

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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Parish Office

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March 11, 2018

The 4th Sunday of Lent March 11, 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 12	St Bernard	8:00 am
	For the Steinmetz Family	
Tuesday, March 13	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Gary Braun+	
Wednesday, March 14	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Craig Mensink+	
Thursday, March 15	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Roger Carter+	
Friday, March 16	St Bernard	8:00 am
	Harold Paulson+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Jan Heitman+	
Saturday, March 17	St Bernard	5:00 pm
	For St Bridget's & St Bernard's	
Sunday, March 18	St Bridget	8:30 am
	Dakota Ness+	
	St Bernard	10:00 am
	Stan & Peg Himmer+	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 17

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeter: Pat Koenigs

Servers: Brandon McCrady, Zach Spitzer

Lector: Nick Konrady

EMC: Judy Bunde, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoepfner

Sunday, March 18

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Servers: needed

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Pam Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: needed

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Mary Hustak, Patty Miller, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Andrew Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

We call this fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. We may have lost track of the fact that Latin is still the official language of the Church and occasionally reasserts itself. This Sunday is one of those times as *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin. The entry antiphon for our masses is "Rejoice, Jerusalem!" The emphasis for today will be salvation as opposed to punishment. We can rejoice.

This day has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, when we who are taking the season seriously, lessen the soberness of our Lenten observances. Celebrants have the option of wearing pink or rose vestments (not my color, except on someone else) rather than purple or violet. This Sunday has a corresponding day during Advent called Gaudete Sunday. The point of both these days is providing us with encouragement in the midst of our penitential seasons.

Though our ancestors were ungrateful and were punished for their sins – for choosing a world of darkness – God offers us to dwell in truth, light and life. If we trust in the Lord Jesus, we will be led into the light of salvation. Jesus, the forgiving and reconciling One is the great gift of the Father's love. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

St. Paul, in our Second Reading, reminds us "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." What a reason to rejoice. God loves us even when we do not give Him a reason to do so. However, stewardship is a loving way to thank Him.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 4

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,388.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
Feb online & auto	\$ 1,915.00
YTD Received	\$215,261.01
YTD Budgeted	\$200,124.00
Over Budget	\$ 15,137.01+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,726.40
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
Feb online & auto	\$ 3,208.00
YTD Received	\$ 96,595.13
YTD Budgeted	\$ 99,612.00
Under Budget	\$ 3,016.87 –

Parish Mission March 16-18



Our parish mission, "Time for God in a Busy World" begins with you and our missionaries, Fr. John Graden and Joanne Kinney. This event is sure to touch your heart, change your mind, and boost your spirit. When was the

last time you did something this good for your spiritual life? Plan on doing something good for your heart, soul and spirit. Childcare provided for each session.

Mission Schedule

Session I: Friday, March 16, 7- 8:15 pm (Soup at 6pm, dessert after)

Session II: Saturday, March 17, 10:30 am–Noon (coffee at 10am – light lunch provided)

Session III: Saturday, March 17, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

RSVP to stbernard116@aol.com if you plan on staying for the light lunch on Saturday.

See the parish website sbsbparishes.org

Presenters for the Mission

(Missioners preach all weekend Masses)



Fr. John Graden (Oblate of St. Francis de Sales): Born in Washington, D.C., August 14, 1946; raised in Toledo, OH. Ordained a priest in 1976. Degrees in Biology, Divinity and Religious Education. High School Teacher for 7 years. Vocation Director for seven years Preached his first parish mission in 1984; hundreds since then. A

two-time cancer survivor (parotid in 1967, and lung in 1999). Special affection for third-world missions, teaching, preaching, singing, storytelling, Catholic Evangelist. Director: Embraced by God near Niagara Falls, NY



Joanne Kinney: Born – June 9, 1952 in Niagara Falls, NY. Graduated from Geneseo State College in 1974 with a degree in Psychology. Served for 13 years on the Center of Renewal Retreat Team at Stella Niagara NY and as a creator and presenter of youth retreats in the Buffalo

Diocese. Currently serves as administrator for Embraced by God, a facility in Lewiston, NY focusing on the spirituality of Sts. Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal. She continues to offer adult ministry including retreats and parish missions. In her "spare time" Joanne enjoys acting and directing for a community theater group. She and her husband Bill have three adult children.

Our Parishes



Serving – A Privilege: To serve at the Lord's altar is so important and parents are asked, especially at St. Bernard's, not to deprive their young of this privilege. Please sign up especially for next Sunday when, though Fr. Wilmot will probably celebrate the Masses, our Missioner, Fr. Graden will concelebrate and preach.



Girl Scout Sunday is Celebrated

March 11: Within that organization, the following girls are from our parishes: Abi Davis, Kayleigh Hanson, Bryttin Henderson, Camryn Klar, Sydney Klar, Aubree Knutson, Alexandria Lennon, Izsabella Lunn, Avery Meyer, Sarah Watters

Baby Bottles: Thank you again to those who supported Catholic Charities and the Baby Bottle Campaign. With everyone's participation they raised over \$51,000! These funds will go directly to women in need here in Southern Minnesota. Because of your help, they can assist families with new babies. The last fiscal year they were able to assist 170 women.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction: Monday evenings at St. Bridget's and Friday evenings 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 14
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

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

St Bernard's



Baptisms: Blessings to Franklin Adam Himmer, son of Adam & Ashley, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism on Saturday. Blessings to Qauralina Clarice Gorder, daughter of Thiab & Jessica, as she receives the holy sacrament on Sunday.

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

Thank You: We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our St. Bernard and St. Bridget friends that have helped our family as Julie recovers from her back surgeries. We are especially grateful to all those who brought Communion, provided meals, rides, medical equipment, hospital and home visits, cards, gifts and especially for every single prayer. Your acts of kindness and generosity brought much sunshine and joy during the healing process! Every word of encouragement provided strength and reassurance. We will carry your good works forward and keep you in our prayers.

Love, The Watters Family

Around the Area

Justice and Peace 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. This form of the Way of the Cross is a two-mile silent prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River, stopping at 10 stations along the route. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. Meet at 10am in front of the **St. Rose Convent** sign at the corner of Market Street and Franciscan Way (near Ninth Street).

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 10a.m. -noon, noon-2, and 2-4 p.m. Call or email Mary Brouillard to sign up to help. (533-6596, mkbrouill@aol.com). Elementary age children K - 5 must be accompanied by an adult. 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

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