

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday April 1, 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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, April 2	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Ambrose & Lucy Theobald+	
Tuesday, April 3	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Agnes Griffin+	
Wed, April 4	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Claire Vomhof+	
Thursday, April 5	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Rodel Eberle+	
Friday, April 6	St Bernard	8:00 am
	For the Fogarty Family	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	For Eileen Finn+	
Saturday, April 7	St Bernard	5:00 pm
	For St Bernard & St Bridget	
Sunday, April 8	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Margaret Mulvihill+	
	St Bernard	10:00 am
	Henry & Mary Ann Zauner+	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 7, St Bernard 5:00 pm

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Dayton Hayes

Lector: needed

EM: Mary Claeys, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey, Ken Trisko

Sunday, April 8, St Bridget 8:30 am

Servers: Marianna & Sam Miron

Lector: Amy Miron

EM: Mary Elton, Terry Smith

Sunday, April 8, St Bernard 10 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Jean Peterson

EM: Mary Brouillard, Bayli Henderson,

Mychelle Henderson, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik



Pastor's Corner

Today is Easter, the greatest feast in our Catholic calendar. On this Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, hopefully, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. We have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

The Gospel today is powerful, especially for what it means to us as Christians. It is the retelling of the Resurrection of Christ and the finding of the empty tomb. St. John's perspective is important to us for he is most likely the "other disciple".

Throughout Holy Scripture St. Peter is somewhat spontaneous and often acts before thinking. St. John, on the other hand tends to stop and think; this may have been one of those occasions. Many Apostles were not convinced of the resurrection until they experienced Jesus in reality. John saw and believed. He now understood Jesus' words. Do we share John's understanding and belief? We should; this is Easter. May you all have a joyful and Blessed Feast.

Stewardship Reflection

The first thing Jesus did was leave the tomb. We, too, need to leave the tomb; resurrection means we are not destined to live in a tomb. Jesus ministered, especially to His disciples. Stewardship calls us to live our lives with and to serve others. One of the important pillars of stewardship is indeed service.

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Special Thanks At A Most Special Time: Holy Week went wonderfully well in all areas but especially liturgically. We truly made a lot of effort to worship the Lord as best we could. I thank all, in both parishes, responsible for the décor, for providing the music, the altar ministries, including servers, those who provided bells and buns and lambs and all our ushers and greeters. I thank of course all who attended and shared our Easter joy. Again I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter season. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 25

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,154.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$228,460.40
YTD Budgeted	\$216,801.00
Over Budget	\$ 11,659.40+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,545.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$101,141.88
YTD Budgeted	\$107,913.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,771.12-

Our Parishes & Other Events

Life & Dignity Sunday, April 14 & 15: The bishops of Minnesota established the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network to develop a strong, compassionate, moral voice for life, dignity, and justice in our state. In two weeks, during Life and Dignity Sunday, you will have an opportunity to register for the network. You will find a one-page description of the network in this week's bulletin. Read it, pray about it (and for it), and register in two weeks at church. Consider being a part of this important effort to build a diocesan and statewide community of Catholics who stand together as a positive force for good in Minnesota.

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!

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



The **Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota** supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith and service in southern Minnesota and to assist faithful Catholics in fulfilling their stewardship call. Every registered parishioner is asked to please show your support and participation in some way. If you would like to donate online, visit the diocesan website dow.org

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, April 4
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): Are you interested in learning more about the CGS program? Pax Christi in Rochester is hosting a training for new catechists. The dates for the training are April 13-15, May 11-13, May 18-19. The times will be Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-4:30pm, and Sundays Noon-4:00pm. If you are willing to take the training and help out in our CGS class please contact Krissy to get registered. Even if you cannot make all of the days just let me know.

Grades 1-12 - Totus Tuus: The dates are June 24-29. There are flyers / registration forms in the gathering space / entryway with details.

Age 3 years – Grade 4 - Vacation Bible School: The dates are July 9-13. Flyers / registration forms are in the gathering space / entryway.

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!



High Schoolers: If you are hoping to take your faith to a new level, Rochester is once again hosting Steubenville North, a Catholic conference weekend featuring incredible speakers, live praise and music, and time each day for Mass, Adoration, and personal prayer. This year's conference will take place from July 13-15 at the Mayo Civic Center, and St. Bernard's / St. Bridget's are sending a group. Contact Neal for more information and to be a part of this group!

Youth Group BINGO Fundraiser: On Saturday, April 7, after the 5pm Mass, our youth group kids will host a sloppy joe supper, followed by BINGO in the social hall! The night will be all about bingo-bragging rights--we'll have ice cream treats for prizes, so this will be an all-ages event! Bring your friends and family, your luck, and a few dollars--all proceeds will go toward our mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee this summer!

Other News & Around the Area

Momentous News from the Diocese: The Holy See has decreed that the former Diocese of Winona will now be called the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and that St. John the Evangelist Church of Rochester will be designated as a co-cathedral. This will provide unique opportunities for further evangelization as we continue the work of missionary discipleship. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will not change in name or status. It will continue to be the seat of the diocese and will host diocesan celebrations and Masses, and ordinations. For more info, visit www.dow.org

Mass of Anointing for the Elderly and Sick: Friday, April 6, 10am at St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Fellowship, refreshments and treats follow.

Food for Kidz: Volunteers are needed to help assemble food packs for the 15th Annual Kiwanis Food for Kidz event on Saturday, April 7 at the Stewartville Civic Center. Shifts are from 10am--4 pm. Call or email Mary Brouillard to sign up 533-6596, mkbrouill@aol.com

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8: Resurrection Church in Rochester invites all to join them. 1-2pm Documentary film, "The Face of Mercy", narrated by Jim Caviezel – explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy, plus moving testimonies that will remind us that Divine Mercy is not just a devotion of the past or some abstract theology – it is alive, present and will transform the world. 2-2:30pm – Personal testimony on Divine Mercy. 2:30-5pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, devotional prayers, confessions, rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and St. Faustina first class relic. Refreshments will be served in the Zenk Hall.

