

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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February 18, 2018

The 1st Sunday of Lent February 18, 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: Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. 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

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. **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

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, Feb 19	St Bernard Bruce Sturm+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 20	St Bridget Carroll Baruth+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Feb 21	St Bernard For the return to Catholicism	8:00 am
Thursday, Feb 22	St Bernard Barbara Yost+	8:00 am
Friday, Feb 23	St Bernard Matthew Millenacker+	8:00 am
	Care Center Jan Heitman+	9:15 am
Saturday, Feb 24	St Bernard For St Bernard's & St. Bridget's	5:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 25	St Bridget Richard Kuisle+	8:30 am
	St Bernard Helen Owen+	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 24

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Terri Elsbernd

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Bill Rincken

Sunday, February 25

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Servers: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Bill Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Karen Greenslade, Bayli

Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Patty Miller, Janet

Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

Hopefully we were all able to receive ashes on Wednesday and, having fasted and abstained on that day, are now journeying through Lent with the right motivation. Lent is 40 days in length, beginning this past Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and ending on Holy Thursday, March 29, at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The three facets of our Lenten experience are traditionally prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is to be a time of spiritual preparation for Easter for us.

Lent is a time for the renewal of our baptism. The climax of Lent will be in the Easter liturgies when we renew our baptismal promises. By those promises, made by ourselves or our parents on our behalf, we pledged that we would die to selfishness and sin and live in the light of the risen Christ. Through the waters of baptism, Christ made us new a creation. Let us then pray that we shall renew our lives using the Lenten disciplines and sincere prayer to help our cause. As we journey together, God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In the Gospel from St. Mark we hear, "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days." It is obvious where our 40 days of Lent come from. But 40 is a recurring theme in the Bible. In Noah's flood it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel was in the wilderness for 40 years. It was a time of "testing" for Jesus. Lent is a time of testing for us. Everything we are called to do is to bring us the ideas of patience, sacrifice, self-discipline, commitment, and, as Peter implies, hope. As stewardship we should make a special effort to witness to this with our lives.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending February 11

St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 6,651.81
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$198,459.48
YTD Budgeted	\$183,447.00
Over Budget	\$ 15,012.48+

St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 1,662.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 89,103.75
YTD Budgeted	\$ 91,311.00
Under Budget	\$ 2,207.25-

Giving Made Easy: This is a convenient way to contribute for those who do not carry cash or a check book. Visit the address below or find the link on the home page of our parish website.

St. Bernard's www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910

St. Bridget's www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897



*Lenten
Parish Mission*

"A Parish Mission is a parish awakening! A time for the whole parish to come together to reflect upon God's word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts and hands." St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's will host a Lenten Parish Mission Retreat on March 16-18 at St. Bernard's. Members of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales will direct the retreat, entitled ***Time for God in a Busy World.***

Session I: Friday, March 16, 7- 8:15 pm (Soup at 6pm)

Session II: Saturday, March 17, 10:30 am–Noon (coffee at 10am)

Session III: Saturday, March 17, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Missioner preaches at all weekend Masses

Mission Accommodation: Two people, one male and one female, will need separate rooms overnight for Friday and Saturday. If you feel you can help, please call the office. We will provide food.

Our Parishes



Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Monday evenings at St. Bridget's and Friday evenings at St. Bernard's – both begin at 6pm

Cancer Support Group: Tuesday, February 20, 7pm at St Bernard's in the library.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, February 22 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard's.

Lenten Calendar: If you missed getting the Lenten Scheule, you can download it on the parish website or check the website calendar of events.



Religious Ed & Youth News

Class: Wednesday, February 21
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

Grade 3: You and a parent will play Card Bingo with the residents of the Care Center. Go directly to the Care Center at 6:30pm.

Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

Notice: No Middle School or High School Youth Group on 2/18. See you February 25th ~ Neal

St Bernard's



Adult Choir: Practice Sunday, March 4 & 11 at 8:50am. Music ministry at 10am Mass.

St Bridget's

Adoration Opportunities: We have some hours that are in need of a second adorer. The Church encourages that there be two adorers at each hour. Being with the real presence of Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays is a special opportunity for all of us. Many prayers have been answered from this peaceful time of prayer with Jesus. If you would like to join our Adoration Team, contact Marilyn Baker (206-7212) or Kathy Baruth (269-8065). It only involves one hour a week, and we have a lot of subs available when you are unable to do your hour.

Other & Around the Area

BestLentEver.com: "When we focus our attention on becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves, our lives are flooded with energy, enthusiasm, and a real and sustainable joy." – Matthew Kelly, Dynamic Catholic. Sign up at bestlentever.com

Adoption Info: Have you always wanted a family? Have you been thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Call Catholic Charities to schedule an adoption information meeting to learn about different types of adoption, the process, and how to begin. Visit us at www.ccsomn.org or call Catholic Charities in Rochester 287-2047

Stewartville Boy Scouts Chili Feed and Silent Auction (plus Chicken Noodle Soup!): Sunday, February 25 at the Stewartville Sportsman's Club from 11am-2pm. Tickets in advance or at the door – adults \$8, children \$5, under age 3 free. For info call 507-319-6111

Why, God? Suffering Through Cancer into Faith: Assisi Heights, Monday, February 26 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Please visit the website for a full description and registration: rochesterfranciscan.org

Chronic Pain: Tools for Surviving and Thriving: Assisi Heights, February 28, March 7 & 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Visit the website rochesterfranciscan.org

St. James Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Information Meeting: Join us on Friday, March 2 at 6:30 pm at St. James Coffee to find out details of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land this coming October 21-November 1. Spiritual guide is Fr. Joseph Pete. Brochures available at St. James Coffee.