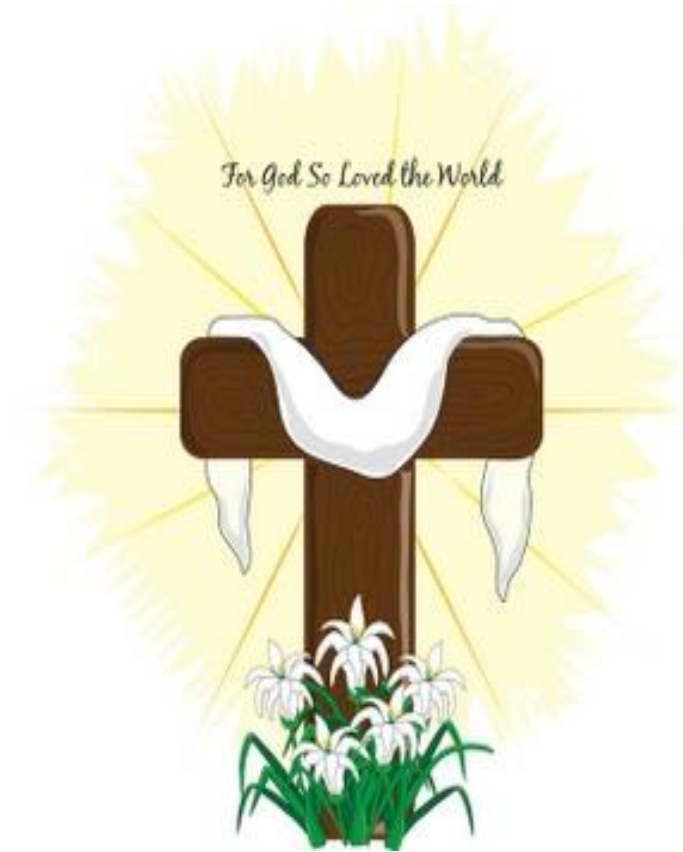


The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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May 3, 2015
5th Sunday of Easter

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, May 4	St. Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
Tuesday, May 5	St. Bridget Colin Casella+	8:30 am
Wednesday, May 6	St. Bernard For Marijane Irlbeck	8:00 am
Thursday, May 7	St. Bernard For priests of the diocese	8:00 am
Friday, May 8	St. Bernard For Ronald Rick	8:00 am
	Care Center For the residents	9:15 am
Saturday, May 9	St. Bernard Helen Smith+	5:00 pm
Sunday, May 10	St. Bridget Agnes Griffin+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, May 9 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters:

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Brandon McCrady

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Mary Claeys, Terri Elsbernd, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch, Jean Peterson

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey

Sunday, May 10 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Colleen Gau

EMC: Jim Kuisle, Pam Kuisle, Terry Smith

Sunday, May 10 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Gene & Laura Peters

Rosary: Ginny Hanson

Servers: Hannah Otto, Sarah Watters

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Lisa Dodd, Ginny Hanson, Mary Hustak, Graham Mueller, Laura Peters, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

This weekend in both our parishes, children will receive Jesus, in His Real Eucharistic Presence for the very first time. What joyous memories flood back for many of us and what joy should fill their hearts and that of their families.

Parents and guardians should make a special point of encouraging the children to receive Jesus each week and to keep the awe and wonder they may have alive and well. Good example is what is most required of course. The two most important elements in life are food and drink and this is how Jesus decided he would remain with us. May our children, as they grow, become more and more what they receive and may they always, and we always, remain true to the dignity of the sacrament which is the very source and summit of our beautiful Catholic faith.

May is Mary's month and as today she is presented with a crown, we might recommit ourselves to always holding her dear as we seek her intercession. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

St. John opens his salutation in our second reading from his first letter saying, "Let us not love in word or speech, but indeed and truth." In many ways that sums up accurately the messages we receive in Holy Scripture on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. Often we hear the adage "Actions speak louder than words." Truly in terms of stewardship what we do is much more important than what we might say.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of April 26

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,800.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$207,012.80
YTD Budgeted	\$210,612.35
Under Budget	\$ 3,599.55 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,806.02
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 92,459.52
YTD Budgeted	\$ 85,684.12
Over Budget	\$ 6,775.40 +

Our Parishes

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday afternoon in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. The next gathering will be Thursday, May 14 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's parish library.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal: On Mother's Day weekend, we affirm that all human life has dignity, especially the poor, those experiencing heartache, the marginalized, the alienated and the stranger. Pope Francis reminds us that in many ways we have created a 'throw away' society. Those excluded are seen as 'leftover'. He urges us to "open our eyes to those suffering". Last year, over 4,500 men, women and children in our diocese were helped through generous support for Catholic Charities. You can respond by using the envelope in your packet or donating online at www.ccwinona.org

Be Bold. Be Catholic: Get your tickets! Matthew Kelly's "Passion & Purpose" event will be held at St. Bernard's on Saturday, May 16 from 7:00-10:45 pm. There are still tickets available in the parish office - \$39 each which includes resource materials for the event. Tickets are also available online at dynamiccatholic.com



Graduating Seniors: A special blessing at the Masses on Sunday, May 17 will be held for our senior students.

MCCL Roses on Mother's Day: Roses will be available for purchase from the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life after all the Masses.

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Jaelynn Hazel Vasvick, daughter of Justin & Jessica, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. We will get our plan together for helping with the Matthew Kelly event. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm

Social Concerns Team Mtg: will meet at 7pm Thursday May 7th in St Bernard's library.

Card Bingo at the Care Center: Jeanette Fortier will be leading Bingo with the residents; May 27, June 10, July 1 & August 5 – Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Youth are needed to help with this.

Religious Education

Please join St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's for our **Family**



Fun Night on Wednesday, May 6th. We will have a potluck supper from 6:00-6:30 pm and then bingo from 6:30-7:30 pm. Everyone is invited! Please bring a dish to share. Families with the last name that

start with the letters:

A-G side dish

H-O dessert

P-Z main dish

We hope to see everyone **at St. Bridget's** on May 6th!!

Congratulations: To our second graders who are making their 1st Holy Communion this Sunday. Jacob Anderson, Owen Buckmeier, Jayden Gaynor, Kiley Jones, Thomas Kolsrud, Nevaeh Mayer, Carson Meyer, Madison Meyerhofer, Max Nelson, Kenneth Skare and Ella Stier

St. Bridget

Congratulations: To the students of St. Bridget's Parish making their 1st Holy Communion today. Daniel Araoz, Alexis Klomps, & Isaac Kuslie.

Choir: Meet on Sunday, May 10 at 7:45 pm for practice followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

Breakfast for First Communicants & Graduating Seniors: Mark it on your calendar to join us on Sunday, May 17 after Mass as we honor our students in a special way.

Trip to La Crosse: Join us for a fun and spiritual day trip to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Chapel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse. Some of the St. Bridget's Group will be carpooling. Please text or call Marilyn Baker at 206-7212 to join us on Saturday, May 30.

Around The Area

School Carnival: The annual St John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School Carnival will be held on Friday, May 8 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the St John campus. The school will be filled with fun, games and food. Proceeds go directly to our Home & School Association.

Young Ladies: Are you a single woman between the ages of 22-35 desiring a sense of community through your daily living? Rochester Area Catholic Young Adult Ministry is proud to announce the opening of a Catholic Women's Household, and we are looking for young adult women who desire to strive for holiness. If you are interested in learning more, contact Dana Petricka dana.petricka@paxchristchurch.org