

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
Office Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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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 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 533-8257 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 - 10:00 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 St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

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 3rd 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.rochesterlatinmassociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Jan 12	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Patty Hastings+	
Tuesday, Jan 13	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	Leroy Brown+	
Wednesday, Jan 14	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Earl & Agnes Youngblut+	
Thursday, Jan 15	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	For Jan Heitman	
Friday, Jan 16	St. Bernard's	8:00 am
	Larry Gunderson+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Helen Majerus+	
Saturday, Jan 17	St. Bernard's	5:00 pm
	For the Sturm Families	
Sunday, Jan 18	St. Bridget's	8:30 am
	Jim Clark+	
	St. Bernard's	10:00 am
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	
	St. Bridget's	1:00 pm
	Latin Mass	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Jan 17 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Servers: Samantha Koengs, Eric Lamb

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Mary Claeys

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs

Sunday, Jan 18 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Marilyn Baker

Sunday, Jan 18 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Servers: Hannah Otto

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Ginny Hanson, Krissy Sullivan, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Jerry Finn, Gene Peters,

Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Ministers: The schedule for February is available – please check the dates for availability for yourself.

Pastor's Corner

This weekend Prince Singh and Karen Greenslade will be welcomed into our faith community during a special rite celebrated during the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Bernard's. They have already been baptized but will now formally begin their journey, through the RCIA program, towards full inclusion into the Catholic Faith. We wish them well and promise our prayers and support.

People ask why Jesus was baptized – since He was sinless. John's baptism was a sign of repentance for sin. Jesus identifies with us and takes on all the sin of the world – which He will overcome on our behalf. Our baptism is a sacrament during which the Father calls us to live a worthy life as His children and the Holy Spirit comes to us as our guide and support.

Each Easter we renew our baptismal promises. We renounce sin and Satan and promise to live the life of Christ. Today's celebration should call to mind again the meaning of our baptism and its relation to the baptism of Jesus. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Today we see Jesus; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God proclaims, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

Each time we make the Sign of the Cross we reinforce our belief in the Trinity, and each time we make the sign we should think of the beauty of the concept. "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit... now and forever."

St. Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart." Stewardship, of course, involves a conversion of the heart. Each of us must strive for that conversion, and it is most easily accomplished through prayer and liturgy.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of January 4 Includes HolyDay –Mother, Mary of God

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,353.38
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$119,136.82
YTD Budgeted	\$132,244.96
Under Budget	\$ 13,108.14-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,987.15
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 63,517.35
YTD Budgeted	\$ 53,801.65
Over Budget	\$ 9,715.70+

Our Parishes

First Friday Visits: Those of you who would like a Communion visit from Father the first Friday of the month between 10:00 am & 12 noonish, please call the office 533-8257 and leave a message.

Bulletin in the Mail: Those who cannot make it to Mass because of the weather, if you wish to have a bulletin mailed to you, call Pam.

Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose: We are very excited to have Matthew Kelly and special musical guest Eliot Morris at St. Bernard's on May 16 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$39 each. Contact the parish office to purchase your tickets. This event will sell out.

Last Call for Ticket Contest Deadline Thursday, January 15: College students from St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's can win free tickets to the Matthew Kelly event. Submit an essay of "What It Means To Be Catholic". This is sponsored by St. Bernard's Men's Club. Send to Fr. John P. Wilmot, St. Bernard's, 116 4th Ave SE, Stewartville, MN 55976

Mass Intentions: St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's is accepting Mass Intentions for your loved ones, living or deceased. Each Mass is \$5, and limited to four Masses per person at this time. Checks are to be made out to the parish. Contact Pam in the office.

St. Bernard's

Choir: Practice will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 8:50 am followed by singing at 10:00 am Mass.



Exciting News! In case you haven't heard, St. Bernard's Men's Club will be holding their famous Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner this year! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens. The homemade sauce and meatballs is made by the Men's Club. They serve and host the entire event. Some assistance is provided from ladies and youth as well as a few folks from St. Bridget's! There is much work to be done and many hands needed to make this event another huge success. All men of the parish and anyone interested in helping are invited to attend the Men's Club Meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Finance & Pastoral Council Meetings: Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm for Finance followed by Pastoral Council at 7:15 pm both in the parish library.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Thank You: We are very grateful to the Helen Smith family for money donated in her name to our "Together in Faith Campaign: Phase III " Helen, mother of Emily Kiefer, was buried in Adams but resided for some time at the Care Center in Stewartville and was a faithful member of St. Bernard's.

Religious Ed News

Faith Formation Classes: All grades in both parishes will have classes Wednesday, January 14 at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.



Last week we were able to post the cancelation of Religious Ed classes due to the cold. It's a handy way of getting the word out and communicating ☺

St. Bridget's

Heartfelt Thanks: Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls and visits and cards. Special thanks to the ladies of St. Bridget's for the luncheon and to Fr. Wilmot for the beautiful service. ~ Pat Lynaugh

Council Meetings: Tuesday, January 13 6:30 pm for Finance and 7:15 pm for Pastoral.

Choir: We will sing at Mass on Sunday, January 25.

Thank You: We are very grateful to the John Lynaugh family for donating money in his name to St. Bridget's Cemetery Fund.

Around The Area

9 Days for Life Novena: Catholics are encouraged to participate in prayer, penance and pilgrimage, January 17-25. The "9 Days for Life" novena encourages nationwide solidarity in prayer for daily intentions, including for couples experiencing infertility, those mourning the loss of a child through abortion, children in need of adoptive homes, for an end to abortion and use of the death penalty. The initiative is part of the 2014-15 Respect Life Program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) with the theme "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation". Each day of the program raises awareness on issues such as domestic violence, post-abortion healing, pornography addiction and end-of-life matters.

Step Ahead Learning & Tutoring: St. John's Lutheran Church and Wee Care in Stewartville is starting a tutoring reading and math enrichment program for grades 1-3. An Open House & Registration Night will be held Tuesday, January 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm at St. John's (111 2nd Ave NE) 533-4420.