

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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| Location | 116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976 |
| Office Hours | Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm |
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| Rectory | (507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency) |

March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent March 12, 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

No daily Mass Monday-Thursday

Friday, March 17 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Michael Lucas+

Care Center **9:15 am**
For Elaine Finn

Saturday, March 18 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Robert Johnson+

Sunday, March 19 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Stan & Peg Himmer+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 18

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Server: Cole Janssen

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: needed!

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

Sunday, March 19

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Britt Noser, Jeannette Sheehan, Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Jamisen Hart, David Watters

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Rob Miller, Pat Robey

Ushers: Andy Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

Always on the Second Sunday of Lent we reflect upon Jesus' Transfiguration. After Jesus has faced down temptation, He tries to assure His closest associates that even though He embraces the obscurity of the "Suffering Servant," He bears also the glory of the Son of God.

The Transfiguration might be seen as a favor granted to Peter, James and John, that they might continue to cling to faith even as they feel all their hopes fall apart upon Jesus' arrest, conviction and execution.

Jesus is the Son of Man, with a fully human nature. However, in the Transfiguration His divine nature shines through. It is a glimpse of what will be seen after His ministry is done and He rises in victory over Satan and opens the doors to heaven for all the faithful. This glimpse should help sustain our hopes also as we journey through the Holy Season of Lent. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

During our time in Lent, we are called to a type of transformation, as well. In our cases it is more inward than outer. God asks us to try to seek conversion of mind and heart. Yet, only God can truly cause this type of conversion; however, we must be open to it for it to occur.

Stewardship is closely associated with conversion. People who give of themselves to build the Kingdom of God are disciples of the Lord. To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life.



Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending March 5

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,516.27 |
| Feb auto & online giving | \$ 1,440.00 |
| Total | \$ 5,956.27 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,381.50 |
| YTD Received | \$199,456.64 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$193,734.00 |
| Over Budget | \$ 5,722.64 |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 2,148.37 |
| Feb auto & online giving | \$ 1,402.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,550.37 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$ 88,300.43 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 99,612.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 11,311.57 – |



Thank You to those who are using the *Online Giving*. This is a convenient way to contribute for those who do not carry cash or a check book. First time users, 'Create New Account' and then follow the directions.

St. Bernard's www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910

St. Bridget's www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897

Our Parishes

Welcome: A warm welcome and thank you to Monsignor Don Schmitz as he celebrates our weekend Masses.

Girl Scout Sunday, March 12: Girl Scouts from our parishes will be Greeters and Gift Bearers at the 10am Sunday Mass. Parishioners Pat Robey and Katie Meyer are the leaders of this group of girls: Bryttin Henderson, Lacy Jewson, Kiley Jones, Camryn Klar, Sydney Klar, Aubree Knutson, Avery Meyer, McKenna O'Neill, Ella Olerich, Hayden Olerich, Abbi Parry, Kelly Piens, MacKenzie Piens, Sarah Watters, and Eryn Wortman.

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

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

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.

Stewardship Mtg: Thursday, March 16, 7pm at St. Bernard's

Our Parishes



Coming Soon to St. Bernard's: Ben Frost, husband to Tisha and young father of five, is the Director of the Marriage and Family Life ministry for our diocese and a member of St. Bernard's. He will give a presentation entitled: **Marriage & Family Life: Bringing God Closer.** This should interest those who face the spiritual challenges of raising a family - all are welcome, **Sunday, March 19, 6:30pm**

Quilting / Sewing Group: Thursday, March 23 from 1:00-3:30pm at St. Bernard's.

Becoming Catholic Mtg: Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or being fully received into the Church, please come to a meeting at St. Bernard's on Sunday, March 26 at 8am in the library. Questions contact Mary Brouillard 269-6361 or Karen Volkart 261-4423

Money Class: Sign up! Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be starting at St Bernard's starting on Monday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00pm in Marian Hall for 9 weeks. Register at daveramsey.com. Questions, contact Andy and Ally Drees at funkyaligator@yahoo.com

Religious Ed

Classes: Wednesday, March 15.

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.

2017 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 15-19, (travel time included) in Indianapolis: NCYC is a powerful, three-day experience of prayer, community, catechesis and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Registration deadline is April 15 with a \$250 non-refundable deposit. The remaining \$400 is due on September 20. Total cost is \$650 per person. This includes a coach bus, conference fees, hotel & full breakfast, Diocesan t-shirt, and Region VIII fee. Contact Neal or Krissy if interested.

St. Bridget

Choir: Music ministry at 8:00am Mass on Sunday, March 12 & April 2. Meet at 7:45am on those days for practice.



Request: Please try to get in the habit of writing the amount enclosed on your envelopes. It is also helpful to write your last name on it as well. Many of you already do this and it is appreciated.

St. Bernard

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

Attention Adorers: Adoration is being canceled on the day of the Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, March 28. Our parishioners are encouraged to participate in some way with this important event for the parish. Lend a hand for that hour, if possible, or round your friends up for a hearty meal and a great time.



Get Your Tickets for the Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner! St. Bernard's Men's Club will be serving 'Mama's' original recipe spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville, serving from 5-8:30pm. You won't want to miss the non-stop fun and entertainment. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased either after Mass, at the parish office, the license bureaus in Rochester or St. James Coffee House.



Gift Baskets: Donated gift baskets are needed for the Silent Auction at the Spaghetti Dinner. In the past, we've had baskets for 'movie night', 'wine for two', 'baby gifts', 'kitchen/bbq gadgets', 'bird feeding', 'spa treatments' and more. How creative can you be? Bring the baskets to the parish office.



One Week in the Costa Rica Sun? Yes, Please! The Men's Club are taking Silent Auction bids for a 7 night stay in a new, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the village of Matapalo. This is an opportunity for a warm 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. 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

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

Thinking of Adoption? Adoption is a wonderful way to build a family. If you are interested in adoption visit us at www.ccwinona.org or call Catholic Charities in Rochester at 287-2047