

# 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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**March 15, 2015**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**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:**

Saturday St. Bernard's 9:00-10:00 am & 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
Sunday St. Bridget's 7:45 - 8:15 am  
Or call Father for 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.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org](http://www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Father will be attending a priest retreat, therefore daily Mass will not be held Monday – Wednesday.**

**Thursday, March 19** St. Bernard's 8:00 am  
Special Intention

**Friday, March 20** St. Bernard's 8:00 am  
Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+

Care Center 9:15 am  
Bruce Sturm+

**Saturday, March 21** St. Bernard's 5:00 pm  
Jennie Rauh+

**Sunday, March 22** St. Bridget's 8:30 am  
Colin Casella+

St. Bernard's 10:00 am  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, March 21 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Greeters: Chris & Diane Gray  
Servers: Henry & George Gray  
Lector: Needed

EMC: Mary Claeys, Terri Elsbernd, Pauline Fontaine, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer  
Ushers: Brayde Faulhaber, Alex VandeLoo, Sam VandeLoo, Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko

**Sunday, March 22 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Chelsea Galbraith  
Lector: Colleen Gau

EMC: Britt Noser, Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan

**Sunday, March 22 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki  
Greeters: Tom & Kim Yennie Family  
Servers: Joseph Gawarecki, Bryttin Henderson  
Lector: Chris Gawarecki  
EMC: Scott Christian, Emma Davis, Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Krissy Sullivan, Kim Yennie  
Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

Left to ourselves we are sinners who deserve punishment but God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. At the time of Nebuchadnezzar, the people of Israel were constantly reminded of their sinfulness by the prophets but they would not listen and suffered the ensuing desolation and exile. However, God did not forget them and they were to rejoice as through Cyrus He freed them and restored them to the Holy Land.

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday; Laetare is Latin for "Rejoice". The Lenten disciplines are relaxed a tad and even flowers find their way onto the altar. We may rejoice when we realize that though the world may seem dark at times, Jesus is near and, if we listen to Him, he will be our light. Although we might be weak and sinful we can rejoice in the gifts of faith and grace which sustain us in the Lord's mercy. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

As indicated in John 3:16 God loved the world, the entire world and all who occupy it. And who will receive the incredible gift of salvation? Whoever believes in Him. Believing in Jesus is the one requirement for us to receive this incredible gift. We are not talking about just being aware of this gift, of just being aware of God's saving grace. What is asked of us is a complete and total trust in God, the kind of trust which allows us to be good stewards, to take risks in that regard, because we know God is with us and God loves us. At this point in our Lenten journeys we need to seek total commitment to living lives of faith and stewardship.



St. Bridget's Wednesday at 5:30 pm  
St. Bernard's Thursday at 6:30 pm (Soup at 5:30 pm)

**Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose:** Born in Sydney, Australia, Matthew Kelly is a motivational speaker, author, business consultant and founder of the Matthew Kelly Foundation. He is also a partner at Floyd Consulting, a Chicago-based management consulting firm whose clients include more than 35 Fortune 500 companies. His lecture topics include identifying negative routines and actions in daily life, and the value and positive inspiration of Catholicism for practical solutions. Matthew Kelly, with special musical guest Eliot Morris, will be at St. Bernard's on **Saturday, May 16 at 7:00 pm**. Be sure to get your tickets (\$39) at the parish office or online at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received as of March 8

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,250.10
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$167,862.40
YTD Budgeted	\$176,326.62
Under Budget	\$ 8,464.22-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 689.27
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 76,400.42
YTD Budgeted	\$ 71,735.54
Over Budget	\$ 4,664.88+

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## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015

Thank you for your support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly known as the Annual Diocesan Appeal). Advancing the mission of the Church is the heart of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, an effort that provides vital ministries to those most in need as well as support to the southern Minnesota parishes that proclaim God's Word. The CMA is unique in that it provides a Christ-centered approach to helping the people served by the Diocese of Winona. Your generosity and your belief in God's Word makes a real difference in our world. This appeal is one of the major fundraisers managed by the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota, an independent non-profit community foundation that financially supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith. Additional information about appeal-funded ministries may be found on the Foundation's website, [www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal](http://www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal)

## Our Parishes

**Adults Needed:** Father is looking for three adults to serve at 3:00 pm at St. Bridget's and three to serve at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's for Good Friday, April 3.

**Cancer Support Meeting:** Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library. This is open to anyone who has dealt or is dealing with illness. Caregivers are also welcome. Questions, contact Chet 533-8192.

**Quilting – Sewing Group:** This group will gather Thursday, March 19 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. You're invited to come at any time that works for you. This group meets every other week.

## St. Bernard's

**Baptism:** Blessings to Kaylee AnnMarie Wortman, daughter of Nathan & Rebecca, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

**Word Among Us Subscribers:** Your next edition is ready to be picked up.



**The Time is Closing In!** Get your tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner! Tickets sold after Mass and at the parish office. Don't miss out on this evening of fun and entertainment, great food, prizes, drawings, raffles and more on Tuesday, March 24 - seating from 5:00-8:30 pm.

**Gift Baskets:** The Men's Club is asking for donations of gift baskets for prizes and raffles for the Spaghetti Dinner. Bring them to the parish office this week or to the weekend Mass and give them to the ushers, who will put the baskets in the office. Questions contact Bill Oswald or Ken Trisko.

**Thank You:** Many thanks to those who helped with the Katherine Skyhawk funeral luncheon. Your ministry is appreciated. ~ St. Bernard's Funeral Committee

**Adult Choir:** On Sunday, March 22 & 29, we'll provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass. Meet at 8:50 am for rehearsal.



**Calling All Men!** Two things! The final meeting before the Spaghetti Dinner will be in the social hall on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm.

Then, on Monday, March 23 at 6:00 pm, come to Riverview Greens Clubhouse. We will set-up and go over the tasks for the Spaghetti Dinner. See you there!

**Rosary on Saturdays:** Saturdays at 4:30 pm, the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is being prayed prior to Mass. Prayer cards and sheets are available to assist. Also, there are extra rosaries if you'd like to use one. This will be repeated every Saturday until April 11<sup>th</sup>, which is the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



**Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross:** All are invited for this special presentation of the youth performing shadow miming of the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. This will be held in the social hall at St. Bernard's.

## Religious Education

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

**Regular Class:** Wednesday, March 18 at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Catholicism Special Edition:** Fr. Wilmot's Catholicism Series for adults will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. Bring your student(s) to class and then come to the church area.

**Grade 2 & Parent - First Communion Learning Centers:** Thursday, March 19 from 3:00-7:00 pm or Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am - 12 noon. Come whatever day works best for you.

**Shadow Mime Practice:** Saturday, March 21 at 10 am. Grade 8 & older students wishing to participate in this, please attend the practice.

## St. Bridget's

**Easter Choir Practice:** Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

**Women's Luncheon:** Saturday, April 25 with a "Spring Fling" theme. Put the date on your calendar - details to follow.

## Around The Area

**Steubenville Youth Conference at the Mayo Civic Center:** Grades 8-12 are invited to this awesome conference being held right here in Rochester on July 10-12. This conference is already sold-out in the cities, so don't wait too long to register. Go to the diocesan website [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) then to departments - youth and young adults to find the link to Steubenville North 2015. To attend with the diocesan group, the cost is \$295 which includes everything - registration, transportation, lodging, meals and a T-Shirt! To apply for a scholarship award, check out the website [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org) Partnership for Youth awards partial scholarships to a number of young people every year to attend Steubenville. If you are interested in learning more about this conference, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.

**10th Annual Gary Vanselow Memorial Fish Fry:** Friday, March 20, starting at 5:00 pm at the International Event Center. This fun-filled family event offers a delicious walleye dinner, music by the Lourdes Highlighters, raffles, a photo booth and more. Ticket prices are as follows: \$18 for adults, kids 4-12, \$10 for ages 4-12