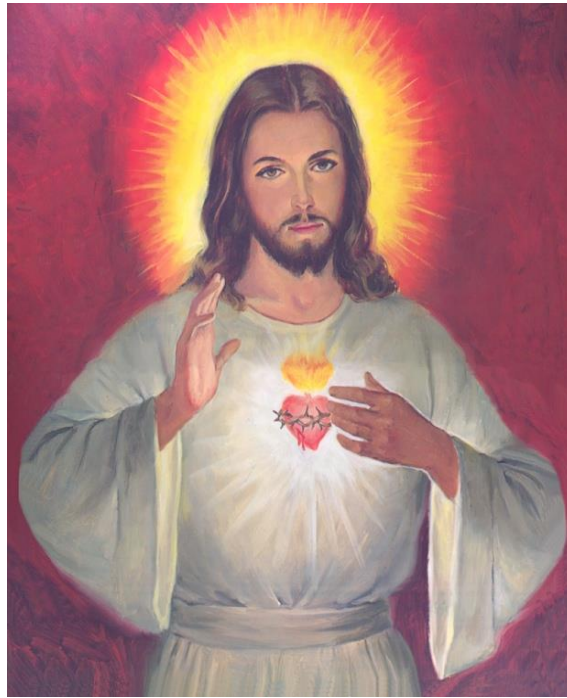


The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy April 23, 2017

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 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 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am - Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm.
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 at 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, April 24	St Bernard	8:00 am For the Ancius Family
Tuesday, April 25	St Bridget	8:30 am Ed & Frances O'Neill+
Wednesday, April 26	St Bernard	8:00 am Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+
Thursday, April 27	St Bernard	8:00 am Fr. Don Connelly+
Friday, April 28	St. Bernard	8:00 am Harold Ivey+
	Care Center	9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, April 29	St. Bernard	5:00 pm John Steines+
Sunday, April 30	St. Bridget	8:30 am For St Bridget's & St Bernard's
	St. Bernard	10:00 am Joe Waugh+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 29

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Server: Cole Jannsen

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Dorothy Hurley, Angie Jannsen

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Ken Trisko

Sunday, April 30

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Sam Miron

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: needed

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Mary Hustak, Jan Owen,

Laura Peters

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Today's Gospel tells us of the incident with "Doubting Thomas." Many are quick to refer to him as such but at least he was grounded in the reality that Jesus had been put to death and did indeed die. In truth Thomas stands for all of us all at times as we wish we could gaze upon Jesus' wounded and resurrected body.

If we are to appreciate the resurrection we must have an appreciation of Jesus' death. No Cross and Death – no Resurrection. The response of Jesus is certainly merciful. In a special concession to Thomas he invites him to examine his wounds. Nothing tells us that Thomas touches Jesus, instead he responds with that wonderful credo – "My Lord and My God." As for ourselves, let us keep in mind as we travel through many days of ups and downs in our faith experience the beatitude pronounced by Jesus "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and we should see the resurrection of Jesus as the ultimate expression of God's mercy to a confused and erring humanity. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Greek word *Koinonia* (κοινωνία), is a broad term meaning association, communion, fellowship, and joint participation. It means to share in something. This is an excellent example of stewardship. Our parish is a community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. *Koinonia* identifies an almost ideal state of fellowship and unity which should exist in the Church, the Body of Christ. It should be more than just attending Mass.

When we speak of stewardship, we should understand that it means that we share all of our gifts, our time and talent and our treasure with the community and others in need.



Sincere Easter Thanks: There is sooo much that goes on in order to present the Easter liturgies in both our parishes and I am grateful to everyone who helped in any way. Everything this year from the music and décor to the various ministries to the serving to the hot cross bun makers and to the other often missed, behind the scenes, participation went really well. I'm sure the Lord was very pleased. Thank you all very, very much. We are Church together. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 16

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,783.23
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$231,150.44
YTD Budgeted	\$226,023.00
Over Budget	\$ 5,127.44

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 9030.97
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$110,749.48
YTD Budgeted	\$116,214.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,464.52 –

The [Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota](http://www.catholicfsmn.org) supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith in southern Minnesota. Since its founding in 1991, the Foundation has managed and distributed contributions according to donors' wishes in areas of greatest need. Every registered household is asked to support this diocesan appeal, so let's get the numbers up for the 'participating donors'. Every gift makes a difference. Envelopes/pledge cards are in the pews or give online at www.catholicfsmn.org

Our Parishes



Sign up now for an appointment to get your picture taken! Picture taking will take place May 17-26, for our bi-parish photo directory. There is no sitting fee and just for participating, you will receive an 8"x10" portrait and a directory. Sign up by visiting the parish website www.sbsbparishes.org

and find the link on the home page or sign up in person after Mass on the weekends through April.

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, April 25 at St. Bernard's 6pm for St. Bernard's and 7pm for St. Bridget's.

Online Ministry Scheduler: May through July is available for you to pick dates. If you need assistance with that, contact Pam. Also please note, the rest of April still has some important roles to fill. Please sign-up where you can.

Our Parishes

End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective: “What is the Church’s teaching about ‘death with dignity’? How do I make my Catholic health care directive?” Fr. Wilmot will address these questions and more on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard’s, sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Speaker Robert Heuermann, Executive Director of the Catholic United Financial Foundation, works with individuals and churches on a regular basis to make the most of their charitable giving. Seminar hosts are Travis Schmitz and Susan Stenzel. Drop the kids off for religious ed classes and join us at this free seminar! Please RSVP to Travis 507-438-9827 or call or email the parish office.

First Communion: Will be held at St. Bernard’s on Sunday, May 7 during the 10am Mass.

33 Days to Morning Glory: Do you want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don’t have time? Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. On Saturday, June 10 we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. We will meet each Saturday from 3-4:30pm for six weeks. Join us for the 33 Days to Morning Glory. Please sign up by May 15 so materials can be pre-ordered. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space at St. Bernard’s. Questions, contact Cindy Meyerhofer 507-273-9847

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, April 26.

Grade 2: 2nd graders and a parent are to attend the 1st Holy Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 29 at 1:00pm. This is for both parishes and is held at St. Bernard's. Any questions please contact Krissy.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Ages 3 years old through grade 4, June 12-16

Totus Tuus: Grades 1-12, July 9-14

Grades 8-12: Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester on July 14 -16. Check out the website www.partnershipforyouth.org Students interested in attending contact Krissy or Neal.

St. Bridget

Choir: Music ministry on Sunday, April 30. Meet at 7:45am for practice.

St. Bernard



Blessings to Paul David Bissonette and Matthew Quinn Bissonette, sons of Quinten & Ellen, as they receive the holy sacrament of baptism on Saturday.

Blessings to Meah Raye Lacey, daughter of James Lacey & Danielle Bushman, as she receives the holy sacrament on Sunday.

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, April 30, 8:50am, sing at 10am

Men’s Club Mtg: Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30pm in the parish library. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Thank You: Thank you to John & Verneice Beckel for the electric roaster that they donated for the parish kitchen. They are the parents of Karen Wagner.

Other News Around The Area



Divine Mercy at Resurrection Church in Rochester: Sunday, April 23 at 1:00pm with the movie, “Time For Mercy”, 2:00 – 5:00pm Confessions, 2:30 – 5:30pm Devotions, Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:30pm Healing Service & Mass with Father Ivo Pavic

National Day of Prayer and Protest against Planned Parenthood: Saturday April 29, from 1-2pm. It will take place across the nation but you can join us in Rochester. We will gather at 1212 7th Street, NW on the public sidewalk, off 7th Street (Northgate Shopping Center). Questions, contact Jan Hansgen at (507) 932-4219 or ejhansgen@hotmail.com



Donations of Eye Glasses: The Lions have gained worldwide recognition for their work to improve sight and prevent blindness. In recognition of the 100th year of Lions, we are looking for eye glass donations. There is a box in the gathering space at St. Bernard’s where you can drop off the glasses.