

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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 St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmassociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Feb 16 **St. Bernard's 8:00 am**
For the Brian Witeli Family

Tuesday, Feb 17 **St. Bridget's 8:30 am**
Dr. Frank Leary+

Wednesday, Feb 18 **St. Bernard's 8:00 am**
Ash Wednesday Helen Smith+

St. Bridget's 5:15 pm
Agnes Griffin+

St. Bernard's 6:30 pm
Margaret Wagner Case+

Thursday, Feb 19 **St. Bernard's 8:00 am**
Special Intention

Friday, Feb 20 **St. Bernard's 8:00 am**
For the souls in Purgatory

Care Center 9:15 am
Nellie Towey+

Saturday, Feb 21 **St. Bernard's 5:00 pm**
Bill & Patty Schroeder / Hayek Families

Sunday, Feb 22 **St. Bridget's 8:30 am**
Wayne Idso+

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

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Feb 21 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin & Emily Lamb

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Erica Lamb

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Mary Claeys (several needed at time of print)

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey, Bill Rincken,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Feb 22 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Needed

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Pam Kuisle

Sunday, Feb 22 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Tom & Kim Yennie Family

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Joseph Gawarecki

Lector: Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Rob Miller, Karen Volkart (several needed)

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Andy Moore, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

As we approach Lent and Easter, we need to deal with, acknowledge, and address our sins.

We are called to be saints but most of us don't always measure up. Still, the idea is that we keep trying and with God's grace we get nearer our target inch by inch. We should never be discouraged but always seek the Lord's cure for our particular version of leprosy. We Catholics should turn particularly to the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. Following His loving laws and cleansing ourselves through confession and absolution, we can share in Christ's sufferings and joys more worthily.

Leprosy was considered incurable, but it was not incurable for Jesus. Our sins, as challenging as they may seem to us, are also curable with the Lord's help. We must always remember that even when we fail, and perhaps especially so, we can make use of the infinite mercy of the Lord who forgives and restores. God bless you all. See you Wednesday.

Stewardship Reflection

We need to focus on God and our relationship with God; we need to attend to our sins; and like Paul we need to offer good examples of stewardship and the Christian life to others. St. Paul offers this advice in more depth: "...be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Jesus reminded us often, and this is also true to those who practice stewardship as a way of life that what we do is more important than what we say.



Religious Ed classes will not be held on Ash Wednesday, February 18 so that you can attend Mass and receive ashes.

Liturgical Ministers for Ash Wednesday:

8:00 am St. Bernard's: Pat Koenigs, Emily Kiefer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

5:15 pm St. Bridget's: Volunteers needed

6:30 pm St. Bernard's: Rita Oswald, Bill Oswald, Brian Meyerhofer

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of February 8

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,650.70
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$147,734.77
YTD Budgeted	\$156,734.77
Under Budget	\$ 8,811.51-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,250.68
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 70,061.96
YTD Budgeted	\$ 63,764.92
Over Budget	\$ 6,297.04+



Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals* may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

*e.g. a snack, bowl of soup, protein bar, etc.

Note Well: *Though these are the laws, we might consider them the least we can do to make a good Lent. I see no reason why from early teens upwards any reasonably healthy person who does not deal with dangerous machinery etc. cannot fast. Every healthy person should be able to refrain from eating meat once a week. We can save money and place it in our Rice Bowls to help the poor. ~ Fr. W*

Little Black Books & Rice Bowls

These Lenten resources are available for you. The black book should help your growth in humility and charity. Your offerings in the Rice Bowls will demonstrate your ability to put charitable thoughts into action. Keep the books. Bring the Rice Bowls back, full of money, by Easter.

Our Parishes

Eucharistic Ministers: There are some open slots for the upcoming weekends. Please volunteer yourself in the online program. Also, assistance would be helpful on Ash Wednesday

Cancer Support Group Meeting: The cancer support group will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. We invite all who deal with cancer or another terminal disease, active or in remission, and care givers past and present to join us in support of one another on our journeys'. For questions or more information call Chet Daniel 533-8191.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, February 19 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

St. Bernard's

Thank You! The Men's Club would like to thank the helping hands in the kitchen last weekend. You are appreciated!

Thanks! Thank you to those who helped in the kitchen with the FAITH Night and thank you to those who donated desserts. Your assistance was greatly appreciated! ~ Krissy Sullivan

Adult Choir: On Sunday, February 22, we'll provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass. Meet at 8:50 am for rehearsal.



Get Your Tickets! Spaghetti Dinner tickets can be purchased after the weekend Mass. Tickets are also available in the office and at the Crossroads License Bureau. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens Club House.

Tickets are \$20 each, which includes Mama's original recipe spaghetti & meatballs, fresh green salad, garlic toast, spumoni ice cream and a glass of wine. There will be entertainment, prizes, and a grand prize drawing for a HDTV. Need not be present to win the grand prize – just be sure to fill out the ticket stub and leave it with whomever you buy the ticket from or bring it to the parish office.



Soup & Stations of the Cross: Join us on Thursdays through Lent for a simple soup supper followed by Stations. Soup serving begins at 5:45 pm, Stations begin at 6:30 pm.

St. Bridget's



Blessings to Clint & Kristi Hart as their little ones are formally welcomed into the Church and receive the sacrament of baptism. Catherine Ann, Wyatt Clint and Isabelle Patricia will receive the holy sacrament today.

Liturgical Ministers: As of this printing, we need a reader and a Eucharistic Minister on Ash Wednesday.



Stations of the Cross: Join us Wednesdays through Lent at 5:30 pm.

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets: If you are interested in purchasing tickets to St. Bernard's Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner, Jim Kuisle will be selling them after Mass. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

Choir: We will provide music ministry on Ash Wednesday, February 18 at the 5:15 pm Mass. Meet at 4:45 pm for rehearsal. Also, we will sing on Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 am Mass. Meet at 7:45 am for rehearsal. New voices always welcome!

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 24, 6:30 pm

Around The Area

Super Social Supper Study: Thursday, February 19 from 6:00-9:00 pm (and every 3rd Thursday of the month) at St. James Coffee. Part Bible study, part catechesis, part social. All awesome. Feel free to bring a dish to share! For information on Young Adult events in the Rochester area, please visit www.rayoungcatholic.org

Fish Fry: St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley will be having their 30th Annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 20 from 5:00-8:00 pm. All you can eat and carry-outs are available. Adults \$8, \$4 for ages 12 & under.

Fish Fry Dinner and Bake Sale: The annual Holy Family Fish Fry Dinner and Bake Sale in Kasson will take place Friday, February 20 from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner includes our batter fried fish, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and cupcakes. (*prices were not provided for this announcement*)

Italian Pilgrimage: Fr. Steve Peterson invites you to join his group in the Fall (November 4-14) as they visit Venice, Florence, Padua, Pisa, Assisi and Rome. The cost is \$3499 which includes airfare, hotels, tour buses, guides, most meals and all taxes and surcharges. Contact Fr. Peterson at 507-583-2529 or email sjp4646@gmail.com