

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 5, 2017

1st Sunday of Lent March 5, 2017

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 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 1:00 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00am-Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm. 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 at 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows Support Group: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, March 6	St. Bernard	8:00am For the Ancius Family
Tuesday, March 7	St. Bridget	8:30 am Larry Roth+
Wed, March 8	No Mass	
Thursday, March 9	No Mass	
Friday, March 10	Care Center	9:15 am Prayer Service
Saturday, March 11	St. Bernard	5:00 pm Mike Roeder+
Sunday, March 12	St. Bridget	8:30 am For St Bridget's & St Bernard's
	St. Bernard	10:00 am LeVerne Meyerhofer+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 11

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Pauline Fontaine

Servers: Leland Jeardeau, Brandon McCrady

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Pauline Fontaine, Susan Hazelton, Dorothy Hurley

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Joe Rauh, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, March 12

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Joseph Gawarecki, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Andy Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

Our First Reading from the Book of Genesis recounts Adam and Eve and their encounter with temptation and our Gospel deals with Jesus' temptations in the desert. We may think that we know what sin is, that we are aware of what the difference between good and bad is, but that does not lessen the temptation for us to experience it. We suffer from the same weaknesses as Adam and Eve did.

The name Adam means "dust" or "Man". Adam therefore represents all humanity. Under Adam, death reigned, but under Jesus we can find life. St. Paul writes about them "Through one man sin entered the world." But through the second, came salvation and life eternal. Our hope and the only answer we have to inevitable sin is the Second Man, Christ Himself. In the desert the Lord defies Satan. For us to do that means we need Christ's help. That is what Lent is about — seeking that help and allowing it to happen. That is certainly something we need to address during this Lenten season.

Stewardship Reflection

It is through the Lord that we find and have hope during this Lenten season. It is by embracing the graces and the righteousness He offers us that we can better resist sin, better refuse to give in to temptation. Truly, "Our strength is in the Lord." Therefore if we are to live lives of true discipleship we must follow the generous, positive path He has laid out for us and not choose the selfish, negative path laid out by Satan. Stewardship is a positive way of living. Do we live positively or do we live negatively?



Thank you to those who have participated in this appeal. Every gift to this annual appeal for our diocese makes a difference. Participation is key for this appeal. If you do not carry checks but wish to donate online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending February 26

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,078.76
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$193,500.37
YTD Budgeted	\$188,352.50
Over Budget	\$ 5,147.87

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,165.40
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 84,750.06
YTD Budgeted	\$ 96,845.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,094.94 –

Our Parishes

Stations of the Cross: Monday evenings at St. Bridget's and Friday evenings at St. Bernard's – both starting at 6:30pm, throughout Lent.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, March 9 from 1:00-3:30pm at St. Bernard's.

Welcome: A warm welcome to Monsignor Don Schmitz as he celebrates our weekend Masses for March 11/12.

Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 15 in Marian Hall at St Bernard's at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited.

Widows Support Group: We meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 10am in St. Bernard's library. The next meeting will be held March 16.

St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17: Bishop Quinn grants a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products to all Catholics in the Diocese of Winona on St. Patrick's Day.

Special Presentation: St. Bernard parishioner, Ben Frost, among his other duties, is the present director of Marriage and Family Life at the Diocese of Winona. Ben will give a presentation at St. Bernard's on Marriage & Family Life on Sunday, March 19 at 6:30pm.

Money Class: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming back to St Bernard's starting on Monday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00pm in Marian Hall for 9 weeks. You can register for class and purchase your kit on daveramsey.com. If you have any questions, please contact Andy and Ally Drees at funkvalyigator@yahoo.com

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, March 8.

Shadow Mime Stations Rehearsal: Students in grades 8-12 who are willing to participate in the Shadow Mime Stations, (which will be held Wednesday, March 15) are asked to attend the rehearsal on Saturday, March 11 at 1:00pm. Please let Krissy know if your child plans to help.

Grades 7-12 –Youth Group Mission Trip to St. Louis: The deadline has been extended due to a couple of recent openings on the campus. There is an \$80 deposit due when you register. Contact Neal with questions.

Grades 8-12: Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester on July 14 -16. Check out the website www.partnershipforyouth.org Students interested in attending contact Neal Abbott.

St. Bridget



Annual Women's Spring Lunch: All ladies are invited Saturday, March 11, at 11:30am for food, fellowship and fun.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped with the breakfast, the Fuzzy Sock Cupcakes and the Fun Sack activities a couple weeks ago. A great time was had by all!

St. Bernard

Thank You: The family of LeVerne Meyerhofer wish to extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Wilnot for his support and for celebrating Vern's funeral. Thank you to those who helped with the delicious lunch and thank you to our parish family for their prayers and condolences.

Together in Faith (Building Loan): We are down to \$38,511.03. We can do this! Use the gold envelopes in your donation packets. Remember to write a separate check for this as it is a different account than the regular collection.

Adult Choir: Anyone interested in singing in the choir for Holy Week, rehearsals will be after 10am Mass throughout Lent beginning Sunday, March 5 but not on March 12.

Men's Club Meeting: Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Breakfast: St. Bernard's Men's Club invite you to breakfast on Sunday, March 12 after the 10am Mass.



Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner: Get your tickets! St. Bernard's Men's Club will be serving their home-cooked, famous recipe spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville, serving from 5-8:30pm. Proceeds go toward St. Bernard's building fund. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased either after Mass, at the parish office, the license bureaus in Rochester or St. James Coffee House.



Baskets of Goodies: Gift baskets are needed for the Silent Auction at the Spaghetti Dinner. In the past, we've had baskets for 'movie night' (popcorn, snacks, dvds), 'wine for two' (homemade wines, wine glasses, bottle opener), 'baby gifts', 'fun kitchen gadgets', 'bird feeding', 'spa treatments', and much more. Let's see how imaginative you can be! Bring the baskets to the parish office.



A Week in Paradise! Bid for a 7 night stay in a new, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the village of Cabo Matapalo, the outermost point of the Osa Peninsula in the southern Pacific coast area of Costa Rica. Known for its remoteness, Matapalo is a hidden paradise amongst jungle and ocean. This is an opportunity for a beautiful, warm get-away as an escape for two, or up to six people. A parish member has graciously donated these accommodations, available the week of your choosing. You would be responsible for your own travel expenses. Remember, all proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auctions go to St. Bernard's building fund. If interested contact Ken Trisko kbt2@triskos.us or 533-4808.

Around the Area & Other Notes

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner: St. John the Evangelist gymnasium in Rochester, 5-7pm, all Fridays of Lent. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$5.

12th Annual Gary Vanselow Memorial Fish Fry: Friday, March 10 from 5-7:30pm at the International Event Center. Advance adult tickets \$15, ages 4-10 \$7. Get tickets online at the www.lourdesfoundation.org or call the Lourdes 289-2584.

The Diocese of Winona's Women's Lenten Retreat: Saturday, March 18 at St. Joseph's Church in Owatonna from 10am-3:45pm. Register (\$15) online at www.dow.org or contact Camille 507-858-1271

St. John's Wee Care – Two-Year Christian Preschool: Classes for ages 3-5 year olds are offered in Stewartville. Registration opens March 13 – classes fill fast. Visit www.stjohnsandweecare.org or call 533-6260.