

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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April 2, 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 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 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am- Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm.
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 at 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, April 3	St Bernard	8:00 am For the Haack Family
Tuesday, April 4	St Bridget	8:30 am Francis & Rose Brennan+
Wednesday, April 5	St Bernard	8:00 am Jan Heitman+
Thursday, April 6	St Bernard	8:00 am Julius & Gladys Claeys+
Friday, April 7	St. Bernard	8:00 am Roy & Helen Smith+
	Care Center	9:15 am For Eileen Finn
Saturday, April 8	St. Bernard	5:00 pm For Philip & Marie King & Family
Sunday, April 9	St. Bridget	8:30 am For St Bridget's & St Bernard's
	St. Bernard	10:00 am Margaret E. Hanson+

Liturgical Ministers

St. Bernard 5pm Saturday, April 8 Palm Sunday Vigil

Greeters: Dick & Pat Koenigs

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Server: Brandon McCrady, Zach Spitzer

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer, (N) Nick Konrady, (V) Dorothy Hurley

Cindy Meyerhofer (lector)

EMC: Mary Lynch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Cameron McCarrick

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderon, David Watters

Lector: Mary Brouillard (N) Julie Watters, (V) Amy Edholm

EMC: Don Brouillard, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Pat Robey

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

Pastor's Corner

Life and Death! Today's Gospel is accompanied by a brief extract from Ezekiel's vision of the field of dry bones. This reading – as does the gospel – stresses the presence of the vivifying spirit from God.

The account of the raising of Lazarus is unique because of the time factor: the man has been dead for four days. It is unthinkable that anybody could be revived after the body has begun to decompose. Jesus sheds tears as he mourns his friend's passing but more so because sin has done this – brought death into the world. The raising of Lazarus is obviously a foreshadowing of Jesus' own resurrection.

As we look ahead to Passion, or Holy Week we must remind ourselves that Jesus, fully God and fully Man, wants us to live as He desired life for Lazarus. He wants life to triumph over death. If we follow Him we are walking the path which leads to everlasting life. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel there is another facet of Lazarus being raised from the dead, which is notable during our Lenten preparations and our striving for resurrection. When Lazarus emerges from the tomb, he is "tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." Are we bound in some ways? Are what binds us things which we should now be trying to free ourselves from? In these final days of Lent we still have time to judge what it is that keeps us from finding the new life offered by Christ. Only Jesus can give us this new life. The Lord reminds us, "...if you believe, you will see the glory of God." Hope is there for us, but we must seize it. Let us be stewards of God's kingdom not bound by the ties of earth but using all in it for His greater glory.



MAMA TRACHITA - PASTOR'S THANK YOU. What a huge success all-around the Mama Trachita dinner was this year! Just a brief thank you here on behalf of the parish to all involved behind the scenes and in eye's view, especially the St. Bernard's Men's Club, for bringing the whole event together. You all did the parish proud. Great food, entertainment, organization and, of course, solid financial support towards ending our debt was the result of the evening. Mostly, the event gave all who attended the opportunity to interact with each other in wholesome and happy surroundings. Remember, Christ Himself enjoyed a party of two. Again, many thanks! Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 26

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,659.15
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$212,413.21
YTD Budgeted	\$209,878.50
Over Budget	\$ 2,534.71

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,136.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 94,646.76
YTD Budgeted	\$107,913.00
Under Budget	\$ 13,266.24 –

Catholic Ministries Appeal: We still have a good amount to go in order to make our goals. If you have not yet participated, please pray about how you will respond.

St Bernard Goal	\$26,470
Received	\$21,512

St Bridget Goal	\$ 9,930
Received	\$ 7,450

Our Parishes

The Last Stations of the Cross: Monday, April 3, at St. Bridget's and Friday, April 7, at St. Bernard's – 6:30pm

Easter Flowers: Use the envelopes in your packet to donate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of your family and friends.

Widows' Group: Thursday, April 6 at 10am at St. Bernard's in the library. Widows, please join us for fellowship, prayer and refreshments.

Quilting Group: The next gathering is Thursday, April 6 from 1:00-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Social Concerns Team Mtg: Thursday, April 6, 7pm in St Bernard's library. All are welcome to attend.

End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective: You're invited to a free seminar sponsored by Catholic United Financial, held Wednesday April 26 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. For more details and to RSVP, contact Travis Schmitz 507 438-9827 or tschmitz@catholicunited.org



Sign-Up! The time is now to start signing up to get your family picture taken, May 17-26, for our bi-parish photo directory!

There is no sitting fee and just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a directory. Sign up online at www.sbsbparishes.org or in person after Mass on the following dates:

- Easter Weekend, April 15-16
- Sat/Sun, April 22-23
- Sat/Sun, April 29-30

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, April 5. See you then!

St. Bridget

Choir: Practice for Easter will be held Tuesdays, April 4 & 11 at 6:30pm. New voices always welcome!



Blessings to Nicholas Reps & Theresa Twohey as they prepare to enter the holy sacrament of matrimony on Saturday, April 8

St. Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Lillian Marie Claeys, daughter of Bradley & Kristine, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Men's Club Meeting: Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm in the parish library.

Adult Choir: Practice at 8:50am on Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday), followed by music ministry at 10am Mass.



Breakfast: The Men's Club invites you for breakfast on Sunday, April 9, after the 10am Mass. Join us for fellowship and great food!

Lighthouse Catholic CDs: Several new CDs have come in. Check out the display rack in the gathering space for new titles.



Spaghetti Dinner: Mama Tranchita would be very pleased with the turnout for the event the Men's Club held featuring Mama's famous spaghetti & meatball recipe. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped make Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner another huge success. We couldn't have done it without the assistance and teamwork of so many of you. Mama would be proud of her boys! Special thanks to Dan & Kathy Himmer for the use of their beautiful clubhouse at Riverview Greens. Look for specifics in totals and profits in the weeks to come after the tallying is complete.



Thanks! Thank you to those who took the time to craft a gift basket or brought in items for the Silent Auction for the Spaghetti Dinner. Your creations and gifts brought in over \$900!! Special thanks to the family who donated the Costa Rica accommodations. There's still time to win this Silent Auction item so don't miss out! The bids will close on April 15. Email Ken kbt2@triskos.us or call 533-4808. ~ Ken Trisko

Around the Area & Other Notes

Eyeglass Donations: Since 1917, Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. In recognition of the 100th year of Lions, we are looking for eyeglass donations. Drop off donations in the box in the gathering space at St. Bernard's.

Fish Fry in Hayfield: Sacred Heart Catholic Church is holding a fish fry on Friday, April 7 from 5-7pm. Their menu is fish, baked potato, vegetable, salad, cake & beverage. \$10 adults, \$5 for children.

Free Concerts: St. James Coffee is a non-profit Catholic coffee house where people can encounter Christ and His Church. We are located at 4156 18th Avenue NW in Rochester. Meet friends and enjoy some music on a Saturday evening, April 8 & 22, at 7pm

St. James Coffee Ireland Pilgrimage: Monsignor Donald Schmitz will lead a pilgrimage to Ireland on October 10-19 with an extension to Northern Ireland, October 19-22. Brochures available at St. James Coffee. Questions or to sign up, contact Ed Ventures, Inc. at 507-289-3332