

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

**April 26, 2015**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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:** Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4:00-4:30 pm  
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

**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.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, April 27</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Patty Hastings+	
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	For those who suffer depression	
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Tina Chinn+	
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For Marijane Irlbeck	
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For Pauline Fontaine	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Florence Koelsch+	
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	Jennie Rauh+	
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Richard Baker+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

## Liturgical Ministries

### Saturday, May 2 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Kevin & Kari Koenigs

Rosary: Midge Block

Servers: Adam & Samantha Koenigs

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton,

Cindy Meyerhofer, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan,

Dan Rainey

### Sunday, May 3 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Chelsea Galbraith

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Mary Elton, Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

### Sunday, May 3 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Diane Woodward

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Chelsea Pierick

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Marilyn Eisen, Dorothy Hurley, Mary Hustak, Karen

Volkart, Jan Owen, Scott Christian, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

Today is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday" The Good Shepherd is one of many metaphors to describe Jesus. Today's gospel passage is a pronouncement which contrasts "the good shepherd" with those who may seem to act in this role but are far from the standard of quality care; those shepherding for their own agendas, for monetary gain, for prestige or for some other worldly reason. These are not emulating the Lord, of course.

We have heard Pope Francis remark on shepherds who have the "smell of the sheep" on them, so intimate are they with their flock. Those who are completely dedicated to caring for the flock are the ones who will be pleasing to the ultimate shepherd. Our Church is in fact based upon what we might call a "care" model and we are called to be part of that. Let us then, whether as clergy or lay, witness to the presence of Jesus by caring well for those around us. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

It is interesting to note that the Greek word for shepherd was the same word for pastor. • Jesus is the Good Shepherd, but our lives may well be filled with many shepherds, many who will truly sacrifice all for us. That is why in many parts of the world this Sunday also contains a heavy element relating to vocations. Jesus love for us as reflected by the image of the Good Shepherd calls us to try to be a shepherd to our friends, our family, all with whom we may come in contact. That, too, is stewardship. Going back to the theme of Resurrection and life Jesus states, I lay down my life in order to take it up again I have the power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. It is our choice, and a good one, to be that good steward, that good shepherd.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received as of April 19

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,433.55
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$203,212.30
YTD Budgeted	\$205,714.38
Under Budget	\$ 2,502.08-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,081.45
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 90,653.50
YTD Budgeted	\$ 83,691.46
Over Budget	\$ 6,962.04+

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## Our Parishes

**Quilting / Sewing Group:** This group consists of members of both parishes and they meet every other Thursday afternoon in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 7. Come whenever you can between 1:00-3:30 pm. New faces always welcome!

**Social Concerns Committee Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's parish library.

**Be Bold. Be Catholic:** It's less than a month away until Matthew Kelly's "Passion & Purpose" event at St. Bernard's. On Saturday, May 16 from 7:00-10:45 pm Matthew Kelly, along with the talented singer, Eliot Morris will present this special retreat. There are still tickets available in the parish office - \$39 each which includes resource materials for the event. Tickets are also available online at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

**Respect Life:** You are invited to take part in the *One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies* prayer event for the weekend of Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3. The Rosary is offered across the world for the intention of ending surgical and non-surgical abortions. Offer a Rosary at your convenience that weekend.

**Bulletin Items:** Krissy Sullivan will be in charge of the bulletin next week so if you have announcements, get them to her by Wednesday morning.

**Graduating Seniors:** A special blessing at the Masses on Sunday, May 17 will be held for our senior students.

## St. Bernard

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, May 3 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am

**First Communion:** Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 am

**Men's Club Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**Breakfast:** The Men's Club will be serving breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm

**Card Bingo at the Care Center:** Jeanette Fortier will be leading Bingo with the residents; May 27, June 10, July 1 & August 5 – Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Youth are needed to help with this.

**Thank You:** To all those who helped with the cemetery clean-up last Saturday morning. You are appreciated!

## Religious Education

**Regular Classes Wednesday, April 29:** 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.



Please join us at St. Bridget's for our **Family Fun Night** on Wednesday, May 6th. We will have a potluck supper from 6:00-6:30 pm and then bingo from 6:30-7:30 pm. Everyone is invited!

Please bring a dish to share. Families with the last name that start with the letters:

A-G side dish

H-O dessert

P-Z main dish

We hope to see everyone at St. Bridget's on May 6<sup>th</sup>!!

## St. Bridget

**Baptism:** Blessings to Aiden Michael Wayne, son of Scott & Lindsey, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

**Finance Council & Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, April 28. Finance meets at 6:30 pm and Pastoral Council meets at 7:15 pm.

**Ladies Spring Luncheon:** Next Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am, all women of the parish are invited to the social hall to enjoy lunch, fellowship and entertainment.

**Choir:** Meet on Sunday, May 10 at 7:45 pm for practice followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

**Breakfast for First Communicants & Graduating Seniors:** Mark it on your calendar to join us on Sunday, May 17 after Mass as we honor our students in a special way.

## Around The Area

**Day of Prayer for Those with Cancer:** On Saturday, May 2, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin (5250 Justin Rd) is hosting a day of prayer beginning with Mass at 12:15 pm followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance will be offered before and after Mass. On this special day of prayer, we will seek Saint Peregrine's intercession for people who are affected by cancer.

**School Carnival:** The annual St John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School Carnival will be held on Friday, May 8 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the St John campus. The school will be filled with fun, games and food. Proceeds go directly to our Home & School Association.

**Young Ladies:** Are you a single woman between the ages of 22-35 desiring a sense of community through your daily living? Rochester Area Catholic Young Adult Ministry is proud to announce the opening of a Catholic Women's Household, and we are looking for young adult women who desire to strive for holiness. If you are interested in learning more, contact Dana Petricka [dana.petricka@paxchristchurch.org](mailto:dana.petricka@paxchristchurch.org)

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## Diocese of Winona

**Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information:** The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin, at 507-858-1264, or [pmartin@dow.org](mailto:pmartin@dow.org)