

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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Parish Office

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May 13, 2018

7th Sunday of Easter

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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@gmail.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

Mon, May 14	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Ralph & Clara Dunnigan+	
Tues, May 15	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Carroll Baruth+	
Wed, May 16	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Edna Bernard+	
Thurs, May 17	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Robert Blahnik+	
Friday, May 18	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Marge Hunt+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Laurence Kuisle+	
Saturday, May 19	St Bernard	5:00 pm
	Marlene Motley+	
Sunday, May 20	St Bridget	8:30 am
	For St Bridget's & St Bernard's	
	St Bernard	10:00 am
	Joe Waugh+	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 19, St Bernard 5:00 pm

Greeter: Pat Koenigs

Servers: Dayton Hayes

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EM: Emily Kiefer, Bill Rinken, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, May 20, St Bridget 8:30 am

Servers: Marianna & Sam Miron

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EM: Jim Kuisle, Roger Roeder, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, May 20, St Bernard 10:00 am

Servers: Hollis Frost

Lector: Amy Edholm

EM: Ally Drees, Pat Robey, Karen Volkart, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald

Pastor's Corner

The fundamentals of our faith, to the less well taught, are often looked upon as an evasion. We, however, are on the way to understanding that the physical absence of Jesus is a necessary element of our faith which introduces us to the idea that all Catholics, even all Christians, are called to form the Body of Christ in this world. We are called to become one Church with one Shepherd after all.

Of course God is not "up there" and Jesus, when he ascended was probably accommodating the understanding of the Eleven who thought of God and Heaven as "up". The apostles were left gaping after Jesus as they could not yet grasp what was happening before their very eyes. They were told basically "get cracking" and make every effort to witness to the gospel. The Holy Spirit would be needed, to make up for their, our, lack of understanding. Next week we see His dramatic descent at Pentecost.

Society tries to dwell on the numbers who leave the Catholic faith to join another – forgetting the many thousands, indeed millions world-wide who join each year. Of course, the theology of our Church can be weighty but not the core of that faith and to grasp that we have only to turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Through Him also Jesus will keep His promise of remaining with us always. God bless you all.

PS. FOR MOTHER'S DAY: I extend special good wishes and blessings on all good mothers, both living and dead, who have nurtured by prayer and good works the special gift of faith we received at baptism. Enjoy the day. Fr.W.

PPS: MANY THANKS to Krissy, our teachers and to all who helped our parents throughout the year to pass on the knowledge of the faith to our young. The First Holy Communion Mass was a well-attended and blessed event and I thank all concerned. Fr.W.

Stewardship Reflection

The Word of God reaches all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us off the hook. As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, a true steward; what it means to live and to work as a true disciple of Christ.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending May 6

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,663.66
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
Online & Auto (April)	\$ 2,465.00
Total	\$ 8,128.66
YTD Received	\$268,336.69
YTD Budgeted	\$250,155.00
Over Budget	\$ 18,181.69+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,915.81
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
Online & Auto (April)	\$ 2,610.00
Total	\$ 4,525.81
YTD Received	\$123,718.04
YTD Budgeted	\$124,515.00
Under Budget	\$ 796.96-

Our Parishes

Quilting/Sewing Group: We meet Thursday, May 17 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 6:30pm



Update as of May 8

Goal	Pledged	Received	Donors
<u>St Bernard's</u>			
\$28,560	22,450	19,320	82
<u>St Bridget's</u>			
\$ 9,860	6,615	6,615	24

Look! The totals have risen from the monies received last week. Thank you for your support. Participation from many registered households makes these goals attainable. Keep up the good work!

Religious Ed & Youth News

Card Bingo: Anyone willing to play Card Bingo with residents at the Care Center on Wednesday, May 16, meet Jeanette at the Care Center at 6:30pm.

Highway Clean-Up: Saturday, May 19 meet at St Bernard's at 10am

Graduate's Mass: On Sunday, May 20 we will honor our graduating seniors during Mass at their respective parish; 8:30am at St. Bridget's and 10am at St Bernard's.

Needed: Anyone willing to teach or be a helper next year, please contact Krissy.



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

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

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



Coming Up! Annual Grill-Out and Car Wash – May 19/20: Let the youth wash your car while you enjoy a homemade sloppy joe! After the weekend Masses at St. Bernard's we will serve food and wash cars. Funds raised at this event will go toward transportation costs for our mission trip.

St Bernard

Adult Choir: Music ministry at 10am Mass on Sundays, May 20 & 27. Practice at 8:50am

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your next edition is ready for pick-up.



Thank you, Fr. Wilmot, for your special blessing on our anniversary. We never dreamed so long ago as a young couple we would see our 65th! Thank you to our

parish family for celebrating with us, for your prayers, best wishes, cards and calls. We appreciate all of you and ask God to especially bless you.

~ Mary & Mike Hustak

Custodial Position: At St. Bernard's beginning July 2nd: 15 to 18 hours per week, flexible. As well as cleaning and some grounds' work, we are looking for an all-around handyman with some mechanical knowledge, as in heating, lighting etc. Basic computer ability an advantage. Ideal for retiree or shift worker. Call Fr. Wilmot at 533-8257.

St Bridget

Health & Wellness: We have started the exercise program again on Mondays at 5:30pm in the old social hall (lower level of the rectory). Anyone who would like to join us for gentle stretching is welcome to attend.

Thank You: The family of Kay Griffin Walczak wish to thank the ladies for the funeral luncheon. Thanks also to everyone for the prayers and support to the family.

Breakfast: On Sunday, May 20, the Women's Group will be serving breakfast in honor of our First Communicant and our graduating seniors. Please join us in wishing our students well.

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Brew Ha Ha: Please join us for an evening of food and fun on Friday, May 18 at the Rochester International Event Center in support of St. James Coffee. Silent & Live Auctions, Music & Dinner from 5:15 – 10pm. Tickets are \$45 at St James Coffee or on their website stjamescoffee.com Tickets at the door, but seating is limited and when they sell out, that's it.