

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 6, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent March 6, 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, March 7	St. Bernard	8:00 am For Marcelle Fontaine
Tuesday, March 8	St. Bridget	8:30 am Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+
Wednesday, March 9	St. Bernard	8:00 am George & Lillian Gehling+
Thursday, March 10	St. Bernard	8:00 am For those struggling w/ addiction
Friday, March 11	St. Bernard	8:00 am Marijane Irlbeck+
	Care Center	9:15 am Ollie Fritsche+
Saturday, March 12	St. Bernard	5:00 pm For Schroeder & Hajek Families
Sunday, March 13	St. Bridget	8:30 am Tom O'Neill+
	St. Bernard	10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Saturday, March 12

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Dick Koenigs

Servers: Arianna Blohm

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Susan Hazelton, Jim Nosbisch sign up!

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinke,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 13

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan, Terry Smith

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Joseph Gawarecki, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd, Bayli Henderson, mychelle

Henderson, Laura Peters

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,

Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

Today's gospel we know well. It is about the Prodigal or wasteful son. Jesus told his parables among other things to get people thinking. In this case, was the father merely foolish and the older son the only reasonable person in the tale? Well, we have all been like the wasteful son in our lives, to one degree or another. We have wasted God's grace and we have wasted out time, talent and treasure. We have allowed ourselves to be carried along by empty desires and compunctions. We stand therefore in need of God's forgiveness. Only with His grace do come to our senses, try to make amends and return to the track beaten for us by Christ.

The older son is a self-righteous sort who is always right and displays no kind of respect for his father or love or compassion for his weaker brother. Hardly anybody's hero! Are we perhaps like that ourselves sometimes with regard to supporting our brother or sister who has stayed when they seek to return to the right path. The father isn't foolish, he is simply very loving and forgiving and seeks only to reconcile. This is God our Father. No matter how many times we let Him down He will always take us back and direct us towards a life of peace, joy and love – a life of some worth. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's First Reading we see the Israelites celebrating the Passover. God had cared for them so far and still would as all good things come from God. They had eaten of the manna He had sent but now, with His help, they would produce their own food. He would continue to support them but in different ways. They, in gratitude, were to remain true to the Covenant.

We need to realize and celebrate that God always provides. We need to trust Him implicitly. Trust, of course, is at the heart of stewardship. It is trust in God which allows us to make the commitments and take the risks associated with a stewardship way of life and experience the joys it brings.



Foot Washing

The ritual washing of feet is associated with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which celebrates in a special way the Last Supper of Jesus, before which he washed the feet of his twelve apostles.

Those that wish to participate in foot washing on Holy Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's, please sign up or call the office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Feb 28

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,261.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$177,154.30
YTD Budgeted	\$176,565.88
Over Budget	\$ 588.72 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,058.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 94,368.70
YTD Budgeted	\$ 71,834.81
Over Budget	\$ 22,533.89 +

Our Parishes

Married Couples: Fr. Wilmot is looking for married couples who would be willing to assist with marriage preparation for our engaged couples. Time commitment is minimal as others in the group take turns. If interested, contact Anna Goff amgoff@charter.net

Shadow Mime & Stations of the Cross: 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. Regular Stations of the Cross will be held Friday, March 11 & 18 - 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's and 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

Cancer Support Group: Meeting in the parish library on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, March 17 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. This group meets every other Thursday. If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to join in.

Confession Times: Father has added 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.

Lenten Penance Service: Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's. Additional priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

St. Bridget

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

Choir Practice: We will practice on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm. New voices always welcome to join in.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

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

Religious Ed Classes: Regular scheduled classes on Wednesday, March 9, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.



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 from 7:30-9:00 pm. If you have questions, call or text Neal Abbott at 316-5545 or email nealabbott11@gmail.com

Grades 9-12 – St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's is going to Milwaukee, July 12-17: Get ready for the most exciting Catholic Youth event that you have ever experienced! *Alive in You* is part conference, part service camp and 100% Catholic. Join young people from around the country on this incredible journey of faith. Open your heart and let the fire of the Holy Spirit become alive in you. Our cost is \$370 per person, which includes lodging, transportation, food and the *Alive in You* camp experience. Contact Krissy Sullivan for additional information and to register. Please note, these youth camps do fill up and sell out. Visit the *Alive in You* website aliveinyou.com

St. Bernard

Building Fund Campaign: We are still looking at 100% participation from every registered household regarding our final phase of the *Together in Faith* building fund campaign. Letters and pledge cards were mailed in November. If you pledged a while ago, you will not be billed from the office, rather it is in good faith that you make your payments. Let's get this loan paid down and paid off!



Make Life Easier! Would you like to give your support automatically? How about supporting the building fund campaign automatically? Log on to the parish website sbsbparishes.org and find the link on the home page. Click on the link and follow the directions. You may give as often as you like; weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.

Adult Choir: Upcoming practices and music ministry on Sunday, March 13 & 20 at 8:50 am followed by music at 10:00 am Mass.



Men's Club Breakfast: Join your parish family for breakfast in Marian Hall after Sunday Mass on March 13.

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm in the Marian Room.

Men's Club 'Soup & Dessert Night': Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9 after the 5:00 pm Mass. The Men's Club will be serving homemade soups and desserts. You won't want to miss this evening of great food and fellowship.



Men: Those who are interested in any way with helping with the *Soup & Dessert Night* on Saturday, April 9th, sign-up in the gathering space or email Scott Christian srcrhc@yahoo.com New parishioners and those who have not participated in a Men's Club event are especially encouraged to participate in some way. Join the fun!

Around The Area

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

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.

Fish Fry: The St. John's Harold Gentling Knights of Columbus continue hosting their Annual Lenten Fish Bake in the school gym at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester (424 W Center St) on Friday, March 11 & 18. Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 pm. The menu includes seasoned baked Tilapia, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea or milk and lemon sherbet for dessert. Adults \$9, children (ages 5-12) \$5, children 4 and under are free.