

# The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

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Stewartville, MN

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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**February 25, 2018**

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

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

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10am

**Becoming Catholic:** Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm. 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. **Homebound:** If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, Feb 26</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Ambrose & Lucy Theobald+
<b>Tuesday, Feb 27</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Carroll Baruth+
<b>Wednesday, Feb 28</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Shirley Mich+
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Fr. Joe Keefe+
<b>Friday, March 2</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Don Sullivan+
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Mike Kean+
<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> Mathias Kellner+
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> For St Bridget's & St Bernard's
	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Ken Watters+

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 3

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: please sign up

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Judy Bunde, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, March 4

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Servers: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Amy Miron

EMC: needed

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Ellah Dodd

Lector: needed

EMC: Konner Dodd, Lisa Dodd, Patty Miller, Rob Miller

Ushers: Andrew Moore, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

Today's first reading is the familiar story of the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham his father. Let us remember that Abraham's son was spared but on the cross, God's son was not and he died for us all and to protect our freedom – which we are called to use in alignment with our baptismal promises. Even when we fail we remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Today's Gospel describes the Transfiguration of Jesus. Only through Jesus' suffering on the cross however will this full glory be realized and shine through. We must carry our smaller but significant crosses also if we are to share in that glory for all time. The renewal of our baptism is our underlying theme for Lent and through baptism we are called to be perfect. If we follow the Lord we shall indeed be transfigured into His image. May God bless us all as together we continue our Lenten journey.



## Stewardship Reflection

Regardless the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us stewards are familiar and which has great meaning; "If God is for us, who can be against us?"• The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us. We understand that we will be judged. Paul's point is if we are judged "not guilty" by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to place our trust in God, and in His love.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Church support for the week ending February 18 will be included in the next bulletin. Due to the ice storm, totals were not available at the time of printing.

## Parish Mission March 16-18



**Embraced by God:** "A Parish Mission is a parish awakening! A time for the whole parish to come together to reflect upon God's word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts and hands." St. Bernard/ St. Bridget will host a Lenten Parish Mission Retreat on March 16-18 at St. Bernard's. Members of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales will direct the retreat entitled: **Time for God in a Busy World**. All are welcome. Visit info.



Fr. John Graden



Joanne Kinney

**Session I:** Friday, March 16, 7- 8:15 pm (Soup at 6pm, dessert after)

**Session II:** Saturday, March 17, 10:30 am–Noon (coffee at 10am – light lunch provided)

**Session III:** Saturday, March 17, 1:30 – 3:00 pm Missioner preaches at all weekend Masses.

***This a major spiritual event: "Time for God in a Busy World" a retreat of sorts spread over Friday through mass on Sunday Mark your calendars and look forward to an enriching and rewarding experience of God's presence, and a sharpening sense of how we can spend the time of our lives.***



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**Stations of the Cross & Benediction:** Monday evenings at St. Bridget's and Friday evenings at St. Bernard's – both begin at 6pm

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Thursday, March 1 at 6:30pm

## Religious Ed & Youth News

**Class:** Wednesday, February 28  
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

**Grade 8 & Up:** Anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older that would like to help with the Shadow Mime Stations can come to rehearsal on Saturday March 3 at 1pm. Please meet in the social hall at St. Bernard's. (The Shadow Mime Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm)

## BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

We meet Sunday evenings in the youth room  
Middle School 4-5:15pm | High School 7-8:30pm

## St Bernard's

**Adult Choir:** Practice Sunday, March 4 & 11 at 8:50am. Music ministry at 10am Mass.

**Men's Club Meeting:** Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the parish library. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend for fellowship and planning.

## St Bridget's

**Choir:** We will provide music ministry at Mass on Sunday, March 11. Meet beforehand at 7:45am.



**Coffee & Donuts:** Join us on Sunday, March 11 as we gather for fellowship and refreshments after Mass.

## Other News & Around the Area

**Stewartville Boy Scouts Chili Feed and Silent Auction (plus Chicken Noodle Soup!):** Sunday, February 25 at the Stewartville Sportsman's Club from 11am-2pm. Tickets in advance or at the door – adults \$8, children \$5, under age 3 free. For info call 507-319-6111

**Why, God? Suffering Through Cancer into Faith:** Assisi Heights, Monday, February 26 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Please visit the website for a full description and registration: [rochesterfranciscan.org](http://rochesterfranciscan.org)

**Chronic Pain: Tools for Surviving and Thriving:** Assisi Heights, February 28, March 7 & 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Visit the website [rochesterfranciscan.org](http://rochesterfranciscan.org)

**St. James Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Information Meeting:** Join us on Friday, March 2 at 6:30 pm at St. James Coffee to find out details of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land this coming October 21-November 1. Spiritual guide is Fr. Joseph Pete. Brochures available at St. James Coffee.

**24 Hours For The Lord:** St. John the Evangelist will offer 24 Hours of Prayer and Reconciliation/Confession on March 9/10. All are welcome for Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 4pm on Friday, March 9 to 4pm on Saturday, March 10. The entrance from the Center Street parking lot will remain open all night long. You are invited to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at [www.sj.org](http://www.sj.org) or by phone at (507) 288-7372.