

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter April 8, 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 & Intentions

Monday, April 9	St Bernard	8:00 am Ralph & Clara Dunnigan+
Tuesday, April 10	St Bridget	8:30 am Agnes Griffin+
Wed, April 11	St Bernard	8:00 am Michael Abner+
Thursday, April 12	St Bernard	8:00 am Edna Bernard+
Friday, April 13	St Bernard	8:00 am Gary Boelter+
	Care Center	9:15 am Joanne Tokreyman+
Saturday, April 14	St Bernard	5:00 pm For Philip & Marie King families
Sunday, April 15	St Bridget	8:30 am For St Bridget's & St Bernard's
	St Bernard	10:00 am LeVerne & Mary Meyerhofer+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 14, St Bernard 5:00 pm
Servers: needed
Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer
EM: Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman
Ushers: Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh

Sunday, April 15, St Bridget 8:30 am
Servers: Daniel Araoz, Isaac Kuisle
Lector: Jim Kuisle
EM: Bill Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

Sunday, April 15, St Bernard 10 am
Servers: Jayden Gaynor
Lector: Rob Miller
EM: Laura Peters
Mychelle Henderson, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz
Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

We celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter today, but we also celebrate Divine Mercy. This is relatively new on our Church calendar, as it was proclaimed by St. Pope John Paul II on April 22, 2001. The Pope announced it at the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska who included in her writings her devotion to Divine Mercy. This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

And then we get to St. Thomas, a story most of all about trust. Thomas is often called "Doubting Thomas." Jesus is merciful and forgiving to him and so we can really think of him as "believing Thomas" because he clearly comes accepts Jesus as both "Lord" and "God."

In a way Thomas may have believed more strongly at that moment than any of the others. Seeing Jesus may have made Thomas believe that the Lord was truly risen, but it was something far deeper and more inward that had him calling Jesus God; Divine Mercy. Thomas represents the final accomplishment of the Lord — the triumph over unbelief. I wish you all continued Easter blessings.

Stewardship Reflection

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the early Church, its sense of community, and its understanding of stewardship; "they had everything in common."

We stewards might look on that as a challenge as well — that all that we have and all that we are come from and belong to God. That is what allows us to be good stewards — the trust that results from that belief.

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Divine Mercy



This feast is very important to many and we join with Resurrection Parish in providing an opportunity to receive God's mercy through the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. See their program in this bulletin. Confessions will be heard by several priests, Fr. Wilmot included, from 2:30 - 5 pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 1 Easter offerings is included

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,833.25
March online & auto	\$ 2,150.00
Total	\$ 7,983.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$236,443.65
YTD Budgeted	\$222,360.00
Over Budget	\$ 14,083.65+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,174.25
March online & auto	\$ 3,208.00
Total	\$ 11,382.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$112,524.13
YTD Budgeted	\$110,680.00
Over Budget	\$ 1,844.13+

Our Parishes & Other Events

Catholic Advocacy Network: The bishops of Minnesota established the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network to develop a strong, compassionate, moral voice for life, dignity, and justice in our state. Next weekend, during Life and Dignity Sunday, you will have an opportunity to register for the Network. .

Stewartville Care Center Volunteers: St Bernard and St Bridget parishioners who volunteer at the Care Center are invited to an afternoon social as a way to say thank you for the time and commitment you have given. Join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 2pm for food and fun.

Finance Council Mtgs: Tuesday, April 24. St Bernard meets at 6pm and St Bridget meets at 7pm, both at St Bernard's.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm at St. Bridget's.

The **Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota** supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith and service in southern Minnesota and to assist faithful Catholics in fulfilling their stewardship call. Every registered parishioner is asked to show your support. If you would like to donate online, visit the diocesan website dow.org

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, April 11
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

Class Registration for 2018-19: Registration forms are available. Register by May 6 and receive a discount.



Highway Clean-Up: St Bernard's will be doing their part in highway clean-up on Saturday, April 21. We will meet at St. Bernard's at 10am. Anyone who would like to join us, please do! We can use all the help we can get! Please let Krissy know.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): Are you interested in learning more about the CGS program? Pax Christi in Rochester is hosting a training for new catechists. The dates for the training are April 13-15, May 11-13, May 18-19. The times will be Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-4:30pm, and Sundays Noon-4:00pm. If you are willing to take the training and help out in our CGS class please contact Krissy to get registered. Even if you cannot make all of the days just let me know.

Grades 1-12 - Totus Tuus: The dates are June 24-29. There are flyers / registration forms in the gathering space / entryway with details.

Ages 3 years – Grade 4 - Vacation Bible School: The dates are July 9-13. Flyers / registration forms are in the gathering space / entryway.

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!



St Bernard



Baptism: Blessings to Mason Henry Zauner, son of Dustin & Vanessa, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Men's Club Breakfast: Sunday, April 8 after the 10am Mass.

Blessings: Brandon Berg and Lukas Johnson were welcomed fully into the Catholic faith last Saturday evening. Many blessings to the both of you.

Hot Cross Buns Thank You: Julie Hayes wishes to extend her gratitude to the group of ladies who assisted in the hot cross bun-making process; Marge Reimers, Janet Speltz, Lynn Sugden, Sharon Theobald, and Marilyn Wester. You are appreciated!

Other News & Around the Area

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8: Resurrection Church in Rochester invites all to join them. From 1-2pm a Documentary film, "The Face of Mercy", narrated by Jim Caviezel – explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy, plus moving testimonies that will remind us that Divine Mercy is not just a devotion of the past or some abstract theology – it is alive, present and will transform the world. 2-2:30pm – Personal testimony on Divine Mercy. 2:30-5pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, devotional prayers, confessions, rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and St. Faustina first class relic. Refreshments will be served in the Zenk Hall.

Respect Life - ProtestPP: On Saturday, April 28, pro-lifers across the country will hold the third annual nationwide protest against Planned Parenthood at hundreds of Planned Parenthood facilities from coast to coast, calling for an end to the organization's federal funding. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from taxpayers every year. For information or to see a location near you, see protestpp.com