

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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April 16, 2017

Easter

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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 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 and Intentions

Monday, April 17 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Fr. Donald Grubisch+

Tuesday, April 18 **No Mass**

Wednesday, April 19 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Mike Foster+

Thursday, April 20 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
For the Heitman Family

Friday, April 21 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Michael Lucas+

Care Center **9:15 am**
Miriam Coleman+

Saturday, April 22 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Jennie & Joe Rauh, Sr.+

Sunday, April 23 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Ralph & Jeanette Kruger+

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 22

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeter: Sharon Theobald
Server: David & Sarah Watters
Lector: Julie Watters
EMC: Barb Abbott, Rose Steinman
Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Ken Trisko

Sunday, April 23

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Marianna Miron
Lector: Amy Miron
EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Mary Hustak
Servers: needed
Lector: Amy Edholm
EMC: Mary Brouillard, Mary Hustak, Jan Owen, Laura Peters
Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik



Pastor's Corner

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – alleluia indeed. This is the Church's biggest feast and we have had six weeks of Lent to prepare ourselves for it. We now put behind us, for a while anyway, the immense suffering by Christ that led to this great victory over death and try to get caught up in the joy of this most vital in terms of salvation. We should carry this joy from Mass to our celebrations and our lives.

All of the Gospels tell of the Resurrection of Christ. They may differ in some details, but they all agree that Christ is Risen. The Apostles will now go forth to spread the Good News, helped of course by the later descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They speak of His Resurrection, not the empty tomb. The Resurrection opens the doors of Paradise to all who believe and who are willing to become a New Israel, a New Creation. That is what we need to do, what we need to share — the Easter joy of being a Catholic Christian. A Happy Easter to you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Easter for us should be an encounter with the Risen Lord. We are to share the Good News. That is what Mary of Magdala does. Perhaps we have a difficult time talking about the joy we feel at Easter and at other times in the Church. We should not be hesitant; sharing the joy is part of being a disciple of Christ; it is what makes us an "Easter people." The use of our stewardship is a way of sharing the new life God has given us and we do this with humility. May we be reinvigorated by the power of Easter and be truly those who do all "for the greater Glory of God" (Ignatius Loyola)



The [Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota](http://www.catholicfsmn.org) supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith in southern Minnesota. Since its founding in 1991, the Foundation has managed and distributed contributions according to donors' wishes in areas of greatest need. Every registered household is asked to support this diocesan appeal, so let's get the numbers up for the 'participating donors'. Every gift makes a difference. Envelopes/pledge cards are in the pews or give online at www.catholicfsmn.org

St Bernard Goal	\$26,470
Pledged	\$22,992
Participating Donors	102

St Bridget Goal	\$ 9,930
Pledged	\$ 7,975
Participating Donors	24

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 9

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,557.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$223,367.21
YTD Budgeted	\$220,641.50
Over Budget	\$ 2,725.71

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,037.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$101,718.51
YTD Budgeted	\$113,447.00
Under Budget	\$ 11,728.49 –

Our Parishes



Church Directory: Thank you to those who have taken the initiative to sign up online. Slots are filling up nicely. Picture taking will take place May 17-26, for our bi-parish photo directory. There is no sitting fee and just for participating, you will receive a 8"x10" portrait and a directory. Sign up by visiting the parish website www.sbsbparishes.org and find the link on the home page or sign up in person after Mass on the weekends through April.

Rice Bowls: If you forgot your Rice Bowl, that's ok, just bring it to the office in Stewartville.

Thank You: Thank you to Diane Hart for her work with the latest newsletter. You are appreciated!

Blessings: Prayers to Julie Barnett who makes her Profession of Faith and is confirmed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil.



Thank you to Karen Sheehan and Julie Hayes & Company (Marilyn Wester, Marge Reimers, Lin Sugden, Millie Petersen) for providing the hot cross buns for our parishes. Thank you to Carol Kruger for sharing the little lambs with us on Easter morning.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, April 18, 6:30pm at St Bridget's.

Cancer Support Group Mtg: Tuesday, April 18, 7pm at St. Bernard's in the library.

Our Parishes

Quilting/Sewing Group: Meets on Thursday, April 20 from 1:00-3:30pm at St. Bernard's.

Stewardship Mtg: Thursday, April 20 at 7pm

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, April 25 at St. Bernard's 6pm for St. Bernard's and 7pm for St. Bridget's.

End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective: You're invited to a free seminar sponsored by Catholic United Financial, held Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. "What is the Church's teaching about 'death with dignity'? How do I make my Catholic health care directive?" Fr. Wilmot will address these questions and more. Speaker Robert Heuermann, Executive Director of the Catholic United Financial Foundation, works with individuals and churches on a regular basis to make the most of their charitable giving. Speakers will be available for a Q & A time. Seminar hosts are Travis Schmitz and Susan Stenzel. Please RSVP to Travis 507-438-9827 or call or email the parish office.

Would you Like to Grow in Holiness? Do you want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. On **Saturday, June 10** we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. We will meet each Saturday from 3-4:30pm for six weeks. Join us for the **33 Days to Morning Glory**. Please sign up by May 15 so materials can be pre-ordered. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space at St. Bernard's. Questions, contact Cindy Meyerhofer 507-273-9847

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, April 19. First graders and a parent will be going to the Care Center for card bingo on Wednesday April 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please go directly to the Care Center.

Highway Clean-Up: On Saturday, April 22, we will clean our stretch of the highway. Make sure to bring gloves. Meet at St. Bernard's at 10am.

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

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

St. Bridget



Coffee, Donuts & Sign-Ups: Join us after Mass on Sunday, April 23 as we serve refreshments and sign-up individuals for the church directory.

Choir: Music ministry on Sunday, April 30. Meet at 7:45am for practice. New voices welcome!

Ladies: We are looking for a president for St. Bridget's Women's Group. This is a volunteer position and a great way to share your ministry and stewardship and a wonderful way to better know your parish family. If you are interested, please contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387.

St. Bernard



Thank you to Travis Schmitz of Catholic United Financial and Krissy Sullivan for working together to receive a \$500 Technology Grant from Catholic United Financial Foundation to help improve the wifi radius on the school side of the building.

Thanks: Thank you to those who helped with the Joe Waugh funeral luncheon last week. A special shout-out to those who work behind the scenes; the callers, the cake bakers and those who set the tables. Please know your ministry is very much appreciated. ~ St Bernard's Funeral Committee

Cemetery Clean-Up: The annual spring clean-up at St. Bernard's Cemetery will be held Saturday, April 22 at 9am. Anyone interested in helping, please join us. Bring rakes and gloves. In the event of rain, the alternative date will be the following Saturday, April 29.

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, April 30, 8:50am, sing at 10am

Around The Area

National Day of Prayer and Protest against Planned Parenthood: Saturday April 29, from 1-2pm. It will take place across the nation but you can join us in Rochester. We will gather at 1212 7th Street, NW on the public sidewalk, off 7th Street (Northgate Shopping Center). Questions, contact Jan Hansgen at (507) 932-4219 or ejhansgen@hotmail.com