

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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April 12, 2015
Divine Mercy Sunday

Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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 4:00-4:30 pm
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

No daily Masses Monday through Wednesday

Thursday, April 16	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	For Marijane Irlbeck	
Friday, April 17	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Katherine Skyhawk+	
Saturday, April 18	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	Ida Wicks+	
Sunday, April 19	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	Margaret Wagner Case+	
	St. Bridget	1:00 pm
	Latin Mass	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, April 18 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Annie & Lily Welch

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Barb Abbott, Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton,

Dorothy Hurley, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Joe Himmer, Joe Rauh

Sunday, April 19 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Andy, Hank & Harvey Friederichs

Sunday, April 19 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Gene & Laura Peters

Servers: Bayli & Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Pauline Fontaine, Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak,

Laura Peters (3 needed)

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

Pastor's Corner

Since Christ rose for all believers, indeed for all of good heart, we must carry out his mandate of being a loving, caring and sharing community. Though there is room for charitable correction, it is His to judge, ours to support and sustain in His name. We cannot lose sight of the point of this way of living. If the risen life is the most important, then we should certainly emulate the early Christian community in terms of our sharing of our possessions and gifts – hence our church support and the use of stewardship in general.

Today however, our focus must also be on the ways in which Christians have been “begotten by God” through the paschal mystery. We find in John’s letter a Trinitarian emphasis as he alludes to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord in His Divine Mercy shine on you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Apostles had a sense of what was important: first was God as manifested through Jesus; second were people; and third were temporal or material things. This is the same order that stewardship emphasizes: first and foremost we must have God at the center of our lives; second we must reach out to, minister to, and serve others; the last thing in our sense of what is important should be our possessions – these we are called upon to share in fair proportion.

Respect Life: This month, the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* will focus on sibling survivors of abortion as part of its *Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion* initiative. During the *March for Life* in Washington DC in January, several speakers talked about the brother or sister they lost to abortion and how that has impacted their lives. Parents who have experienced abortion often keep it a secret and fear telling others, especially their children. Many parents have found sharing the truth draws the family closer and heals wounds and can spare the next generation from repeating painful choices. With an estimated 56 million children lost to abortion since 1973, millions of families have someone missing from their family portrait. *Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion* aims to help these families confront and heal from those losses. Testimonies, prayers and healing resources can be found at www.abortionshockwaves.com

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of April 5

(includes Easter envelopes)

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,188.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$195,096.70
YTD Budgeted	\$195,918.46
Under Budget	\$ 821.76-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,513.59
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 85,356.19
YTD Budgeted	\$ 79,706.15
Over Budget	\$ 5,650.04+

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Thank you to those who have participated in this important appeal for our diocese. If you have not made a gift to this appeal, please do so. Every registered parish member is encouraged to make a gift to this appeal, no matter how small. Participation from every household is key. Pledge cards and information can be found in the pews and on the tables at the parishes.

Our Parishes

Thank You: We thank Fr. Jim Russell for celebrating the weekend Masses with us while Fr. Wilmot is away.



Special Thanks: I would like to thank Kyle and Leila Ford, probably assisted by Abigail and Thomas, for editing our parish newsletter, *The Beacon*, this Easter. It touched a lot of grateful people. ~ Fr.W.

Quilting / Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday. The next gathering will be April 16 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Anyone interested in quilting and /or sewing, join us!

Thank You! Thank you to those who helped in any way with our Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Your participation truly makes the liturgies extra special.

Facebook: Check out the adorable pictures of the lamb with the children on Easter. Also, scroll down and look at the beautiful quilt the Quilting/Sewing Group made.

St. Bernard's

Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast following Mass on Sunday, April 12. All are welcome.



Cemetery Clean-Up: The spring clean-up of St. Bernard Cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 am. Alternate date will be the following Saturday, April 25 in the event of rain. Bring rakes and gloves.

Anyone is welcome to help us. With 22 people last year we completed the clean-up in less than 2 hours! Any questions, contact Nick Konrady 533-4939.

Finance Council Mtg: Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm

Religious Education

Regular Classes Wednesday, April 15: 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grade 8 & Older: Anyone willing to help with the First Communion Retreat (Saturday, April 25), we'll have a practice to hand-out parts on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 am. See Krissy in the faith formation office.

First Communion Date: Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 am

Around The Area

Divine Mercy Celebration: Resurrection Church is hosting an afternoon of prayer in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 12. The movie "Time for Mercy" will be shown at 1:00 pm in the Zenk Hall, a Rosary will be recited in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at 2:00 pm. A public celebration will be from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in the church. Divine Mercy materials will be available for sale and refreshments served.

A Painter's Eden: You'll be amazed as your hidden talent springs to life on canvas. All levels of experience welcome. Supplies provided. Bring watercolor brushes, if you have them, and an old terry towel. Facilitated by Melodee Bahr on Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2:00-4:00 pm \$60 includes all six sessions and materials. Assisi Heights in Rochester 282-7441 ex523 or kathy.gatliff@assisiheights.org

Bishop & Seminarians Celebrate Mass in Rochester: Mass with Bishop Quinn and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminarians will be held at 4:30 pm Saturday, April 18, at the Saint Mary's Chapel, Saint Mary's Hospital. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us and support our seminarians.

St. James Coffee Event: Come join us for our next Coffee & Canvas on Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 pm. Start with a blank canvas and leave with a masterpiece! Follow step-by-step instructions from a professional painter - ideal for beginners and pros alike. The \$35 admission covers the cost of supplies, and proceeds benefit the mission at St. James Coffee.

Divorce Recovery in La Crosse: Thursday, April 16, 5:30-7 pm. This monthly gathering offers friendship, support and healing for the wounds of separation and divorce. Whether you are just beginning this new journey of singleness, or have been on it for some time, you are invited to come hear words of wisdom, share with others who understand and experience fresh insights and healing. The topic for this month is *How Do I Forgive?* Freewill offering appreciated. No registration necessary. Franciscan Spirituality Center | 920 Market Street | La Crosse | WI |