

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
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February 1, 2015

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.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Feb 2 **St. Bernard's** **8:00 am**
The Presentation of the Lord For Jan Heitman

Tuesday, Feb 3 **St. Bridget's** **8:30 am**
Ned Falk+

Wednesday, Feb 4 **St. Bernard's** **8:00 am**
Clint Leeper+

Thursday, Feb 5 **St. Bernard's** **8:00 am**
Marlyse & Frank Neuzil+

Friday, Feb 6 **St. Bernard's** **8:00 am**
For Marcelle Fontaine

Care Center **9:15 am**
For the residents

Saturday, Feb 7 **St. Bernard's** **5:00 pm**
John Giehtbrock+

Sunday, Feb 8 **St. Bridget's** **8:30 am**
Ed & Frances O'Neill+

St. Bernard's **10:00 am**
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Feb 7 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Lacy Jewson

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Mary Lynch, Donna Reese

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey, Bill Rincken,

Dan Schoeppner

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

Server: Jacob Twohey

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Pam Kuisle

Sunday, Feb 8 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Chris Gawarecki

Greeters: Gene & Sharon Bernard

Servers: Chelsea Pierick, Sarah Watters

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Matthew Pierick, Miriam Pierick, Karen Volkart,

Kim Yennie

Cantor: Choir sings

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Andy Moore, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

By the time of Jesus we had Scribes (rabbis) who were thought to share, by virtue of their study and "ordination", in the authority of Moses. However, their decisions were often varied and complicated – even contradictory. Therefore their authority was suspect. The people hardly knew where they stood in terms of the Torah. When Jesus, taught, he did so with real authority. He often used stories (parables) but there was never a doubt about his teaching on all aspects of the faith. He spoke with authority and this shone through also in his miraculous power over nature and over demons and unclean spirits. It was easy to recognize therefore that the word of Jesus was the true word of God.

We must follow our consciences but our consciences must be guided. Jesus established His church in order to teach and guide people in the ways of truth and right. We are called to be a people of God and to live like it. To do this we must humbly submit to the authority of Jesus Christ and, certainly in matters concerning faith and morals, His Church. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We may understand, as Moses predicted, that Jesus was the Chosen One; He was the One sent by God to teach us and to save us. We may even appreciate St. Paul's perspective that focus on God is so important in our lives. However, when it comes to completely submitting to God, to becoming good disciples and stewards, as Jesus expects of us, we may not be able to get past the idea of serving, of being subservient to God and others. Even the "unclean spirit" presented in the Gospel today acknowledges this respect by saying: "I know who you are – the Holy One of God." We need to yield to the power and presence of the Lord and His authority, and we need to be good stewards in that regard.



If you have a FB account, search: St Bernard's and St. Bridget's

If you don't have a Facebook account but have computer access, go to our website and find the Facebook link on the left side of the page.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of January 25

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,697.18
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$138,147.85
YTD Budgeted	\$146,938.85
Under Budget	\$ 8,791.00-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 971.26
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 67,415.26
YTD Budgeted	\$ 59,779.62
Over Budget	\$ 7,635.64+

Our Parishes

Pilgrimage to Participate in the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit: You're invited to join the Diocese of Winona for the 2015 World Meeting of Families Conference in Philadelphia. Conceived by St. John Paul II in 1994 to help strengthen the sacred bonds of families across the globe, this powerful event energizes and enlivens. The theme for this year is: "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive". Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be joining the conference in Philadelphia this year: celebrate alongside thousands Sept 21- 27/28. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event. The Diocese of Winona is pleased to offer two pilgrimage options: by air or by bus. Cost per person begins at \$1395(bus) or \$1695 (plane). See canterburypilgrimages.com, along the top click "Reservations", then on the left for destination choose "Philadelphia". You may call them at 800-653-0017.

Social Justice Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan History Books: We still have some history books. Samples are at each parish. Stop in to the parish office or if you can't make it during office hours, contact Pam to make arrangements for payment and pick-up. Cost is \$35 each.

Matthew Kelly Tickets: You may purchase your tickets (\$39 each) at the parish office. If you can't stop in during office hours, call and make arrangements. Oftentimes Father is in the office in the evenings.

St. Bernard's

Men's Club Meeting: Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Men's Club Meatball Making Day: Saturday February 7. Contact Rob Miller rpmiller7@northlc.com or Nick Sullivan nicksullivan1188@gmail.com for a shift time to help 7:00-11:00 am, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, 3:00-7:00 pm.

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



Join fellow parish members in the social hall after Mass on Sunday, February 8 to enjoy great food and conversation.

Cemetery Meeting: The St. Bernard Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner Tickets: Several of the men in the parish are selling tickets and tickets are also available for purchase in the office and at the Crossroads License Bureau. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens Club House. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes a full spaghetti meal, non-stop entertainment, prizes, a grand prize drawing for a HDTV and much, much more! Make checks payable to St. Bernard's Men's Club.

Thank You: St. Bernard's Parish would like to thank the family of Peg Himmer for memorial monies, which will go toward our building fund. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank You: We wish to thank you for your recent donation of \$600 to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Because of your generosity we are able to continue serving the needy in our area.

Religious Ed News

Faith Formation Classes: Grades in both parishes will have regular religious ed classes Wednesday, February 4 at St. Bernard's from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. Grade 3 and their parents will meet at the Care Center at 6:30 pm to play Card Bingo with the residents.

Adult Catholicism: All adults are welcome at St. Bernard's on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Drop the kids off for class and join us in the church as Fr. Wilmot and/or Cindy Meyerhofer lead the session.

F.A.I.T.H. NIGHT

Wednesday, February 11

at St. Bernard's

Serving Taco Supper beginning at 5:30 pm

Religious Ed Classes & Adult Session

at 6:30 pm

Donated cookies or bars appreciated!

Contact Krissy 533-8192.

St. Bridget's

A Note From the Women's Shelter in Rochester: Thank you so much for your generous gift of the four tied blankets. Your donation helps to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, criminal and civil court advocacy and outreach to domestic violence victims and their children who are struggling to live a life free from violence. Items such as yours help keep costs down so we can utilize tax dollars more effectively and efficiently. We firmly believe that no one deserves to be beaten and no one should be afraid in their own home. Thank you for your support, Suzie Christenson, Executive Director

Choir: We will provide music ministry next Sunday, February 8 during Mass. Meet at 7:45 am for practice. New voices always welcome to join in.

Adorer Needed: Mondays from 2:00-3:00 pm. Call Kathy if you are interested 269-8065

Around The Area

Invitation: The objectives and purposes of Serra Clubs are to foster, promote, encourage and affirm vocations to the religious life. Join us on Friday, February 6 at Resurrection Church, beginning with Mass at 11:30 am, followed by lunch and a presentation. Call Ed Rowley 287-0153 with your reservation and any questions.

Coffee and Canvas: Come join in for an evening of painting, reflection and fun at St. James Coffee on Saturday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 which supports the mission of St. James Coffee. Tickets are available at St. James. Invite a friend and purchase tickets to reserve your spot. Limited space.

Troop 56 Boy Scouts Chili Feed (& Chicken Noodle Soup) & Bake Sale: Sunday, February 8 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Stewartville Sportsman's Club. Adults \$6, Seniors & Children \$4.