

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN

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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
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May 7, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter May 7, 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 and Intentions

Monday, May 8	St Bernard David Miland+	8:00 am
Tuesday, May 9	St Bridget Redempta O'Neill+	8:30 am
Wednesday, May 10	St Bernard Gene Robinson+	8:00 am
Thursday, May 11	St Bernard For the Haack Family	8:00 am
Friday, May 12	St. Bernard Lester Lentz+	8:00 am
	Care Center Fr. Don Connelly+	9:15 am
Saturday, May 13	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	5:00 pm
Sunday, May 14	St. Bridget Laurence Kuisle+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Marijane Irlbeck+	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 13

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Darrel & Terri Elsbernd

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Dorothy Hurley

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan

Sunday, May 14

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Steve & Glynis Sturm

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: needed

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

This Sunday, in both our parishes, children will be receiving Christ for the first time as Eucharist. It is a wonderful day for them as the Shepherd of the flock actually enters them and becomes part of their body and soul and lives in this special way. They should give thanksgiving to God for this and have their simple, child-like faith nourished by their teachers and parents so that they will grow with Jesus in strength of faith and the true wisdom that comes only from God.

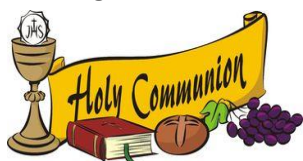
I'm afraid the Eucharist is becoming more and more abused these days, even a source of scandal. The rules for reception, briefly outlined on the inside cover of the Today's Missal, states "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession." Here's just one example, and there are others: Living together as a couple sharing sexual intimacy outside the bonds of a valid sacramental marriage, even if affianced, is a grave sin. And yet willy-nilly the Eucharist is received.

If we claim to be sheep of the one true flock, then let us hear the voice of the Shepherd coming through His Church, and behave accordingly. We are called to set a good example for the likes of our young who will receive Christ for the first time this day and show proper reverence to the Eucharist. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus is our example of someone who suffered. He bore our sins. He endured punishment. When He was rejected and reviled, He did not respond in kind, but with more commitment to us and His Father. We were healed through Him. We can be sheep who have gone astray. This Easter season is our time to return to our Shepherd and the Savior of our souls. We have been called, and it is a calling to which we need to respond. The good and responsible stewardship of our time, talent and treasure is the best response of all. This is how we express our faith.

Blessings to our First Communicants: Aubrey Apland,



Jacob Billings, Carter Cloutier, Greta Frost, Mary Griffin, Dayton Hayes, Morgan Huber, Grant Jeardeau, Dale Johnson, Rylee Lilly, Mathew Matejka,

Braeden Milz, Maryclaire Miron, Katie Nelson, James O'Neill, Julian Peterson, Hailee Schmitz, Corrina Tonn, and Holly Sexton

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 30

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,335.50
Online Giving & Auto	\$ 1,660.00
Total	\$ 5,995.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$243,131.69
YTD Budgeted	\$236,786.00
Over Budget	\$ 6,345.69

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,698.00
Online Giving & Auto	\$ 1,735.00
Total	\$ 3,433.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$115,564.74
YTD Budgeted	\$121,748.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,183.26 –



Catholic Ministries Appeal: If you have not participated, please do so. Every registered household is encouraged to support this annual appeal. You've received the mailings, please use the envelopes provided or use the envelopes in the pews or donate online at www.catholicfsmn.org

St Bernard Goal	\$26,470
Received	\$19,241
Donors	109

St Bridget Goal	\$ 9,930
Received	\$ 7,808
Donors	27

Our Parishes



Did You Know? It is customary to give your parish a stipend (gift of money) for receiving holy sacraments such as baptism. Now you know 😊

Our Parishes



Married Couples: We have a ministry for married couples to assist with marriage preparation. The married couple would meet with an engaged couple, go over the pre-marital test results, and share their faith and insight. This may be every few months or a couple of times a year - it isn't very often, and you schedule the meetings to fit your busy lifestyle. If interested or if you want additional details, please contact Anna Goff at amgoff@charter.net

Cancer Support Group: Tuesday, May 16 at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Widows' Support Group: Meet on Thursday, May 18 at 10am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, May 18 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. New faces welcome. We will teach you!

Graduates Mass: A special blessing upon graduating seniors on Sunday, May 21 at both parishes.

33 Days to Morning Glory Changed to Sunday Afternoons: It appears Sunday afternoons work better for individuals so we'll plan on beginning Sunday, June 11 for a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. We will meet each Sunday from 3-4:30pm for six weeks for the 33 Days to Morning Glory. Please sign up by May 15 so materials can be ordered. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space at St. Bernard's. Questions, contact Cindy Meyerhofer 507-273-9847

St. Bridget

Choir: Sunday May 14 meet at 7:45am followed by music ministry at 8:30am Mass

Health & Wellness Sessions: We are starting the sessions on Monday evening May 15, 5:30pm in the old hall at St. Bridget's (downstairs in rectory). The cost is \$5 per session. Everyone is welcome to join. If you have questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan jrsheehan@hotmail.com



Breakfast: On Sunday, May 21 we will enjoy breakfast in honor of our First Communicants and graduating seniors.

Religious Ed

Thank You, Thank You! Thank you to those who helped with the Highway Clean-up and thank you to everyone who helped with the Family Fun Night. You are all very much appreciated! ~ Krissy

Totus Tuus, VBS and Fall Registration: All forms can be found in the gathering space at St. Bernard's. Contact Krissy to have forms emailed to you. Registration forms are on the parish website, where you can fill them out and submit payment.

Card Bingo at the Care Center: Do you want to play bingo with the residents? Please join us Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm at the Stewartville Care Center. Contact Jeanette with questions 358-7144



Car Wash: SBSB Youth Group is planning a car wash at St. Bernard's the weekend of May 20/21. Profits made will go toward our mission trip in July.

St. Bernard



Mother's Day Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast in honor of moms on Sunday, May 14 after the 10am Mass

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, May 21, 8:50am, sing at 10am

Thank You: The St. Bernard Cemetery Committee wishes to thank the 11 people who helped with the spring clean-up Saturday, April 22. It took about 90 minutes. A special thank you is extended to the two young people who picked up the pine cones near the main gate.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Rochester Serra Club invite you to join them in prayer in observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, May 7. "Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parishes hear your call and follow your voice with courage and open and generous hearts as they discern their vocation. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated women. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen." For information about the Serra Club contact Ed Rowley at (507) 287-0153 or Dorothy Arendt (507) 289-2416