

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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April 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter April 24, 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, April 25	St. Bernard For the unborn	8:00 am
Tuesday, April 26	St. Bridget Bill Casey+	8:30 am
Wednesday, April 27	St. Bernard Special Intention A.M. & L.M.	8:00 am
Thursday, April 28	St. Bernard George & Lillian Gehling+	8:00 am
Friday, April 29	St. Bernard George & Teresa Woodward+	8:00 am
	Care Center For Heitman families	9:00 am
Saturday, April 30	St. Bernard Marijane Irlbeck+	5:00 pm
Sunday, May 1	St. Bridget Marie Green+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Saturday, April 30

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Dick Koenigs

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Lacy Jewson

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton, Dorothy Hurley,

Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Rauh, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, May 1

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Wanda Nienow, Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Janet Speltz

Servers: Sarah Watters, Annie Welch

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart,

Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

As we review the centuries gone by in the Christian Church we may feel some dismay – and even now that may be so. There have been tensions between certain factions, our interaction with Jews and Muslims haven't been good, we have had the horrors of the Reformation and the divisions that persist, violence in the very name of Jesus has been widespread, we've had Inquisitions, seen persecutions, neglect of the poor and needy has been rife – and on and on. While we have had our excellent examples of true discipleship, our report card is hardly an A plus. This is because so many have not heard with the ears of their hearts what Jesus says is at the core of Christianity, "Love."

Jesus commands us to "Love one another." He, with time running out before His arrest, tells His disciples, summing up the many words they had heard during His ministry, that they will be known as His disciples by how they show their love for others. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples." This is still a great challenge for us and one we should accept daily if we are to be true followers of the Word. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We show our love for the Lord by how we use our stewardship. We express our love through the proper responsible and generous use of our time, talent and treasure – especially as it pertains to the Church and our neighbors within the Church which He established, in love, for our salvation.

As followers of the Lord, as disciples, we know that He will take care of us, that we are safe in His hands. It is this safety and security that can hold us up when we face the challenges of leading a holy and happy life in this increasingly secular world. It is comforting to know that the hands that created the world created us also, and it is those hands that keep us safe and hold on to us always.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending April 17

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,500.65
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$212,062.47
YTD Budgeted	\$211,878.69
Over Budget	\$ 183.78 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,655.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$115,377.72
YTD Budgeted	\$ 86,201.77
Over Budget	\$ 29,175.95 +



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.

St. Bridget's Goal	\$ 8,690
St. Bernard's Goal	\$26,260

Our Parishes

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: A reminder to registered attendees - next session held on Monday, April 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Please enter through main church entrance. Childcare offered at no cost.

Quilting/Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's from 1:00-3:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in quilting is welcome to attend. The next gathering is Thursday, April 28.

VIRTUS Program: "Protecting God's Children" helps people recognize improper behavior and is required for all clergy, employees and volunteers who have contact with children, young adults or vulnerable adults. A VIRTUS session will be held at St. Bernard's on Saturday, April 30 at 3:15 pm. Please register online at virtusonline.org

Holy Day – Ascension of the Lord: This Holy Day is Thursday, May 5. Please note it is actually celebrated on the weekend of May 7/8.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Youth Group: Middle Schoolers meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm. High Schoolers meet on Wednesdays at 7:45 pm. Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in the parish library. If you have questions, contact our Youth Group Leader, Neal Abbott 316-5545 or nealabbott11@gmail.com

Highway Clean-Up: Anyone willing to help with the highway clean-up please meet at St. Bernard's on Saturday April 30 at 10:00 am. Trash bags and neon vests will be provided. Let Krissy know if you can help.

Blessings to our Students who will be Receiving First Communion on Sunday, May 1 at 10:00 am Mass:

Jacob Bell, Hollis Frost, Carson Janssen, Beau Johnson, Nolan Light, Logan McCrady, Theodor Noser, Noah Root, Isaac Spencer, Ryan Stone, Lucas Yennie, Christopher Watters, Matthew Watters, Leyla Drees, Paige Drees, Lily Gebel, Noel Griffin, Savanna Gunderson, Rylie Holst, Katherine Friederichs, Olivia Jessen, Sydney Klar, Lily Lukes, Avery Mullenbach, Ella Olerich, Mackenzie Piens, Morgan Schild, Audrey Shindelar, MaKenzie Suess, Ella Theobald and Matthew Wilson



Family Fun Night: Join us for the end of the school year celebration on Wednesday, May 4 at St. Bernard's beginning with supper at 6:00 pm. Our own Chef Krissy will

be preparing a delicious supper of pulled pork sandwiches, (beef too), coleslaw and baked beans. St. Bridget's families will be making yummy desserts. You won't want to miss this last gathering of the year! Everyone is welcome to come for supper and stay for fun and games.



Graduating Seniors: We will have a special blessing bestowed upon our seniors during Mass on Sunday, May 8 at both parishes.

St. Bridget

Health and Wellness Sessions: The next session will be held Tuesday evening, April 26 at 5:30 pm in St Bridget's old social hall. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan.

Marriage Blessings: Congratulations and best wishes to Leah Melby & Jake Malek

Ladies Spring Luncheon: All women of the parish are invited on Saturday, April 30 at noon to enjoy lunch, fellowship and entertainment in the social hall.

Choir: We will practice on Sunday, May 8 at 7:45 am followed by music ministry at 8:30 am Mass.

Volunteer Needed: Karen O'Connell Schlechtinger will be leaving her position as secretary of the St. Bridget's Women's Group in October. We are looking for a parish member who is interested in taking the reins. Karen is willing to train whoever takes over. Please contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387 if interested.

St. Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Grayson Michael Adams, son of Michael & Ashley, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Birthday Celebration: Come celebrate Anna Bussman's 90th birthday on Sunday, April 24 at Four Daughters Vineyard/Winery in Spring Valley. An Open House with food and cake will be held from 1:00-4:30 pm. No gifts please.

Adult Choir: Next practices will be Sunday, May 1st and May 15 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

Men's Club Meeting: All men of the parish are invited to attend this gathering on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Mother's Day Breakfast: Join us on Sunday May 8 after the 10:00 am Mass for a lovely breakfast served by the Men's Club.

Around the Area

Chili/Chicken Soup Fundraiser: Sponsored by Beginning Experience (ministry to widowed, divorced, separated). Held Friday, April 29 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Resurrection Church. Tickets \$12 adults, \$6 children. Soup/Bread/Desserts/Silent Auction/Raffle/Music. Contact Kathy Baruth for tickets 269-8065.

Coffee & Canvas at St. James Coffee: Join us for an evening of painting, fellowship and fun as Tasha Flicek guides us in painting our very own masterpiece on Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 pm. Tickets (\$25) are available at the coffee house.