

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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February 28, 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent February 28, 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 8:30-5:00 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 10:00-11:00 am & 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, Feb 29	St. Bernard Lucy Tooke+	8:00 am
Tuesday, March 1	St. Bridget Tom O'Neill+	8:30 am
Wednesday, March 2	St. Bernard For Gloria Leeper	8:00 am
Thursday, March 3	St. Bernard Marijane Irlbeck+	8:00 am
Friday, March 4	St. Bernard Robert Boyer+	8:00 am
	Care Center George & Lillian Gehling+	9:15 am
Saturday, March 5	St. Bernard Lyle & Colette Abbott+	5:00 pm
Sunday, March 6	St. Bridget For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Joe Klann+	10:00 am

Saturday, March 5

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Joan Titus

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Lacy Jewson

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Susan Hazelton, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,
Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 6

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Hank & Harvey Friederichs, Pam Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jamisen Hart

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Anne Miller, Patty Miller, Pat Robey,
Janet Speltz, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,
Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

In today's first reading we see Moses' encounter with God who is speaking from a burning bush that is not consumed by the fire. What we wouldn't give to have such a profound encounter with him! However, each time we come to Mass we encounter God in the profound presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, during the celebration of a baptism we experience this also – as we do with all the sacraments. We mustn't always look for the spectacular and dramatic. These sacramental moments are profound moments, holy moments, with God and we should prepare ourselves prayerfully to realize that. We should not grumble at not seeing Him in some sort of vision but rejoice that we can encounter Him through mystery.

We should, as believers, be the fertilizers, the maintainers for a good ground of faith so that others will be drawn to Christ and live out many holy moments and spread the gospel in response. By the witness of our lives we become closer to God and with our fellow pilgrims. Let us during Lent be open to the many ways God wants to work in and through us all. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

You might say that God is trying to get our attention, making an effort to get us to listen to Him and to listen carefully. That is certainly what should be happening during Lent. Today's readings seem to highlight how God tries to reach us, but, of course, the key is that we have to be both prepared to hear the Word and to respond to it.

Each of us should be striving for holiness, for a greater sense of how to serve God and one another through love and stewardship. None of us can fully achieve the yearning to be free from sin. The best way to resist temptation is to acknowledge it and seek God's help in overcoming it.

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YEAR OF MERCY: Act of Contrition. During Lent and during this period in the Church where God's Mercy and Compassion are emphasized, we should avail of every opportunity to confess our sins and walk more stridently along His path. *Cards with the two most popular Acts of Contrition on them can be found at the back of our churches.*

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Feb 21

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,887.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$170,893.30
YTD Budgeted	\$171,520.85
Under Budget	\$ 627.55 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,479.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 92,310.20
YTD Budgeted	\$ 69,782.38
Over Budget	\$ 22,527.82 +

Our Parishes

Lenten Confession Times: As well as those listed in the Lenten Schedule and the bulletin, Father will be adding the following opportunities for Confessions during Lent: After the Monday Adult Ed sessions, after the Friday Stations of the Cross at St. Bernard's and before at St. Bridget's, and each Saturday at St. Bernard's 10:00-11:00 am. The Lenten Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 pm. Additional priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

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

Social Concerns Team Meeting: Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library. Anyone interested in social concern issues is welcome to attend.

Stations & Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross: Fridays through Lent 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's and 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's. The students will perform Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross at St. Bernard's in the social hall on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this powerful performance.

Online Ministry Scheduler: The online scheduler may not allow you to view and/or volunteer for the Masses that are at 'unusual' times. In your profile, in addition to your preferred Mass, you need to also check the box '*any special service*' if you would like to assist during Holy Week this Lenten Season. You can uncheck the box any time you want.

20 & 30 Somethings: If you are interested in participating in this new group (20's & 30's age group) contact Ally Drees at funkyaligator@yahoo.com

St. Bridget

Finance & Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, March 8 6:30 pm for Finance and 7:15 pm for Pastoral.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

'Rediscover Jesus': Adult discussion on Matthew Kelly's bestseller, Rediscover Jesus, will be facilitated by Fr. Wilmot & Cindy Meyerhofer on Monday, Feb 29 from 6:30 – 7:20 pm. The next discussions will be Mondays March 7 & 14.

Religious Ed Classes: Regular scheduled classes on Wednesday, March 2, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Rehearsal for Shadow Mime Stations: Grade 8-12, come to St. Bernard's Marian Hall for practice on Saturday, March 5 at 1:00 pm. The Shadow Mime Stations will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 pm



Grades 6-12: Youth Group Kick-Off! BYG (Bernie's and Bridgie's Youth Group):

To celebrate the start of our new youth program, come to St. Bernard's on Saturday,

March 5, beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by pizza and a screening of the film 'Little Boy', a powerful story of faith! Come for as much or as little of the evening as you can. If you have questions, call or text Neal Abbott 316-5545 or email nealabbott11@gmail.com or call Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.



Join the Youth Group

Bernie's and Bridgie's Youth Group (BYG): Middle Schoolers will meet in St. Bernard's Marian Hall on Sunday, March 13 from 4:00-5:30 pm. High Schoolers will meet the same evening but from 7:30-9:00 pm.

St. Bernard



Men's Club Meeting: The first Tuesday (March 1) of the month, the men meet in the parish library at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Adult Choir: Upcoming practices and music ministry on Sunday, March 6 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm.

Lost & Found: A red cell phone and a dangly white earring were turned in. Call or stop by the office.

Around The Area

Upcoming St. James Coffee Events: For additional info call 281-3559 or visit stjamescoffee.com

Coffee and Canvas: Friday, March 4 at 6:30 pm \$25

Human Trafficking Series: Tues, March 8 at 6:30 pm.

Mom's Night Out - Divine Mercy for Mom's: Friday, March 11 at 7:00 pm.

St. John the Evangelist Church: Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession for 24 hours from 4:00 pm on Friday, March 4 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 5.

Harvesting Gifts in the Dark - International Women's Day: Come to Assisi Heights for an evening of three ordinary women telling their stories of life lived in the real world, while shrouded in darkness. Join us Tuesday, March 8 from 6:00-8:30 pm \$25 per person includes appetizers.

Man of God, Men's Conference: This event will be held Saturday, April 2 at Lourdes High School in Rochester from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, sponsored by the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Bishop Quinn will close the conference by celebrating Mass. More information and registration can be found at www.dowmen.org or on the bulletin board at St. Bernard.