

## The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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### Parish Office

<b>Location</b>	116 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
<b>Phone</b>	(507) 533-8257
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**July 5, 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](http://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](mailto:frwilmot@aol.com) 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard [mkbrouill@aol.com](mailto: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 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?

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, July 6</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For the priests of our diocese	
<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Marie Sorenson+	
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Communion Word Service	
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	For Marijane Irlbeck	
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Rev. Msgr. Roger A. Swenson+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St. Bernard & St. Bridget	

*Daily Mass at Resurrection Church in Rochester is held Tuesday – Friday at 8:30 am*

## Liturgical Ministries

### **Saturday, July 11 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Servers: Bayli & Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Mary Claeys, Mychelle Henderson, Dorothy Hurley,

Emily Kiefer, Donna Reese

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh

### **Sunday, July 12 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Needed

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Pam Kuisle

### **Sunday, July 12 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb

Servers: Lacy Jewson, Erica Lamb

Lector: Needed

EMC: Laura Peters (several needed at time of printing)

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik



## Pastor's Corner

It is likely that the prophet Ezekiel experienced the calamity of Israel at close hand. He was probably with the people and prophesied in Babylon during the exile. His commission was to get the people to realize that their plight was brought about by their infidelity and that they must renew their faith and repent if they were to enjoy freedom again – and be considered God's chosen ones. Of course, his prophecy often fell upon deaf ears and met hardened hearts but still with the "spirit" of the Lord within him, he persisted and was eventually recognized as a prophet speaking the word of God.

Although there was great enthusiasm for Jesus early on, Jesus now, certainly in Mark 6, meets with wariness and skepticism. Jesus was unable to work wonders among his native people because he was not recognized as one coming from God, let alone as being the Son of God. We should always be aware of the Word of Christ and recognize it as being preached and taught in our midst and also of the fact that the risen Christ – and Son of God – is truly present to work wonders in us and in our lives through the most holy Eucharist.

You won't see me for a few weekends as I'll be off in Europe to visit family, see some sights and squeeze in a much needed few days of retreat. You will be well served at the weekends, however by Fr. James Russell and can attend daily Mass at Resurrection. Happy 4th of July and God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Sometimes, all too often in fact, we feel that all our efforts at living true stewardship and recruiting others to do like-wise, are bearing no fruit. Neither we nor our ideas are gaining any traction within an indifferent parish community. So many people think that the responsible use of time, talent and treasure to further Christ's work is for others and not for them. We get frustrated at our own inability to convince them otherwise. Jesus' response is always that if we rely on Him, if we trust in Him, all things are possible. If we are burdened, there are two ways to address the burden: one is to remove the burden, but the other is to strengthen the back which is bearing it. If we turn to the Lord for strength that will allow us to more easily bear the burdens, the weaknesses, of life. In that way, as Paul indicates, a weakness can actually become a strength.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received as of June 28

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,949.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$248,163.90
YTD Budgeted	\$254,694.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,530.10 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,569.25 (children \$6.50)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$110,861.63
YTD Budgeted	\$103,618.00
Over Budget	\$ 7,243.63 +

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## Our Parishes



**Welcome:** Fr. Jim Russell will be our weekend celebrant July 11 & 12 and July 18 & 19. A missionary priest, Fr. Mike Surufka, Ofm, will celebrate the weekend Masses on July 25 & 26.

**Confirmation Student Sign-In Sheets:** You will not need to sign-in for the months of July and August. We will resume in September.

**Summer Office Hours:** The office will be closed on Fridays in July and August.

**Mass Intentions Accepted:** If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, contact Pam at the parish office. The cost is \$5 per Mass.



**Quilting / Sewing Group:** This group consists of parish members from both churches and meets every other Thursday. Anyone interested in quilting and / or sewing is invited to attend whenever you can. The next gathering is Thursday, July 9 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room (school side) at St. Bernard's.

**33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat:** For those who have registered, the first gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 8 at St. Bridget's from 6:00-7:30 pm. Any questions contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 507-273-9847 or [cindymeyerhofer@q.com](mailto:cindymeyerhofer@q.com)

**Liturgical Ministers:** With having substitute priests this month, please volunteer yourself so that Mass will run smoothly for our visiting priests. Eucharistic Ministers are especially needed for Sunday, July 12.

**Totus Tuus Registrations:** If you plan on having your children attend, please get registrations turned in for planning purposes. Registration forms are set out at both parishes.

**Hello Men.** If you feel like getting away from it all and doing a little praying to recharge your batteries, check out the following: <http://demontrevilleretreat.com> Might be just what you are looking for. Perhaps a few of you could go. Fr.W.

## St. Bernard

**Adorers Needed:** "Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40 We have openings that need to be filled. This can be temporary or permanent. Prayerfully consider spending one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration. The times needed are: Tuesdays 2-3 am, 4-5 am and 7-8 am. Wednesdays 2-3 pm. Contact Pam Mueller to sign up or with questions 254-9478 or 533-1952.



**Wedding Blessings:** Megan Himmer & Lukas Kramer ~ Saturday, July 4

### Men's Club Myth Buster

**Myth:** The St. Bernard Men's Club is an exclusive group and you have to be invited in.

**Fact:** All men of parish are members of the club.

**Fact:** A large number of us get together to organize the Mama Tranchita Spaghetti Dinner.

**Fact:** There are four teams who take turns putting on a monthly breakfast.

**Fact:** We work, in cooperation with our pastor, to be good stewards using club time, talent and treasure to assist church needs/repairs, etc.

**Fact:** We meet monthly to plan, vote and accomplish these things.

Men, if you've never participated in a Men's Club Meeting, or thought you could help cook breakfast for 100 people two or three times a year, you would be surprised at how easy it is. Time just flies by. Oh, and as a side benefit, we even have fun and enjoy some camaraderie. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 pm in the parish library. Consider yourselves invited.



**Pic-a-Nic Time!** One of our own, Neal Abbott, will be entering the seminary August 19. This will not only be a blessed day for him but a proud one for his parents, Brian and Barb, and for us, his parish family. We will have a **picnic after Mass on Sunday, August 16**

to celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Bernard, and also raise some funds to help Neal in the years to come. Neal is working summer jobs and his parents are generous - some financial support from us would go a long way.

**Picnic President:** Father is looking for someone to take the lead, do the organizing and delegating for the picnic in August. An individual, husband and wife team, family, etc. Call the parish office 533-8257.

## St. Bridget

**Choir:** We'll provide music ministry on Sunday, July 12. Meet at 7:45 am for practice.

## Around The Area

**Invitation:** You are invited to the celebration of Fr. Greg Havel's 25 years as a priest. Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Crucifixion at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 12. A lunch and fellowship will follow from 11:30 until 2:00 at the Crucifixion School Auditorium. The church is located at 415 South Second Street in La Crescent and the auditorium at 420 South Second Street.



## Respect Life

### Prayer of Thanks for our Nation's Independence

God our Father, your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters.

His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one.

This message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow.

We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.

Bless our nation and bless each of us. As we thank you for our independence, may we extend its blessings to our youngest brothers and sisters, the children in the womb.

Hasten the day when our nation will be a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.