

# 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
<b>Rectory</b>	(507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency)

**May 1, 2016**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

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**Parish Registration:** 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 – Friday 8:30-2:30 pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10:00 am 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 [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. 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?

**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, May 2</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Margaret O'Neill+	
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+	
<b>Wednesday, May 4</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Arnie Block+	
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Intention for the unborn	
<b>Friday, May 6</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Ollie Fritsche+	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Bob Majerus+	
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	Mike Roeder+	
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	Klann & Gotz families	

### Saturday, May 7

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Amelia Griffin

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Dan Rainey

### Sunday, May 8

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Leo Nose

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Britt Noser, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jamisen Hart

Lector:

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

This Weekend we celebrate with great joy in both our parishes the First Holy Communion of several of our young Catholics. The Eucharist is the keeping of Our Lord's promise that He would remain with us 'always until the end of the world'. It is up to us adults to assure our young that Jesus is indeed with us and most especially in the Holy Eucharist.

Doubtless our children will be dressed to the nines, boys looking handsome in their shirts and ties – even some suits maybe - and girls very pretty in their white dresses, etc. This is a special day, a day of great rejoicing for the children and the family and all kinds of gifts will be given. But let us not forget the greatest gift they are receiving for the first time from God Himself, His sharing of His only and most loving and loved Son.

Parents must keep their promises to God and their children, made at baptism, that they will encourage and foster nourishment and formation in the practices of the faith. Communion is not a “one off” experience, we must ensure that our children are brought to Mass each and every Sunday and that this is the number one priority in life. The Eucharist is after all the very” Source and Summit’ of our faith. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today Jesus makes a point of making it clear to His followers and to us that He is not just saying “Peace” or “Shalom” the way people usually do, as a polite greeting or when bidding someone farewell, no, from Him it is filled with more strength and meaning. Jesus is telling us that He, through the Holy Spirit, will always be with us, stand next to us, and strengthen us. That is something we must believe. Trusting in the Lord is a key aspect of stewardship.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Totals will be in next week.



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.*

St. Bridget's Goal	\$ 8,690
St. Bernard's Goal	\$26,260

## Our Parishes

**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University:** A reminder to registered attendees - next session held on Monday, May 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Please enter through main church entrance. Childcare offered at no cost.

**Holy Day – Ascension of the Lord:** This Holy Day is Thursday, May 5. Please note it is actually celebrated on the weekend of May 7/8.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** This group meets every other Thursday in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's from 1:00-3:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in quilting is welcome to attend. The next gathering is Thursday, May 12.

### Blessings to our First Communicants:

Jacob Bell, Hollis Frost, Carson Janssen, Beau Johnson, Nolan Light, Logan McCrady, Theodor Noser, Noah Root, Isaac Spencer, Ryan Stone, Lucas Yennie, Christopher Watters, Matthew Watters, Leyla Drees, Paige Drees, Lily Gebel, Noel Griffin, Savanna Gunderson, Rylie Holst, Katherine Friederichs, Olivia Jessen, Sydney Klar, Lily Lukes, Avery Mullenbach, Ella Olerich, Mackenzie Piens, Morgan Schild, Audrey Shindelar, MaKenzie Suess, Ella Theobald and Matthew Wilson

## Religious Ed - Youth & Adult



**Family Fun Night:** Join us for the end of the school year celebration on Wednesday, May 4 at St. Bernard's beginning with supper at 6:00 pm. Our own Chef Krissy will be preparing a delicious supper of pulled pork sandwiches, (beef too), coleslaw and baked beans. St. Bridget's families will be making yummy desserts. You won't want to miss this last gathering of the year! Everyone is welcome to come for supper and stay for fun and games.

**Youth Group:** Middle Schoolers meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm. High Schoolers meet on Wednesdays at 7:45 pm. Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in the parish library. If you have questions, contact our Youth Group Leader, Neal Abbott 316-5545 or [nealabbott11@gmail.com](mailto:nealabbott11@gmail.com)



**Graduating Seniors:** We will have a special blessing bestowed upon our seniors during Mass on Sunday, May 8 at both parishes.

**Totus Tuus:** The summer faith formation program will be held July 24-28 (7:30-9:40 pm) for students going into grades 7-12 and July 25-29 (9:00 am-2:30 pm) for students going into grades 1-6. The cost is \$20 per child plus one dozen cookies per family. Registration forms are in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and in the entryway at St. Bridget's. If you would like Krissy to e-mail you the registration form call or e-mail her.

**Confirmation Date Change:** We have been informed Confirmation will be held Sept 25, not Sept 11.

## St. Bridget

**Health and Wellness Sessions:** The next session will be held Tuesday evening, May 2 at 5:30 pm in St Bridget's old social hall. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan.

**Choir:** We will practice on Sunday, May 8 at 7:45 am followed by music ministry at 8:30 am Mass.

**First Communicants & Graduates Breakfast:** Join us in the social hall on Sunday, May 15 after 8:30 am Mass as we honor our First Communicants and graduating seniors.

**Volunteer Needed:** Karen O'Connell Schlechtinger will be leaving her position as secretary of the St. Bridget's Women's Group in October. We are looking for a parish member who is interested in taking the reins. Karen is willing to train whoever takes over. If interested, contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387

**Cemetery Flower Care:** Bill and Maureen McMahon will be doing complete flower care at St. Bridget's Cemetery again this year. Please contact Bill at 358-5586.

## St. Bernard

**Thank You:** To all who helped in any way with the Splittstoesser and Kean funeral lunches the week before. Your gracious assistance for our parish family is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to grab your cake pans!

**Men's Club Meeting:** All men of the parish are invited to attend this gathering on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

**Mother's Day Breakfast:** Join us on Sunday May 8 after the 10:00 am Mass for breakfast, prepared and served by the Men's Club.

**Adult Choir:** Next practice will be Sunday, May 15 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

## Around the Area

**Pray for Vocations:** Join Rochester Serrans as we recognize and appreciate the valuable gifts of those who have chosen their vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life. May many more answer the invitation to a lifelong commitment and dedication with God. If interested in joining the Serrans to support and encourage vocations, contact Ed Rowley 289-0153.

**Estate Planning Basics:** Leaving a legacy isn't just for the well-to-do, it's for everyone, and it is easier than you think. Come to a free seminar on Estate Planning sponsored by Catholic United Financial representative Bryan McCaleb on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at St. James Coffee. RSVP to 507-271-1543 to reserve materials.

**Respect Life:** The **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR PREBORN BABIES** prayer event is scheduled the weekend of May 6 through May 8. This once-a-year multi-national prayer event unites people in praying the Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of preborn babies. Please join Catholics across the country in this powerful prayer and offer a Rosary this weekend or whenever you can. For more information, see [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org). You may register your participation in this event on this site.