrate hard on being the loving, forgiving and joyous people we were created to be. Enjoy this Easter with your family and friends. Have a good old time in Jesus' honor. However, we should never forget the cost of victory and the love that paid the price. A Happy Easter to you all!

Stewardship Reflection

Our readings on this holy day all affirm what we believe. The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles includes a sermon given by St. Peter, a firsthand account of what he witnessed. Peter's sermon, although not lengthy, summarizes what we need to remember about Jesus on this day: Jesus was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit and with that power; He went about doing good, with the power of God with Him; people (including Peter) witnessed these things; He was crucified, but raised from the dead, again in the presence of witnesses; He commanded His followers to preach the message of Who He is and what He did; Jesus is ordained by God and is the one foretold by the prophets as the Messiah. We preach the great news through our stewardship of course. In thought, word and deed we are called to live Easter always. This is what it means to be a true disciple, a true steward.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending March 20

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,643.63
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$192,142.43
YTD Budgeted	\$191,699.77
Over Budget	\$ 442.66 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,399.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$100,148.22
YTD Budgeted	\$ 77,992.08
Over Budget	\$ 22,156.14 +

Our Parishes

Blessings & Welcome: Burke Milnes of St. Bernard and Teala Heddleston of St. Bridget, will share Communion with us for the first time and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are Confirmed in the Catholic Faith on Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, March 31 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. This group meets every other Thursday. If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to join in.

Financial Freedom & Saving: Financial Peace University is coming to St Bernard's in April. The 9-week program from Dave Ramsey is about budgeting, how to be debt free and saving for retirement. Everyone is welcome. Meet in the social hall at 6:30 pm on Mondays, beginning April 18. Visit the website www.daveramsey.com For more information email Ally and Andy Drees at funkyalygator@yahoo.com

We are looking for teens to help with child care during these sessions. If you are willing to assist, contact Ally at the above email address or call 952-465-9540.



Wishing you a blessed and Happy Easter.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes will be held on Wednesday, March 30. 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm

BYG (Youth Group): Gatherings are Wednesday, March 30 at 7:45 pm for High School. Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 pm for Grades 6-8 (Middle School). Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in Marian Hall. If you have questions, contact Neal 316-5545 or nealabbott11@gmail.com

Mission Trip for Grades 9-12 – St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's is going to Milwaukee, July 12-17: *Alive in You* is part conference, part service camp and 100% Catholic. The cost is \$370 per person, which includes lodging, transportation, food and the *Alive in You* camp experience. Contact Krissy Sullivan for additional information and to register. Visit the *Alive in You* website aliveinyou.com

St. Bernard

Altar Servers: Parents, if your child has received training from Father, please use the online scheduler program to schedule your child for April & May. If there are difficulties using the online program, contact the office.



'Soup & Dessert Night': The Men's Club will be making a variety of homemade soups. Join them for dinner and sample the fare as they will be serving on Saturday, April 9 after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Men of the Parish: Please sign up to help with the Soup & Dessert Night. Cooks, servers and clean-up crew are needed. Also, we are looking for men willing to bake and donate a pan of bars or cookies or make a specialty dessert. Find the sign-up sheet on the small table in the gathering space or contact Scott Christian 533-6692 or srchrhc@yahoo.com We especially encourage new members and those who have not participated in the Spaghetti Dinners in the past. Join us! It's a great time!

Adult Choir: Next practice will be Sunday, April 10 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

Around The Area

St. James Coffee Events:

Guardian Angels - Our Best Friends and Companions by Cindy Meyerhofer on Monday, April 4 at 6:30 pm
Human Trafficking Series - From Recruitment of Youth to The Law Response: As our own paper tells us weekly, this happens here in Rochester. Join us for the presentation and be educated on this topic for yourself and those around you on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm. Sister Mary Elliot Crowley, O.S.F. presenter.

Healing Ministry for the Widowed, Divorced and Separated: Beginning Experience offers a weekend retreat to help with the process of grieving the loss of a loved one. This grief resolution process is being offered at Assisi Heights in Rochester, April 15-17. Participants step into an opportunity to love themselves, others, and God in a renewed way. For more information about this retreat, contact Beginning Experience at beminnnesota@gmail.com or call 507-261-8248 or register at www.BEMinnesota.org Or you may call parishioners Mary Whalen 507-346-7427 or Kathy Baruth 269-8065

Marriage Retreat: Spring is a sign of new life. Bring new life into your marriage by registering for the April 23-24 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for information or call 651.454.3238.

Poland and Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: This trip includes Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria with St. Faustina's Convent and the Shrine of the Black Madonna of Poland. The dates are November 4-14. The cost is \$3599 which includes airfare from Minneapolis, first rate hotels, tour buses and guides, most meals, all taxes and airline surcharges. Contact Fr. Steve Peterson at 273-4916 or sjp4646@gmail.com for more information.



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