

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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March 18, 2018

The 5th Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

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@aol.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 and Intentions

Monday, March 19	St Bernard Ann Storlie+	8:00 am
Tuesday, March 20	St Bridget Larry Whalen+	8:30 am
Wednesday, March 21	St Bernard Mike Foster+	8:00 am
Thursday, March 22	St Bernard Ralph & Clara Dunnigan+	8:00 am
Friday, March 23	St Bernard Irvin Evers+	8:00 am
	Care Center Laurence Kuisle+	9:15 am
Saturday, March 24	St Bernard For St Bernard & St Bridget	5:00 pm
Sunday, March 25	St Bridget James & Helen Sheehan+	8:30 am
	St Bernard Albert & Lorraine Sturm+	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers for Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 24

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Greeter: Pat Koenigs

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

Readers: Nick Konrady, Cindy Meyerhofer

EMC: Judy Bunde, Pat Koenigs, Susan Hazelton

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 25

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Servers: needed

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Hollis Frost, David Watters

Lector: Mary Brouillard

Readers: Amy Edholm, Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Karen Greenslade, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters,

Pat Robey, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Andrew Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

The prophet Jeremiah proclaimed God's message at the end of the kingdom of Judah. Because of their sins Judah would be destroyed – Jerusalem, Temple and all. However, today Jeremiah is holding out hope: There will be a restoration as God forgives His people and establishes a new covenant with them.

Really, although prophets were only given sections of the puzzle, he might be seen as prophesying, predicting the coming of Jesus – His suffering, death and resurrection. The meaning of the Paschal Mystery, which we celebrate each week at Mass, and the meaning of our Christian faith is to found in this. We will be forgiven our sins and share in Christ's glory but we must first be conformed to Christ by dying to self that we may live to God.

On Thursday we will have the opportunity during our Penance Service, and there will be other opportunities before Easter, to experience sacramental confession: This allows Gods loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God gives to us love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, restoration." God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel is so full of information for us. Just after the Lord announces His hour has come, He also says, "Whoever serves me must follow me." To be a disciple of Jesus, a good steward therefore, we must follow Him. That does not mean you quit your job or abandon your family, but it does mean that everything you do should be as a servant and follower of Jesus.

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If you would like to donate an Easter plant in memory of, or in honor of loved ones, use your envelopes in your packet or make note in a separate envelope. Please print clearly. Suggested donations are \$10 per plant.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 11

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,460.79
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$219,721.80
YTD Budgeted	\$205,683.00
Over Budget	\$ 14,038.80+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,423.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 98,018.38
YTD Budgeted	\$102,379.00
Under Budget	\$ 4,360.62-

Our Parishes



Time For God In A Busy World: Over the past few days, and at all weekend Masses, we have been welcoming warmly Fr. John Graden and Joanne Kinney. I hope many of you were able to find that time to experience a special closeness to God in this busy world. The reason for their coming was to lift our spirits and to help us grow spiritually as we approach our celebration of the Paschal Mysteries. I'm confident that many a heart has been touched, and minds changed, spirits boosted and renewal begun. I thank them sincerely and wish them well in every future endeavor for Christ. Fr.W.

Cancer Support Group: Meets Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm in the parish library at St Bernard's. Those who are going through an illness and those who are caregivers are welcome to attend.



Last Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Monday, March 19 at St. Bridget's and Friday, March 23 at St. Bernard's – both begin at 6pm.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, March 22 from 1:30-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Lenten Penance Service: Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm at St Bernard's. Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Class: Wednesday, March 21

5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

Grade 2 & a Parent: You will go to the Care Center on Wednesday, March 21 to play Card Bingo with the residents from 6:30-7:30pm. Go directly to the Care Center.



Thanks! Thank you to all the students that helped with the Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross. You did a beautiful job. ~ Krissy

Totus Tuus: The dates for Totus Tuus are June 24-29. There are registration forms in the gathering space.

Vacation Bible School: For your planning purposes, the dates are July 9-13.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

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



Find us on Facebook: Search @berniesyouthgroup and 'LIKE' our page!

BINGO Night: After the Saturday evening Mass, on **April 7**, the Youth Group will serve a meal and host Bingo in the social hall. All parishioners are invited for supper and Bingo!

St Bernard's

Adult Choir: Practice Sunday, March 25 at 8:50am. Music ministry at 10am Mass.

Living Faith Daily Devotional Booklets: April-June edition is available on the table in the gathering space.

Word Among Us: Subscribers may pick-up their books near the Adoration Chapel.

St Bridget's

Choir Practice: Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30pm in the church. Anyone who would like to sing in the choir for Easter, please join us at practice.

Around the Area

Stations of the Cross: The Franciscan Spirituality Center invites the public to join in its 9th annual Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30, at 10am. Meet at 10am in front of the **St. Rose Convent** sign at the corner of Market Street and Franciscan Way (near Ninth Street).

Mass of Anointing for the Elderly and Sick: Friday, April 6, 10am at St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Fellowship, refreshments and treats follow.

Food for Kidz: Volunteers are needed to help assemble food packs for the 15th Annual Kiwanis Food for Kidz event on Saturday, April 7 at the Stewartville Civic Center. Shifts are from 10am -noon, noon-2pm, and 2-4 pm. Call or email Mary Brouillard to sign up 533-6596, mkbrouill@aol.com. There are jobs for all ages and if you can't stand for a shift there are seated jobs. Monetary donations are also needed (checks payable to Food for Kidz). Those can be given to Mary, Marge Reimers, or Glynis Sturm or can be sent by March 24 to Stewartville Kiwanis, 201 6th St. NE, in Stewartville

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 13-15 in Hutchinson, MN (west of the cities). For more info, visit the website at southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or email applications@southmnwwme.org

Beginning Experience: A grief resolution process for adults who have suffered a loss of a marriage through death, divorce or separation, is being offered as a weekend retreat at Assisi Heights - April 20-22. Contact Beginning Experience Rochester www.beminnnesota.org



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