

# 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 8, 2015**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Parish Registration:** If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

**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:**

Saturday St. Bernard's 9:00-10:00 am & 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Sunday St. Bridget's 7:45 - 8:15 am

Lenten Penance St. Bernard: Wed, March 11, 6:30 pm

**Baptism:** Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

**Marriage:** Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

**Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls:** If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

**Latin Mass:** Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or [www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org](http://www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, March 9</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 8:00 am Ken Mueller+
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	<b>St. Bridget's</b> 8:30 am James P. O'Neill+
<b>Wed, March 11</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 8:00 am For Robert & JoAnn Trenary
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 8:00 am For priests of the diocese
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 8:00 am Helen Smith+
	<b>Care Center</b> 9:15 am Marie Green+
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 8:00 am For Pope Francis' Intention
	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 5:00 pm For Bill & Patty (Hajek) Schroeder families
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	<b>St. Bridget's</b> 8:30 am Carroll Baruth+
	<b>St. Bernard's</b> 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's
	<b>St. Bridget's</b> 1:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, March 14 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Greeters: Diane Woodward

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Lily Spitzer

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Cindy Meyerhofer,

Ushers: Brayde Faulhaber, Alex VandeLoo, Sam VandeLoo,

Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko

**Sunday, March 15 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Terry Smith

**Sunday, March 15 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Rosary: Ginny Hanson

Greeters: Anna Bussman, Janet Speltz

Servers: Chelsea Pierick, Sarah Watters

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd, Ginny Hanson, Matthew

Pierick, Miriam Pierick, Janet Speltz, Pat Robey

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

The temple was a very visible sign of God's presence in the world for the Israelites. Jesus is in fact the true temple – He is the presence of God because He is God. We as church are to be the new temple raised up with Jesus after His horrible crucifixion and death. Jesus is the one who brings us to life. We are called upon to be the living stones of a living temple.

This Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to see how God is present to us each day, not in stones but in people and in the whole of creation. Our journey is really a time of conversion and cleansing: First we are converted to Jesus and then we are cleansed so as to be those living stones of the living temple. I wish you much spiritual success as we approach our Easter destination.

## Stewardship Reflection

In his letter to the Corinthians St. Paul preaches, "We proclaim Christ crucified." A legend is told of a church that placed this statement on an arch leading into the church. However, over time, weeds began to grow over the arch so that the saying could only be seen as "We proclaim Christ." No Crucifixion. More time passed and the only thing that could be seen was "We proclaim." Clearly without Christ and the Cross, simply "proclaiming" is not adequate. Finally, all was blotted out by the weeds except for "We." Is that where we are? Or are we those good stewards who live and proclaim Christ crucified by overcoming the difficulties we encounter as we spread His gospel by using well the gifts he has entrusted to us.

## Special Day of Prayer

**God Rich in Mercy:** On March 13-14 we are asked to offer special prayers – and seek out opportunities for adoration – to be one with Pope Francis in seeing Reconciliation and the Eucharist as being very much at the center of the valid Christian life. We at St. Bernard's/St. Bridget's will follow the example of the Cathedral Parish and offer an 8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard's on Saturday, March 14 for the Intention of the Pope and then there will be an opportunity for Confession between 9-10 am. The church is open all day for people to come and pray in front of the tabernacle which houses, of course, the Blessed Sacrament. The 5:00 pm Mass will center on this also and the Men's Club will offer a supper afterwards. We will be united with the Pontiff and show solidarity with our Universal Church. ~ Fr. W.



St. Bridget's Wednesday at 5:30 pm  
St. Bernard's Thursday at 6:30 pm (Soup at 5:30 pm)

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received as of March 1

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,011.43
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$162,612.30
YTD Budgeted	\$171,428.65
Under Budget	\$ 8,816.35-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,630.13
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 75,711.15
YTD Budgeted	\$ 69,742.88
Over Budget	\$ 5,968.27+

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## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015

(Formerly known as: Diocesan Annual Appeal)



Thank you to those who have made a gift to this worthy appeal. Monies received may only be used for the purposes outlined in the mailing you received. All monies in excess of our goals will go towards the following projects:

**St. Bernard's:** Parish Building Fund aka "Together in Faith" - still \$385,000 to pay off.

**St. Bridget's:** Cemetery Permanent Care – underfunded by \$79,000.

*Please be generous to the works within our diocese and to our own special needs.* Fr. W.

## Our Parishes

**Adults Needed:** Father is looking for three adults to serve at 3:00 pm at St. Bridget's and three to serve at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's for Good Friday, April 3.

**Purple Calendar:** Take a Lenten Schedule for yourself so you know when Stations are, Communal Penance, Holy Week and Easter Mass times.

**Lenten Penance Service:** Additional priests will be at St. Bernard's to hear confessions on Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm.

**Cancer Support Meeting:** Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library.

## St. Bernard's

**Baptism:** Blessings to Alexander James Stinson, son of Brent & Alyssa, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm



**Supper:** The Men's Club wish to invite you to supper on Saturday, March 14, following the 5:00 pm Mass. On the menu: tacos with all the fixings and loaded baked potatoes. Come and enjoy great food with your parish family.

**Adult Choir:** On Sunday, March 22, we'll provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass. Meet at 8:50 am for rehearsal.



**Get Your Tickets!** The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens Club House. Tickets are being sold after Mass (\$20).

**Gift Baskets:** The Men's Club is looking for donations of gift baskets for the Spaghetti Dinner. If you have a business you'd like to promote by donating items or services, this is a great chance, or if you're creative and would be willing to make-up a basket of nifty items, that would be great! Bring them to the parish office or to Mass and give them to the ushers, who will put the baskets in the office for safe-keeping. Questions contact Bill Oswald or Ken Trisko.

**Thank You:** We thank Judy Bunde for her organization for the Soup Suppers. Thank you to her crew!

**Thank You:** To all who helped in any way with the Hamer funeral luncheon last week. From everyone who baked a homemade cake or bars, helped with the place settings on the tables, prep work & cooking, served and last but not least, the clean-up crew. Your ministry does not go unnoticed. You are appreciated! ~ St. Bernard's Funeral Committee



**Calling All Men!** Come to Riverview Greens Clubhouse on Monday, March 23 at 6:00 pm. We will set-up and go over the roles for the Spaghetti Dinner.

**Rosary on Saturdays:** Saturdays at 4:30 pm, the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* will be prayed prior to Mass at St. Bernard's. Prayer cards are available to help you follow along. This will be repeated every Saturday until April 11<sup>th</sup> the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

## Religious Education

### St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**Class:** Wednesday, March 11 at St. Bernard's from either 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Parents:** Bring students to class and then come to Lenten Penance Service in the church.

**Catholicism:** Fr. Wilmot's Special Edition of Catholicism will resume on Wednesday, March 18.

### St. Bridget's

**Choir Practice for Easter:** Wednesday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 24 both at 6:30 pm.

**Spaghetti Dinner Tickets:** If you are interested in purchasing tickets to St. Bernard's Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner, Jim Kuisle will be selling them after Mass. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

**Women's Luncheon:** Saturday, April 25 with a "Spring Fling" theme. Pray for spring! Put on your calendar for now – details to follow.

## Around The Area

**Hans Peterson in Concert:** Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 pm at the Performing Arts Center in Stewartville. Hans in concert featuring a full band; acoustic guitar, piano, bass, drums, electric guitar, wooden flute, and fiddle. Born and raised in an Alaskan village only accessible by barge or airplane, Hans has been performing since he got a hold of his grandpa's ukulele at age 6. With a soothing voice like John Denver, driving acoustic guitar, and creative piano playing, Hans draws an audience in with honest story telling in his songs. Free-will donation.

**Confirmed 17-25 year olds:** Are you concerned about the environment? Do you care about people in poverty? You are invited to learn more about becoming a Third Order Franciscan (Secular). We are men and women who are called by God to pray, live simply, give to the poor and care for God's creation. We meet monthly. The next gathering is Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 pm at Lighthouse (4545 North Frontage Rd Hwy 14 W). We will pack food for developing countries. Questions contact Nichole 507-696-3026.