

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
2123 County Rd 16 SE
Rochester, MN

website: sbsbparishes.org

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Parish Office

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| Location | 116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976 |
| Office Hours | Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm |
| Phone | (507) 533-8257 |
| Rectory | (507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency) |

May 14, 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

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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

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| Monday, May 15 | St Bernard | 8:00 am |
| | For the Heitman Family | |
| Tuesday, May 16 | St Bridget | 8:30 am |
| | Mary Strei+ | |
| Wednesday, May 17 | St Bernard | 8:00 am |
| | Mike Foster+ | |
| Thursday, May 18 | St Bernard | 8:00 am |
| | Fr. Donald Grubisch+ | |
| Friday, May 19 | St. Bernard | 8:00 am |
| | For the souls in Purgatory | |
| | Care Center | 9:15 am |
| | For Eileen Finn | |
| Saturday, May 20 | St. Bernard | 5:00 pm |
| | For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's | |
| Sunday, May 21 | St. Bridget | 8:30 am |
| | Special Intention | |
| | St. Bernard | 10:00 am |
| | Margaret E. Hanson+ | |

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 20

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Greeters: Chris & Diane Gray

Servers: David & Sarah Watters

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Emily Kiefer, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan,

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Sunday, May 21

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Roger Roeder

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Jim & Melinda Otto

Servers: Emilee & Olivia Otto

Lector: Amy Edholm

EMC: Mary Hustak, Pat Robey, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

The word "church" is rooted in the Greek word "ecclesia" which referred not to a building but to "an assembly of people meeting in public" Although we naturally call our places of worship churches, the Church is the people of God. The Catholic Church, which is Trinitarian, was established by Christ and is made up of people who share the one belief regarding the suffering, dying and risen Lord who remains with us in Church and Sacrament. .

What should this mean for us? We heard in today's reading of the first letter of St. Peter: "... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house," in reference to membership. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a church with living stones, namely ourselves.

We, as the Church and as our parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a faith community, not just a community of worshipers, but a community to reach out and serve others while being supportive of our local parish community and its endeavors. In order to do that, we need each member to offer something of himself or herself. Indeed we might remember the motto: We are the Church together. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

In a message to a celebration about the Church being the people, Pope Francis has said: " It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us. To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part. One of the principle ways to be open to others is to serve others through the Church by the best use of our Time, and our Talent and our Treasure as good and responsible stewards.



Happy Mother's Day. I extend today my blessings on all good mothers who work so hard to bring their children to the Lord each week and who teach them daily how to live as God's children. God is our Father and Mary our heavenly mother but where would we be without the earthly mothers who sacrifice so much for their young. Fr.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending May 7

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,231.00 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,381.50 |
| YTD Received | \$247,362.69 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$242,167.50 |
| Over Budget | \$ 5,195.19 |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 1,329.25 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$116,893.99 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$124,515.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 7,621.01 – |



Catholic Ministries Appeal Update: Use the envelopes provided in the mailing you received at home or use the envelopes in the pews or donate online at www.catholicfsmn.org

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| St Bernard Goal | \$26,470 |
| Received | \$19,361 |
| Donors | 111 |

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

Our Parishes



Last Call: If you wish to be a part of the church photo directory, you must sign up by Monday, May 15. The link will be unavailable after that. Go to the parish website and easily find the link. Also, we are looking for hosts and hostesses to assist with picture-taking days, by greeting parishioners and helping to move progress along nicely. Contact the parish office.

Thanks Jeannette Sheehan for providing the beautiful floral crowns for this week's First Communion Masses in both our parishes. They are a fitting tribute to our blessed Mother: 'Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May'. Fr.W.

Our Parishes

Cancer Support Group: Tuesday, May 16 at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's. Questions call Chet 533-0008.

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm

Deadline for Sign-Up is Monday for 33 Days to Morning Glory: 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. Please sign up by Monday, May 15 so materials can be ordered. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering space at St. Bernard's or contact Cindy Meyerhofer 507-273-9847

Married Couples: Are you willing to share your insight and wisdom with our engaged couples? We have a ministry for married couples to assist with marriage preparation. If interested or if you want additional details, please contact Anna Goff at amgoff@charter.net

St. Bridget

Health & Wellness Sessions: Join us Monday evening May 15, 5:30pm in the old hall at St. Bridget's. \$5 per session. 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

Did Your Child Misplace A Jacket? Several jackets were left during Family Night. Check the coat rack by the north entry on the school side, by the parish library.

Summer Faith Opportunities Are Right Around The Corner. Get your kids registered!

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Ages 3 years old through grade 4, June 12-16, from 9:00-11:30am

Totus Tuus: Grades 1-12, July 9-14

Forms can be found in the gathering space at St. Bernard's or contact Krissy to have forms emailed to you.

Registration for Fall Religious Ed Classes: Register early to get your desired class for the little ones. Forms are on the parish website, where you can fill out and submit payment, or contact Krissy to have one emailed to you.

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



BBQ & Car Wash : The Youth Group will be grilling some tasty food and holding a car wash Saturday and Sunday, May 20 & 21. Profits will go toward our mission trip in July.

Grades 8-12: Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center on July 14-16. Visit www.partnershipforyouth.org Students interested in attending contact Neal.

The need for volunteers is great. No special training is required except for First Aid where CPR certification is needed. Sign up at www.partnershipforyouth.org/volunteer/ Direct any questions to Pam Beaulieu at 952-224-0333 or email rochester@partnershipforyouth.org

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Amalia Beth Mai, daughter of Andrew & Julie, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, May 21 & 28, 8:50am, sing at 10am