

# 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 20, 2016

## Palm Sunday March 20, 2016

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**Parish Registration:** 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 – Friday 8:30-2:30 pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10:00 am unless a holiday is during the week.

**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 at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

**Baptism:** Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

**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 at 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.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday, March 21**      **Good Shepherd**      **7:00 pm**  
*Chrism Mass*                      in Jackson, MN

**Tuesday, March 22**      **St. Bridget**              **8:30 am**  
For the Baker Family

**Wednesday, Mar 23**      **St. Bernard**              **8:00 am**  
Colin Casella+

**Thursday, March 24**      **St. Bernard**              **6:30 pm**  
Brian Ptacek+

**Friday, March 25**      **St. Bridget**              **3:00 pm**  
*Good Friday*

**St. Bernard**              **6:30 pm**

**Saturday, March 26**      **St. Bernard**              **7:30 pm**  
*Easter Vigil*                      For Nancy Finn

**Sunday, March 27**      **St. Bridget**              **8:30 am**  
*Easter*                              Tom & Loretta Kennedy+

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



*Liturgical schedules are listed in the insert of this bulletin. Thank you to those who are assisting during this most holy week.*

*The Eucharist will be transferred to a tabernacle in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's following The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, where it will rest until noon on Holy Saturday. People are welcome to be 'on watch'. The church will be locked at 10:00 pm Thursday and Friday. For more organized viewing, contact Chris or Julie Gawarecki 533-1072.*

## Pastor's Corner

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday and we have the Passion read, this year according to St. Luke. We will hear it again on Good Friday but it will come to us from St. John. Luke stresses Jesus' innocence but He is sent before both Herod and Pilate – neither wishing to get involved though they know him to be innocent – they valued their own safety and their political careers more important. We see the forgiving nature of Jesus right to the end when he forgives the “good thief” and indeed asks that all his murderers be forgiven.

Today's Passion could be used as a kind of examination of conscience to prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter). In reflecting on the Passion it could be helpful to ask ourselves the following questions: How do we figure in the story? Are we one of the crowd who cried for Jesus' blood? Are we Pilate or Herod who knew Jesus to be innocent but did not save him? Are we one of the apostles who fled, Are we Judas who betrayed him and failed to seek forgiveness? Are we one of those who mocked and spat on him?

Hopefully we will identify with ourselves with St. John or as one of the Mary's – faithful to the end. I often meditate on the sufferings of Jesus because they have given me strength during difficult times. May Christ's sufferings give you strength also. We look to victory and a joyous Easter, but we must never forget Good Friday. May God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

What better call could we have to stewardship than the week we are about to enter. During Holy Week we can serve our Church with our time and talents as we participate fully in the various liturgies – especially the Holy Triduum. We can support Christ's works by being especially generous and responsible in our giving. We can witness to the world that no matter how it militates against Him, we are His stewards and will follow his wishes of true stewardship at this time and always. We should remember that the Cross, for all of its sorrow, pain, and despair, is also a sign of freedom and hope. We are called to transform any suffering into infinite love through our stewardship.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Rec'd for the week ending March 13

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,985.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$187,498.80
YTD Budgeted	\$186,655.04
Over Budget	\$ 843.73 +

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,706.26
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 98,748.97
YTD Budgeted	\$ 75,939.65
Over Budget	\$ 22,809.32 +

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## Our Parishes



**Display Jesus:** The picture of Jesus insert in this bulletin can be displayed in your window during Holy Week. Take it down after Good Friday.

**Rice Bowls:** Please bring your rice bowls to St. Bernard's on Holy Thursday, March 24. They will be brought up during Mass at 6:30 pm. All donations go to Catholic Relief Service.



**Hot Cross Buns:** Buns will be given on Holy Thursday at St. Bernard's to be consumed on Good Friday. Buns will be given on Good Friday at St. Bridget's at 3:00 pm. A big thank you to Julie Hayes, Karen Sheehan and their crews for making and baking the Hot Cross Buns again this year.



**Bring Bells:** Round up your bells from your house and bring them to use at Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

**Easter Flower Memorials:** Be sure to get in your envelopes and donations for the listing of flowers in honor of loved ones. Flower donations should be \$15 for one plant.

## Our Parishes

**Quilting / Sewing Group:** Meet on Thursday, March 31 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. This group meets every other Thursday. If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to join in.

**20 & 30 Somethings:** Financial Peace University is coming to St Bernard's in April. The 9-week program from Dave Ramsey is about budgeting, how to be debt free and saving for retirement. Meet in the social hall at 6:30 pm on Mondays, beginning April 18. Visit the website [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) For more information email Ally and Andy Drees at [funkyaligator@yahoo.com](mailto:funkyaligator@yahoo.com)

## Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

**Religious Ed Classes:** No class the Wednesday of Holy Week (March 23). Classes will resume after Easter.

**BYG (Youth Group):** Gatherings will resume after Easter. Wednesday, March 30 for High School. Sunday, April 3 for Middle School.

**Grades 9-12 – St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's is going to Milwaukee, July 12-17:** *Alive in You* is part conference, part service camp and 100% Catholic. Join young people from around the country on this incredible journey of faith. Open your heart and let the fire of the Holy Spirit become alive in you. The cost is \$370 per person, which includes lodging, transportation, food and the *Alive in You* camp experience. Contact Krissy Sullivan for additional information and to register. Visit the *Alive in You* website [aliveinyou.com](http://aliveinyou.com)

## St. Bernard



### Baptism Blessings To:

Marshall Thomas Poch, son of Dan & Diana

Jace Brett Bushman, son of Jared & Amber

Claire Marie Malone, daughter of Sam & Jessie

**Thank You:** The family of Gladys Claeys wishes to express our deep appreciation to the ladies who served Gladys' funeral luncheon, Fr. Wilmot for the beautiful funeral liturgy, to Jeanette Fortier and Jan Rowekamp for the beautiful music, and to all the volunteers whom she truly loved and appreciated who brought communion weekly. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Thank you! ~ Jerry & Mary Claeys, Marvel & Jerry Bergervoet, Cecil & Barb Claeys, and Mark Claeys and families.



### Adult Choir Rehearsals & Music Ministry:

Tuesday, March 22: Practice at 6:30 pm

Thursday & Friday, March 24 & 25:

Practice at 5:45 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 26: Practice at 6:45 pm,  
Mass 7:30 pm

**'Soup & Dessert Night':** The Men's Club will be making a variety of homemade soups. Join them for dinner and sample the fare as they will be serving on Saturday, April 9 after the 5:00 pm Mass.

## Around The Area

**Chrism Mass:** Monday, March 21 at Good Shepherd Parish in Jackson, MN at 7:00 pm. This is a beautiful Mass where the holy oils are blessed and distributed for each parish in the diocese.

**Adult Volunteers to Help Homeless Families:** Seeking to help Interfaith Hospitality Network as part of the Social Concerns Team of St. Bridget/St. Bernard to provide drivers, evening & overnight hosts and laundry helpers in Rochester at Redeemer Lutheran Church at least once but not more than four times a year. Contact Ed Rowley 287-0153.

**Man of God, Men's Conference:** This will be held Saturday, April 2 at Lourdes High School in Rochester from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, sponsored by the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Pamphlets are on the bulletin board and tables in the parishes. More information and registration can be found at [www.dowmen.org](http://www.dowmen.org)

**Marriage Retreat:** Spring is a sign of new life. Bring new life into your marriage by registering for the April 23-24 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for information or call 651.454.3238.

