

# The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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## Parish Office

<b>Location</b>	116 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
<b>Phone</b>	(507) 533-8257
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**February 22, 2015**

**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](http://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](mailto:frwilmot@aol.com) 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard [mkbrouill@aol.com](mailto: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 St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

**Latin Mass:** Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or [www.rochesterlatinmassociety.org](http://www.rochesterlatinmassociety.org)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, Feb 23</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> Ron Winter+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 24</b>	<b>St. Bridget's</b> Mari Ahlers+	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 25</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> Mike Foster+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb 26</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> For Jessica Davis & Family	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, Feb 27</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> Marlyse & Frank Neuzil+	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>Care Center</b> Bob Majerus+	<b>9:15 am</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 28</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> LaVonne Schoeppner+	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	<b>St. Bridget's</b> For the Baker Family	<b>8:30 am</b>
	<b>St. Bernard's</b> For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	<b>10:00 am</b>

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, Feb 28 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Brandon McCrady

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey, Bill Rinken,

Dan Schoeppner

**Sunday, March 1 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Needed

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Bill Kuisle

**Sunday, March 1 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Chelsea Pierick, Sarah Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd, Jan Owen, Matthew Pierick,

Miriam Pierick, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

Lent for most of us is at once a pilgrimage; a retreat, a time of self-scrutiny and confession and a time of doing penance for sins committed. The gospels of Matthew and Luke give us the three temptations of Jesus in the desert but Mark merely tells us that he was tempted, after being driven by the Holy Spirit into the desert. Jesus is the suffering servant of course who in His baptism took on the sins of the world and in his suffering and death strips away those sins.

After John's arrest Jesus begins His ministry and, like John, He will call us to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." We should, with God's grace, strive to do that during Lent. Our prayer and penances of fasting, abstinence and almsgiving will help us. We are called to "turn ourselves around." We are called to a conversion of the heart. Jesus is with us through baptism and our Lenten penances can be signs not only of conversion but also of our realization of the meaning of our own baptism. I wish you well on your Lenten journey. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent. Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. God has blessed us with much but we are mandated to use well what he has given. We are called to share with others and to support our Church. We are called to use responsibly and fairly our time, our talent and, yes, even our much valued treasure.



Stations will be prayed at both of the parishes throughout Lent. Wednesdays at St. Bridget's at 5:30 pm, and Thursdays at St. Bernard's at 6:30 pm (come early for soup supper at St. Bernard's).

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received as of February 15

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,678.61
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$151,601.87
YTD Budgeted	\$161,632.73
Under Budget	\$ 10,030.86-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,814.51
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 72,876.47
YTD Budgeted	\$ 65,757.58
Over Budget	\$ 7,118.89+

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## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015

(Formerly known as: Diocesan Annual Appeal)



The "in pew" phase of this will be this weekend. We are asked to view the video provided and mark and make our pledge or contribution. Your envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or in the basket provided in the gathering space. We will send the envelopes to the correct destination. Please be generous to this worthy appeal. Monies received may only be used for the purposes outlined.

**Our Parish Projects:** All monies in excess of our goal

will go towards the following projects:

**St. Bernard's:** Parish Building Fund aka "Together in Faith" - still \$385,000 to go.

**St. Bridget's:** Cemetery Permanent Care – underfunded by \$79,000.

*Please be generous to the works within our diocese and to our own special needs. Fr. W.*

## Make a Good Lent

Attend Mass more throughout; humbly use correct gestures and postures taught, take time to pray privately, spiritual reading, time away from cell phones and other technology or social media, fast and abstain (as in candy, fast foods, etc.) be kinder and more supportive to those around you, practice fair and responsible stewardship of Time & Talent & Treasure, be positive. Every healthy person should be able to refrain from eating meat once a week. We can save money and place it in our Rice Bowls to help the poor. ~ Fr. W

## Our Parishes

**Lenten Calendar & Little Black Books:** Help yourself to the purple calendar and to the Lenten resources.

**Quilting / Sewing Group:** This group consists of parish members from St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's, invite you to join them on Thursday, March 5 in the Marian Room (school side) of St. Bernard's. If you're interested in quilting or sewing, join us whenever you can from 1:00-3:30 pm.

**First Friday Visits:** If you would like to receive a Communion visit from Father on the first Friday of the month (March 6) from 10:00 am – noon or later if arranged, please call the office 533-8257 and leave a message on Father's or Pam's voicemail.

## St. Bernard's



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 4:30 pm prior to Mass on Saturdays and will be prayed every Saturday until April 21, the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayer will proceed in the fashion of the current Rosary before Sunday Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer this Lenten season.



The Rite of Election is celebrated throughout our Church at the beginning of Lent each year. It is a significant step for those who want to be received into the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. Karen Greenslade and Prince Singh, along with their sponsors and Fr. Wilmot, will be going to Queen of Angel's Church in Austin, where Bishop Quinn will choose and "elect" them in the name of the Lord and of this parish. Please keep Karen and Prince in your prayers.

**Adult Choir:** On Sunday, March 1 & 8, we'll provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass. Meet at 8:50 am for rehearsal.

**Men's Club Meeting:** The first Tuesday evening of the month (March 3) at 6:30 pm in the parish library.



The Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens Club House. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes Mama's original recipe spaghetti & meatballs, fresh green salad, garlic toast, spumoni ice cream and a glass of wine. Tickets (\$20) are on sale after Mass, in the parish office or from the Crossroads License Bureau.

## Religious Education St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**Regular Class:** Wednesday, February 25 at St. Bernard's from either 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm

**St. Bridget & St. Bernard Students:** Sunday, March 1, grade 9 Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are to meet in the social hall of St. Bernard's at 9:45 am. We will be attending Mass at 10:00 am and the day will conclude around 2:00 pm. If you have questions, contact Krissy 533-8192 or [ksullivan@sbsbparishes.org](mailto:ksullivan@sbsbparishes.org)

## St. Bridget's

**Spaghetti Dinner Tickets:** If you are interested in purchasing tickets to St. Bernard's Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner, Jim Kuisle will be selling them after Mass. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb 24, 6:30 pm

## Around The Area

**Lourdes High School Presents the 15th Annual Night of Jazz:** This fundraising evening, open to the public, will support the music department at Lourdes High School. Relax to background jazz music as you socialize with family and friends. Listen to vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles by our high school and junior high musicians. Enjoy desserts and beverages as you mingle with one another at the Rochester International Event Center on Saturday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Tickets and table reservations may be pre-ordered at [LHSNightofJazz@gmail.com](mailto:LHSNightofJazz@gmail.com) Tickets for general seating will also available at the door. Adults \$20; Seniors or students \$15. Reserved table for eight, \$200.