

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 13, 2016

5th Sunday of Lent March 13, 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 14 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Margaret O'Neil+

Tuesday, March 15 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Marie Sorenson+

Wednesday, Mar 16 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Mike Foster+

Thursday, March 17 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For Bob & JoAnn Trenary

Friday, March 18 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Marlys Rentz+

Care Center **9:00 am**
Timothy LeBlanc+

Saturday, March 19 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Jennie & Joe Rauh, Sr.+

Sunday, March 20 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Ed & Frances O'Neill+

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

Saturday, March 19 Palm Sunday Weekend

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: David Watters (1 needed)

Lector: Nick Konrady, Marge Reimer, Julie Watters

EMC: Susan Hazelton, Mary Claeys

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 20

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jamisen Hart

Lector: Dorothy Hurley, Rob Miller, Gene Peters

EMC: Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd, Patty Miller, Laura Peters,

Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,

Dan Pyan

Pastor's Corner

Lent is very much the penitential season. We should constantly reflect upon our short comings which are usually brought about by pride. We must first convince ourselves that we are nothing without the Lord and strive to welcome him into our lives. He provides us with all that is good. He gives us the sanctifying grace to begin anew when we know that we have erred. He will make the wasteland of our hearts fertile again.

Yes, firstly, we must reflect on where we have strayed and then seek God's forgiveness. When we have genuinely confessed, we must then try to leave the past in the past and stride forward like St. Paul who was "straining forward to what lies ahead." We have our Penance Service on March 17th and this would be a good opportunity to bury the sins of the past, be reconciled and then walk in the joy of God's Mercy towards Easter. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's First Reading from Isaiah God proclaims His doing of something new, "I put water in the desert. I make a way in the wasteland." We, made in His image and likeness, were asked to do the same. How has that gone? Have we been renewed in our spirit of stewardship for instance? It is not too late for us to do that. It is not too late for us to make the kinds of changes needed, to discern what is expected of us; how much of our time, talent and treasure we return to the Lord. Now is the time, not later. This can only be accomplished by carefully preparing and praying and reflecting – and doing.



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

Easter Flower Memorials: Be sure to get in your envelopes and donations for the listing of flowers in honor of loved ones. Flower donations should be \$15 for one plant.

Holy Week & Easter March 24-27 Mass Times

Holy Thursday: 6:30 pm St Bernard (incense used)

Good Friday: 3:00 pm St Bridget, 6:30 pm St Bernard

Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm St Bernard (incense used)

Easter Sunday: 8:30 am St Bridget, 10 am St Bernard

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending March 6

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5359.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$182,513.80
YTD Budgeted	\$181,610.31
Over Budget	\$ 903.49 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1674.01
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 96,042.71
YTD Budgeted	\$ 73,887.23
Over Budget	\$ 22,155.48 +

Our Parishes

Marriage Prep: 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

Final Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 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.

Additional Confession Times Through Lent: After the Monday Adult Ed session, prior to Stations of the Cross at St. Bridget's, after the Stations at St. Bernard's and Saturday at St. Bernard's 10:00-11:00 am.



Foot Washing: Thank you to those who signed up for Holy Thursday. We need a few people from St. Bridget's Parish to come forward. Call or email the office this week.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Thank You: To all the students who helped with the Shadow Mime Stations. You did a beautiful job portraying the Stations of the Cross.

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

Religious Ed Classes: Regular scheduled classes on Wednesday, March 16, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grade 2 and a parent will go directly to the Care Center to play Card Bingo with the residents at 6:30 pm.

No class the following Wednesday, March 23.

Youth Group for High Schoolers Grades 9-12: Meet Wednesday, March 16 at 7:45 pm in St. Bernard's social hall (Marian Hall). If you have questions, call or text Neal at 316-5545 or email nealabbott11@gmail.com

Grade 2 and a Parent: You will attend the First Holy Communion Learning Centers on Thursday, March 17 between 3:00-7:00 pm or on Saturday, March 19 between 10:00 am – noon. The Centers take about an hour to complete. You only have to attend one of the days and come whenever works for you. This is for students in both parishes. The Learning Centers will be set up in the 1st grade classroom at St. Bernard's. Questions, contact Krissy 533-8192.

Youth Group for Middle School Grades 6-8: Join us at St. Bernard's social hall (Marian Hall) on Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 pm. If you have questions, call or text Neal Abbott at 316-5545

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 fill up and sell out. Visit the *Alive in You* website aliveinyou.com

St. Bernard

Thank You: The family of Harold Bredesen would like to thank Fr. Wilmot, Bruce Wagner, Kathleen O'Connor, Susan Weston and Choir and the parish for your support.

Thank You: To the parish members who helped in any way with the last three funeral luncheons. You are greatly appreciated. ~ St. Bernard's Funeral Committee

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

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

Hand Craft an Easter Card: Want to make an Easter card to give someone? Meet in the social hall on Sunday, March 20 after the 10:00 am Mass. All ages are welcome (younger ones might need adult help). Free-will donations to Operation Rice Bowl.



Men: Sign-up to help 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 strongly encouraged to participate in some way.

Around The Area

Chrism Mass: Monday, March 21 at Good Shepherd Parish in Jackson, MN at 7:00 pm. This is a beautiful Mass where the holy oils are blessed and distributed for each parish in the diocese.

Adult Volunteers to Help Homeless Families: Seeking to help Interfaith Hospitality Network as part of the Social Concerns Team of St. Bridget/St. Bernard to provide drivers, evening & overnight hosts and laundry helpers in Rochester at Redeemer Lutheran Church at least once but not more than four times a year. Contact Ed Rowley 287-0153.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages: There are a few upcoming trips offered by Queen of Peace Tours. The dates are March 31-April 9, March 31-April 13. Contact Stephanie Percic at spercic33@gmail.com