

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 26, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

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 10:00am 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 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 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am-Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm. 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 at 533-8257.

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 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, March 27

No Mass

Tuesday, March 28

Fr. Wilmot will be at a priests' retreat

Wed, March 29

St Bernard 8:00 am
Mary Strei+

Thurs, March 30

St Bernard 8:00 am
Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+

Friday, March 31

St. Bernard 8:00 am
Michael Lucas+

Care Center 9:15 am
Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+

Saturday, April 1

St. Bernard 5:00 pm
For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Sunday, April 2

St. Bridget 8:30 am
Carroll Baruth+

St. Bernard 10:00 am
Helen Owen+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 1

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Server: Cole Janssen

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Angie Janssen, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, April 2

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Pam Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderon, Ellah Dodd

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Mary Claeys, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Laura Peters, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

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

Pastor's Corner

Though this Sunday is "Laetare" or "Rejoice" Sunday and flowers may appear on the altar and solemnity may be lessened a tad all round, we should not forget that our journey to Easter is not over by a long shot. As we journey through Lent we should hope to see more and more clearly the way of the Lord and, looking deeper into ourselves be able to identify more and more clearly the cause of our own blindness, our particular or personal sins.

The restoring of sight to the blind man is the penultimate of the signs that Jesus performs as Messiah – the last being the raising of Lazarus. We see his glory, through his authority over that which brings darkness manifested to a world in need of Salvation – for none are as blind as those who will not see. By curing the blind man Jesus shows not only God's Mercy but also, perhaps, that sins can be absolved if only the will of the sinner is there.

We should all commit to availing of the many opportunities for confession and reconciliation that are in the area and welcome the Risen Lord all the more joyfully on the day of Resurrection. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' that we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God, and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." Hopefully, our journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will continue and we will become better stewards for it by Easter.

Thank You, Ben Frost: My thanks go out to Ben for his spiritually uplifting, well presented, interesting and edifying talk last Sunday. I shall certainly invite him to speak again. We had a nice turn out despite competition from March Madness and I thank Neal and his group for providing babysitting. Marriage and the family is so important a subject and any help we can get in these difficult days for both is most appreciated. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 19

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,798.17
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$207,754.06
YTD Budgeted	\$204,497.00
Over Budget	\$ 3,257.06

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,425.82
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 92,510.51
YTD Budgeted	\$105,146.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,635.49 –

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Thank you to those who have already supported this important annual appeal. Your generosity is appreciated. Every registered parishioner is asked to participate in this appeal in some way. Please pray and think about how you will respond.

Our Parishes

Stations of the Cross: Monday evenings at St. Bridget's and Friday evenings at St. Bernard's throughout Lent at 6:30pm

Liturgical Ministers: Please check the schedule and sign up where help is needed.

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Money Class: The first session begins on Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm. If you have questions, contact Andy and Ally Drees at funkyalygator@yahoo.com

Lenten Penance Service: Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions. If you can't make it to this service, there are extra confession times listed in the bulletin.

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, March 29

1st Holy Communion Learning Centers: 2nd graders and a parent are to attend the learning centers on either Thursday, March 30 between 3-7pm or on Saturday April 1st between 10am-Noon. Come which ever day works best for you. They will take about an hour to complete.

Summer Faith Programs – Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Ages 3 years old through grade 4, June 12-16

Totus Tuus: Grades 1-12, July 9-14

Grades 8-12: Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester on July 14 -16. Check out the website www.partnershipforyouth.org Students interested in attending contact Neal Abbott.

2017 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 15-19, (travel time included) in Indianapolis: NCYC is a powerful, three-day experience of prayer, community, catechesis and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Registration deadline is April 15 with a \$250 non-refundable deposit. The remaining \$400 is due on September 20. Total cost is \$650 per person. Scholarships and fundraising is an option. This includes a coach bus, conference fees, hotel & full breakfast, Diocesan t-shirt, and Region fees. Contact Neal or Krissy if interested.

St. Bridget

Choir: Music ministry at 8:30am Mass on Sunday, April 2. Meet at 7:45am for practice. Practice for Easter will be held Tuesdays, April 4 & 11 at 6:30pm. New voices always welcome!

St. Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Graham Lincoln Paulzine, son of Eric and Katie, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Living Faith Daily Devotionals: The publications for April are in the gathering space.

Word Among Us: Subscribers, your newest editions are available for pick-up.

Attention Adorers: There will not be Adoration on the day of the Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, March 28. Remember there will be an opportunity for extended Adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Bernard's.

Attention Men: Those who are working the Spaghetti Dinner and those who are new to the event and looking to lend a hand, please attend a meeting at Riverview Greens Clubhouse on Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm. Work assignments will be reviewed, questions answered and some setting up will take place.



See you at the Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday evening! If you missed getting a ticket, they will be available at the office on Monday and can be purchased at the door Tuesday evening.

Around the Area & Other Notes

Eyeglass Donations: Since Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Indeed, sight is one of Lions' defining causes. Through professional training, healthcare system development and wide spread drug treatment distribution, Lions have gained worldwide recognition for their work to improve sight and prevent blindness. In recognition of the 100th year of Lions, we are looking for eyeglass donations. Drop off donations in the box in the gathering space at St. Bernard's.

Fish Fry in Hayfield: Sacred Heart Catholic Church is holding a fish fry on Friday, April 7 from 5-7pm. Their menu is fish, baked potato, vegetable, salad, cake & beverage. \$10 adults, \$5 for children.