

## The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



**sbsbparishes.org**

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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
<b>Rectory</b>	(507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency)

**March 19, 2017**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017

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**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit [sbsbparishes.org](http://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](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 - 10:00pm

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday, March 20** **St Bernard** **8:00 am**  
For the Heitman Family

**Tuesday, March 21** **St Bridget** **8:30 am**  
Peiyong Chang+

**Wed, March 22** **St Bernard** **8:00 am**  
Ralph Dunnigan+

**Thurs, March 23** **St Bernard** **8:00 am**  
Mike Foster+

**Friday, March 24** **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**  
Fr. Don Connelly+

**Care Center** **9:15 am**  
Mary Griffin+

**Saturday, March 25** **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**  
Jennie & Joe Rauh, Sr.+

**Sunday, March 26** **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**  
For St Bridget's & St Bernard's

**St. Bernard** **10:00 am**  
Margaret E. Hanson+

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 25

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Server: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Mary Claeys, Pauline Fontaine, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Joe Rauh,

Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, March 26

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Cameron McCarrick

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Bryttin Henderon, Kira Nelson

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Bayli Henderson,

Mychelle Henderson, Pat Robey

Ushers: Andy Moore, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

Jesus and the Samaritan woman meet at Jacob's well in this week's gospel. The place unites them historically as the well was established before the divide between the Samaritans and the Judeans. However, the divisions had occurred and the woman did not want to give Jesus water because of them. Jesus says that He is what should unite because He is the very "water of life."

There are often divisions between us and other people, even between ourselves and God and so reconciliation must be sought. If we could only see that Jesus is the living water and that He won life back for us at a terrible cost. He is always available to us and we should look inside ourselves and realize that He is the only living water so necessary for life.

Once Jesus had opened the door as it were to a spiritual discussion he won the woman over and she became something of an apostle. Her life had changed and she felt truly alive. Left to ourselves life would just evaporate but with him inside us, we have a fountain of water which surges up and nourishes all that is good within us – we are truly alive. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

In today's first reading the people turn against Moses, but he does the right thing. He turns to God in his need and appeals for the Lord's help. Moses places his total trust in God, and the Lord provides. We need to do the same thing if we are to be productive stewards. If we trust in God implicitly we are well on the way to happiness.

The Samaritan woman learned from Jesus that God loves us where we are and with all of our faults. However, we should confess those faults and repent of them and receive the grace we seek. This brings us peace and it brings us happiness. We just need to trust and persevere and believe and we can attain the happiness and hope promised to all true disciples.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending March 12

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,499.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$203,955.89
YTD Budgeted	\$199,115.50
Over Budget	\$ 4,840.39

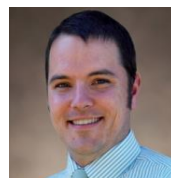
#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,584.26
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 91,084.69
YTD Budgeted	\$102,379.00
Under Budget	\$ 11,294.31 –

**Catholic Ministries Appeal:** Thank you to those who have already supported this important annual appeal. Your generosity is appreciated. Updates on totals will be coming soon. Every registered parishioner is asked to participate in this appeal in some way. Please pray and think about how you will respond.

## 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.



Don't miss Ben Frost's presentation, *Marriage & Family Life: Bringing God Closer*, Sunday, March 19, 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. Childcare will be available from our Youth Group. Bring your children to the Youth Group Room on the school side. A free will donation will go toward the students' Mission Trip in July.

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

**Becoming Catholic Mtg:** If you are 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



**Register for the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Money Class:** The first of nine sessions will be held at St. Bernard's on Monday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00pm in Marian Hall. Register at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com). Questions, contact Andy and Ally Drees at [funkyalygator@yahoo.com](mailto:funkyalygator@yahoo.com)

**Lenten Penance Service:** Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

## Religious Ed

**Thanks!** Thank you so much to all the students who participated in the Shadow Mime Stations! It was nice to have so many of you help out this year. A special thank you goes to Jeanette for playing the music.

**Classes:** Wednesday, March 22.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and a Parent:** You will be going to the Care Center Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please go directly to the Care Center.

**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. Scholarships and fundraising is an option. This includes a coach bus, conference fees, hotel & full breakfast, Diocesan t-shirt, and Region fees. Contact Neal or Krissy if interested.

## St. Bridget

**Choir:** Music ministry at 8:30am Mass on Sunday, April 2. Meet at 7:45am for practice.

**Thank You:** Thanks to the ladies who attended our Women's Luncheon last Saturday and thank you to all the gals who organized and helped in any way. A great time was had by all.

## St. Bernard

**Adult Choir:** Anyone interested in singing in the choir for Holy Week, rehearsals will be after 10am Sunday Mass throughout Lent.

**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.

**Thank You** to St Bernard's parishioners for your generosity toward the Stewartville School REACH Program. Special thanks to the anonymous giver.  
~ Jim Parry

\* **REACH:** Is a program for Stewartville High School and Middle School students who might need basic living necessities such as school supplies, toiletries, shoes and socks and other clothing. Jim Parry of St. Bernard's heads

up this worthy endeavor. Check out REACH Facebook [www.facebook.com/reachstewartville](http://www.facebook.com/reachstewartville)

Twitter: @REACHStewie



**It's Time! Less than 2 weeks until Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner!**

**Checklist:**

- 1) Purchase tickets
- 2) Create a gift basket
- 3) Bring gift basket to the office
- 4) Look into a vacation in Costa

**Rica and decide how much you will bid for the one-week Costa Rica condo accommodations on the Silent Auction. Wouldn't it be nice to get away? ☺**

**5) Contact Ken with your Silent Auction bid [kbt2@triskos.us](mailto:kbt2@triskos.us) or 533-4808**

## Around the Area & Other Notes

**Coping with Life Alone:** Sessions of healing are offered by Beginning Experience of Rochester. For more information call [507-261-8248](tel:507-261-8248) or emailing [beminnnesota@gmail.com](mailto:beminnnesota@gmail.com) to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

**Resources For Married Couples:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website has resources to help support and heal topics such as additions, infertility, miscarriage, finances, infidelity, pornography, illness, and much more. To learn more, visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org). Click on For Every Marriage, then Overcoming Obstacles for a listing of articles and resources.

## Man of God, the Diocese of Winona Men's

**Conference:** Saturday, April 8, at Lourdes High School. Register (\$25) online at: [www.dow.org/event-details/96](http://www.dow.org/event-details/96)  
Questions, contact Ben Frost @ [bfrost@dow.org](mailto:bfrost@dow.org)

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