

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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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 10, 2015
6th 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 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 at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Monday, May 11 | St. Bernard Ida Wicks+ | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, May 12 | St. Bridget Gary Braun+ | 8:30 am |
| Wednesday, May 13 | St. Bernard Mike Foster+ | 8:00 am |
| Thursday, May 14 | St. Bernard Les Wernimont+ | 8:00 am |
| Friday, May 15 | St. Bernard Peg Himmer+ | 8:00 am |
| | Care Center Helen Majerus+ | 9:15 am |
| Saturday, May 16 | St. Bernard LaVonne Schoeppner+ | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, May 17 | St. Bridget Mary Griffin+ | 8:30 am |
| | St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's | 10:00 am |

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, May 16 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Sharon Theobald, Diane Woodward

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Lily Welch

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Judy Bunde, Marilyn Eisen, Pauline Fontaine,

Jim Nosbisch, Bill Rinken

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey

Sunday, May 17 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Needed

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Britt Noser, Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, May 17 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeters: Steve Sturm

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Erica Lamb

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Jan Owen, Kim Yennie
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Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

We see in today's readings how all who are well disposed to the love of the Lord and are willing to follow His most loving commandments will realize salvation through Him. Peter learns in the First reading that our faith movement is not just for Jews but also for gentiles. All people of good will are welcome to participate in the life of the Church.

Jesus wants us all to be happy and in order to be happy we must love as He loves us. As well as our Second Reading from 1 John today, we might well turn to St. Paul's First letter to the Corinthians, 13. I advise all of us to read this passage again and again until its contents are written on our hearts. It speaks of that true, good love of neighbor which will make both happier and holier for having experienced it.

Jesus wants our joy to be complete and it will only be so when we have truly embraced God's love for us and work on our love for Him and our neighbor. We learn how to love from our parents who teach us by word and example how to follow joyfully the commandments. On Mother's Day then, let us appreciate the love we have received and make sure it is well used. Happy Mother's Day and God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

St. John calls us to love in the second reading and this love, as is that we receive from God is self-giving without expectation of a return. It is the kind of love God feels for us. Too often we may do something with the expectation of getting something back. To practice stewardship in a pure sense, we need to love the way God loves us. That is central to what John is trying to teach and explain to us. You may have heard the expression "God is love" before; however, we must accept that love, and we must commit ourselves to loving in the same way. If we do that, God's love through us can transform not only us but also those around us.



Thank you to those who have supported the Catholic Ministries Appeal. St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's have goals for this appeal. If every registered household would participate, our goals would be easily made. Please consider making a donation.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of May 3

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,797.00 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 4,897.96 |
| Fiscal YTD Received | \$211,809.80 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$215,510.31 |
| Under Budget | \$ 3,700.51 - |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 1,262.03 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 1,992.65 |
| Fiscal YTD Received | \$ 93,721.55 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 87,676.77 |
| Over Budget | \$ 6,044.78 + |

Our Parishes

Quilting / Sewing Group: This group meets every other Thursday afternoon in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. It's open to parish members of St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's. The next gathering will be Thursday, May 14 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm.



Mass at St. Bernard's on Saturday, May 16 – Matthew Kelly Day: Mass will be held at normal time – 5:00 pm. Everyone will need to exit the building after Mass so that set-up can take place. If you're going to the Matthew Kelly event, re-enter using your ticket. No ticket sales at the door.



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

St. Bernard

Thank You: To those who helped with the Fritsche funeral luncheon last week, your help is appreciated. Those who helped set up on Monday night and those who helped prepare, serve and clean up on Tuesday, you are truly a blessing.

Thanks! Thank you to Krissy Sullivan for your work in the parish office last week. You are great! ☺ ~ Pam C

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

Adult Choir: Practice on May 17 & 24 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am

Card Bingo at the Care Center: Jeanette Fortier invites you to join her as she leads Bingo with the residents; May 27, June 10, July 1 & August 5 – all Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering space or call Jeanette at 358-7144. Youth are especially needed to assist.

Religious Education

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and to everyone who helped in any way last Wednesday evening at St. Bridget's for the Family Fun Night. A good time was had by all!

Thank You: To Craig and Blake Holschlag, Dustin Windschilt, and Tonya Jordan for helping with the highway clean-up on Saturday. I appreciate all your help. ~Krissy

Thank You: To all my catechists for a great year of Religious Ed. If you are interested in teaching next year please let me know. ~ Krissy

Totus Tuus: Scheduled for July 27-31. There are registration forms in the gathering space. Let Krissy know if you are interested in hosting 2 of the team members.

Cleaning the Church: Students in **grades 5-12** are encouraged to come and help clean the church on Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Filling Bags: On Wednesday May 13 we will be filling 750 bags for the Matthew Kelly event. Anyone willing to help, please be at St. Bernard's at 6:30 pm.

St. Bridget

Breakfast: Join us Sunday, May 17 after Mass for breakfast as we honor our First Communicants and our graduating seniors.

Trip to La Crosse: Join us for a fun and spiritual trip to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Chapel and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse. Some of the St. Bridget's group will be carpooling. Please text or call Marilyn Baker at 206-7212 to join us Saturday, May 30.

Around The Area

St. James Coffee Event: This year's BrewHaHa, on Friday, May 22 from 4:30-9:30 pm at the Rochester Event Center features keynote speaker, Bonnie Engstrom, who shares her personal miracle story - which is now the alleged miracle fueling the canonization cause of Ven. Fulton J. Sheen. The evening also includes dinner, auctions, beer tasting and entertainment. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or \$300 for a table of 8, and can be purchased at St. James Coffee or online at stjamescoffee.com under the Events tab.

Adoption is the Loving Option: Are you struggling with infertility? Let Catholic Charities assist you in looking at the adoption option. Visit us at www.ccwinona.org or call Catholic Charities in Rochester 287-2047 for more information.

Gentle Yoga: Yoga is a series of bodily postures and breathing exercises designed to strengthen or align the body in an effort to gain mental and physical control. By quieting the body and mind, these disciplined techniques promote relaxation, reduce stress and bring forth inner peace. Stilling the mind and body are known to aid prayer and healing of a variety of medical conditions. Assisi Heights in Rochester is offering sessions in June, July and August from 6:00-7:00 pm. Call Angie to find out the exact dates 280-2195.

Marriage Retreats: Take time to appreciate and nurture your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are July 17-19 in Buffalo, MN; September 11-13 in International Falls, MN; October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN & November 20-22 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.

HAPPY
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