

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

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March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10am

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm. 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. **Homebound:** If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

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

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

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday, March 26 <i>Chrism Mass (Winona)</i>	Cathedral Ed & Frances O'Neill+	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 27	St Bridget Ralph & Jeanette Kruger+	8:30 am
Wed, March 28	St Bernard Ed Bissonette+	8:00 am
Thursday, March 29	St Bernard Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+	6:00 pm
Friday, March 30 Good Friday	St Bridget St Bernard	3:00 pm 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil	St Bernard Joe Waugh+	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 1 Easter	St Bridget For St Bridget's & St Bernard's St Bernard For Jeff & Susan Owen (25 th wedding anniversary)	8:30 am 10:00 am

The ministry schedule for Holy Week and Easter is on the back page.



Chrism Mass: This celebration is one of the principal expressions of unity in the Church each year. The priests, deacons, seminarians, diocesan curia staff, and religious superiors in our Diocese will gather to witness the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils and to rejoice in the renewal of our priests' commitment to serving Jesus Christ and His holy Church on Monday, March 26, 7pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. All are welcome to attend.

Pastor's Corner

The Liturgy for Palm Sunday celebrates the great paradox of the Paschal Mystery. We use red vestments to denote the festivity of the Messiah's entry into Jerusalem; yet after the palm celebration, the red emphasizes suffering and death – the shedding of the Savior's blood. We celebrate a triumphal entry then but know that a few days later the hosannas will turn into the chant "Crucify Him."

The Paschal Mystery itself proclaims that Jesus enters His glory only by way of suffering and death. Our lives must also proclaim this mystery. By dying to self, we must affirm God's reign over our lives. The crown comes only by way of the cross and so no other introduction by me of the Passion is necessary. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many"• Christ gave us so many gifts on this day, the gift of life, and the gift of the Eucharist. We must never forget that, now or at any Mass and celebration. To be good stewards we must emulate the Lord in our giving of love and service through the responsible use of the gifts of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

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Sincere Gratitude to all who helped with the Mission last weekend – and all who attended. The feedback is very positive and we might do this again in the not too distant future. Thanks to our ushers and greeters, all who provided and served the food, those who worked at the tables, our musician and our readers etc. etc. I really was very proud of you all. It was obviously a joint parishes' effort and that is gratifying indeed. This was a worthy example of true stewardship and I am very encouraged by it. As for the Mission itself, I found it inspiring and enriching in the faith, as I'm sure many of you did also. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 18

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,584.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$224,306.30
YTD Budgeted	\$211,242.00
Over Budget	\$ 13,064.43+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,578.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 99,596.38
YTD Budgeted	\$105,146.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,549.62–

Our Parishes & Other Events



Holy Week Bells & Smells, Etc.: We are at the beginning of the Holiest Week of our year so here just a few warnings for allergy sufferers: As for "smells" the Roman liturgy demands the use of incense on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. I don't use too much and it is less smoky these days so in a church the size of St. Bernard's it shouldn't cause much discomfort. We will have a live lamb again, courtesy of the Krugers, to symbolize the Sacrificial Lamb who has Risen - and for the children to pet at the end of our Easter Sunday Masses as well as fresh lilies and other flowers. As for bells, you are asked to bring one to the Vigil and Easter Masses if you can as we like to ring them during the Gloria. Easter Blessings! Fr.W.

Life & Dignity Sunday: Bishop Quinn is encouraging all parishes in the Diocese of Winona to focus attention on our civic responsibilities as Catholics and provide parishioners with the opportunity to register for the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network. The network is created as a "*Voice for Life and Dignity in Minnesota*" and provides resources to help us analyze and discern social and political issues through a solidly Catholic, nonpartisan lens. Next weekend, there will be a one-page explanation of the network and *Life and Dignity Sunday* Registration Day in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then prayerfully consider registering for the MCC Catholic Advocacy Network on **April 14-15**. There is absolutely no cost to join.

Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter plant in memory of, or in honor of loved ones, use your envelopes in your packet or make note in a separate envelope. Please print clearly. Suggested donations \$10 per plant.

Our Parishes

First Friday Communion Visits: If you would like a visit from Fr. Wilmot on Friday, April 6, please call the office and leave word.

Extra Confessions: On the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 28-30. See the purple Lenten Schedule for details of confession times.

Rice Bowls: Remember to bring your Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6pm, St. Bernard's.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, April 5, from 1:30-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Anyone interested in joining us, please do!

Religious Ed & Youth News

No classes during Holy Week. Have a blessed Easter. Classes Resume: Wednesday, April 4
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

BYG

(Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

Sunday evenings in the youth room
Middle School 4-5:15pm | High School 7-8:30pm



Find us on Facebook: Search @berniesyouthgroup and 'LIKE' our page!

BINGO Night: After the Saturday evening Mass, on April 7, the Youth Group will serve a meal and host Bingo in the social hall. Please join us! Free-will donations. Proceeds will go to help offset costs for their mission trip.

St Bridget's

Easter Choir Practice: Tuesday, March 27, 6:30pm.
New voices always welcome. Join us!

St Bernard's



Baptism: Blessings to Ellis Marjorie Marie Olson, daughter of Kirk & Janelle, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Adult Choir Practices & Music Ministry:

All practices in the church for Holy Week.
Tuesday, March 27 - practice at 6:30pm
Thursday, March 29 (Holy Thursday) - Practice at 5:15pm, sing for Mass at 6pm
Friday, March 30 (Good Friday) - Practice at 5:15pm, sing for Good Friday at 6pm
Saturday, March 31 (Easter Vigil) - Practice at 6:45pm, sing for Mass at 7:30pm

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday, St Bernard 6 pm

Servers: Sarah, Christopher & David Watters
Lector: Rebecca Buss
Oils: Patty Miller
EM: Dorothy Hurley, Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz

Good Friday, St Bridget 3 pm

Server: Luke Borst
Lector: Mike Sheehan
Narrator: Jim Kuisle
Voice: Bernice Casella

Good Friday, St Bernard 6 pm

Servers: Jim Otto, Rob Miller
Lector: Angie Janssen
Narrator: Cindy Meyerhofer
Voice: Steve Sturm
EM: Dorothy Hurley, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters

Easter Vigil Saturday St Bernard 7:30 pm

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jamisen Hart
Lector: Dorothy Hurley
Readers: Marge Reimers, Rob Miller, Terry Smith
EM: Judy Bunde, Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Patty Miller, Bill Rinken, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart
Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Easter Sunday St Bridget 8:30 am

Servers: Eli Araoz, Isaac Kuisle
Lector: Bernice Casella
EM: Bill Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

Easter Sunday St Bernard 10 am

Servers: Hollis Frost
Lector: Mark Peterson
EM: Laura Peters, Pat Robey, Karen Volkart
Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik