

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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May 8, 2016

7th Sunday of Easter May 8, 2016

Parish Registration: 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 – Friday 8:30-2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am unless a holiday is during the week.

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 and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

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 at 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 9 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Gene & Shirley Loechler+

Tuesday, May 10 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Gertrude Sherbert+

Wednesday, May 11 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Intention for the unborn

Thursday, May 12 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For Shari Weber

Friday, May 13 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Roy & Helen Smith+

Care Center **9:15 am**
Marijane Irlbeck+

Saturday, May 14 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
LaVonne Schoeppner+

Sunday, May 15 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Pentecost
Laurence Kuisle+

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

On Sunday, May 15, Pentecost, Joseph Lawler will be Confirmed in the Catholic faith at St. Bernard's and receive the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to Joseph and to us

Saturday, May 14 **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Needed

Lector: Nick Konrady

EMC: Mary Claeys, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger,
Dan Rainey

Sunday, May 15 **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Jim Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Ellah Dodd

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Patty Miller, Steve Sturm,
Karen Volkart

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

Pastor's Corner

Of course this weekend we celebrate a lot of things. It is of course Mother's Day and we thank our mother's for the unselfish lives many of them have led, and lead, to help rear us and keep us true to the faith. I know my mother was very important in my life and in my religious formation and I will be remembering gratefully many good days past.

We also celebrate our graduates who will be taking their first steps into the big outside world. I'm sure it is a big day for all concerned and I have enjoyed meeting with many of them over the past few years and wish them all well in their chosen futures.

We also, and most importantly, celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. In Acts we read how Jesus is taken up and the Apostles are left gazing into the sky. However, the angels, the two men dressed in white gowns, basically tell them not to stand gaping but to get on with preparing the way for Jesus's return. We should listen carefully for our call to "get cracking" and to be witnesses to the Lord's Resurrection and His life in the world. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We receive the Holy Spirit often, including every time we receive the Eucharist. Nevertheless, for us to be effective Disciples of Christ, we must allow the Holy Spirit to work through us. We celebrate today the Ascension of the Lord and might live the next week as if we were awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What would life be without Him? Nothing really!

Christ's Ascension presents us with this reminder — that we are called to lives of discipleship and stewardship, but that sometimes being able to fulfill that requires patience and determination. Nevertheless, Christ's Ascension represents a fulfillment that each of us must realize and recognize.



Blessings to all moms on this special day and always.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending April 24

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,622.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$215,684.47
YTD Budgeted	\$216,923.42
Under Budget	\$ 1,238.95 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,353.10
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$118,730.82
YTD Budgeted	\$ 88,254.19
Over Budget	\$ 30,476.63 +

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending May 1

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,950.63
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$223,635.10
YTD Budgeted	\$221,968.15
Over Budget	\$ 1,666.95 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3738.32
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$122,469.14
YTD Budgeted	\$ 90,306.62
Over Budget	\$ 32,162.52 +



St. Bridget's Goal \$ 8,690

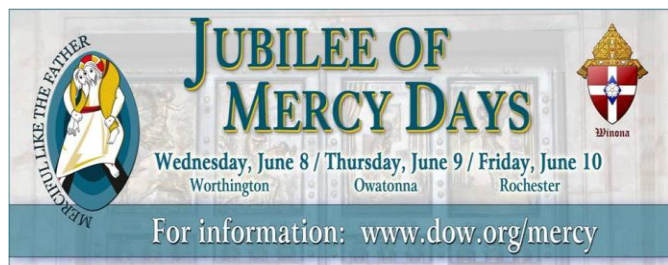
St. Bernard's Goal \$26,260

Thank you to those who have participated in this important appeal and thank you to those for considering a donation. Your gift supports ministries and services that carry forth the Bishop's mission and vision, including adult and youth catechesis, support for clergy, Catholic schools, televised Mass, and much more. Every gift makes a difference! Pledge cards and envelopes are in the pews. To give online visit: www.catholicfsmn.org

Our Parishes

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: The sessions continue on Monday, May 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Please enter through main entrance.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, May 12 in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's from 1:00-3:30 pm.



The Diocese of Winona invites everyone to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time to meditate upon and more actively respond to the infinite mercy of God, which he offers to every soul through His Son, Jesus Christ. Please explore the resources below to learn more about the Holy Year, how to live it, and about God's greatest attribute, mercy. Three upcoming celebrations are offered in our Diocese. Informational flyers are available on the bulletin board or log on to dow.org/mercy

Relics of Saints: On Tuesday, June 28, the relics of Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher, will be coming to the Diocese of Winona and be available for veneration at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Rochester from 12- 1:30 pm. Bishop Quinn will celebrate Mass at 12:10 in honor of these martyrs.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Thanks!! Thank you to those who helped last week with the Faith Night end of the year celebration and supper. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! ~ Krissy

Youth Group: Middle Schoolers meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm. High Schoolers meet on Wednesdays at 7:45 pm. Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in the parish library. If you have questions, contact our Youth Group Leader, Neal Abbott 316-5545 or nealabbott11@gmail.com

Registration Time for Totus Tuus: Get your children registered for the summer faith formation program! The dates are July 24-28 (7:30-9:40 pm) for students going into grades 7-12 and July 25-29 (9:00 am-2:30 pm) for students going into grades 1-6. Registration forms are in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and in the entryway at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget

Easter Flowers: Those that donated money for Easter Flower Memorials are welcome to take an Easter lily home.

Health and Wellness Sessions: The next session will be held Tuesday evening, May 10 at 5:30 pm in St Bridget's old social hall. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan.

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

First Communicants & Graduates Breakfast: Join us in the social hall on Sunday, May 15 after 8:30 am Mass as we honor our First Communicants and graduating seniors.

Volunteer Needed: We are looking for a parish member who is interested in the position of secretary of the Women's Group. Training will be provided. If interested, contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387

St. Bernard

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm in the parish library.

Wedding Banns: Karly Minter & Caleb Faulhaber ~ Saturday, May 14

Adult Choir: Next practice will be Sunday, May 15 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

Thank You: To Fr. Wilmot, Jan Rowekamp and Neal Abbott for the beautiful funeral service for Michael Kean on April 23. Thank you, also, to St. Bernard's Funeral Committee and the staff of St. Bernard's and to Griffin Gray Funeral Home and Stewartville Care Center for their help and care. ~ Family of Michael Kean

Thank You: We would like to thank all in our parish family who prayed for us, sent notes of condolence, came to the visitation or funeral Mass, offered memorials or Masses, or gave us a hug and words of sympathy when my brother, Larry Coyne, who lived at Hiawatha Homes in Rochester, passed away early this past month. All those kindnesses made the loss of my dear brother easier to bear. Thank you all so very much. ~ Mary and Don Brouillard

Thank You: St. Bernard's Cemetery Association extends their appreciation to the 11 people who helped with the annual spring clean-up. Your help is greatly appreciated!