

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



St. Bernard  
116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget  
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Rochester, MN

**website: [sbsbparishes.org](http://sbsbparishes.org)**

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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 21, 2017**

## Ascension Sunday May 21, 2017

**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit [sbsbparishes.org](http://sbsbparishes.org) and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 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 - 10:00pm

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4:00am - Wednesdays 9:00pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am 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 4:00-4:30pm.  
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

**Baptism:** Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office.

**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?

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

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

**Widows Support Group:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, May 22</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> For the Ancius Family
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Miriam Coleman+
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Walt R. David+
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Kim Everman Mason+
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Michael Lucas+
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> For Mary Kuisle
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> Robert Johnson+
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> For Pat & Robert Baker Family
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, May 27

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Dorothy Hurley, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dan Pyan

### Sunday, May 28

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Britt Noser, Jeannette Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeters: Gene & Laura Peters

Servers: Needed

Lector: Gene Peters

EMC: Mary Hustak, Jan Owen, Laura Peters, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

In today's first reading we hear, "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." It is speaking of Saints Peter and John who traveled to Samaria to more or less confirm those who had been baptized there.

In fact, most historians believe that the laying on of hands in the New Testament is the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the *Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation* Pope Paul VI affirmed that the 'laying on of hands in the sacrament of confirmation continues the grace of Pentecost.' This will be held on the weekend of June 3/4<sup>th</sup> this year.

When the priest or Bishop imposes hands, it is called epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation." The "laying on of hands" is an important part of the ordination of priests and deacons. Most of us adults have been confirmed – and the graduates we honor this weekend are also. Our prayer is that the gifts they received will be recognized by them and used constantly. St. Paul reminded us all in his First Letter to Timothy, "Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands." So God bless you all – and may he bless our graduating seniors especially.

## Stewardship Reflection

If you have been confirmed, you have experienced the "laying on of hands." That means the Holy Spirit has been called to bless, sanctify, transform, and give grace to you. You have received the Holy Spirit, which is the ongoing life of the Church. You have been anointed with the Spirit of God. That means you have been called to not only live out that Spirit, but also to live a life which shares that Spirit with your parish and with others.

**SHORTER SUMMER SERMONS** These begin this Saturday until October, if the Spirit is willing. So if you want more lengthy discourses try the bigger parishes ☺ **Fr.W.**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending May 14

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,465.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$251,827.69
YTD Budgeted	\$247,549.00
Over Budget	\$ 4,278.69

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,654.30
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$120,548.29
YTD Budgeted	\$127,282.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,733.71 –

### Catholic Ministries Appeal Update as of May 17

St Bernard Goal	\$26,470
Received	\$19,969
Donors	114

St Bridget Goal	\$ 9,930
Received	\$ 7,828
Donors	28

## Our Parishes



**Photo Directory:** There are still photo sessions to be filled. Visit the parish website or call the office between 8:30am & 2:30pm. **Photo sessions end 9pm May 26. HOWEVER,** if you have not been able to find a day and time that suits, call Bart Hawkinson at

Lifetouch and he may help you be photographed at another area parish [507-282-4393](tel:507-282-4393) or [800-768-3741](tel:800-768-3741)

**About The Directory....** All registered members will have their names, addresses and phone numbers listed in the directory. If you have changes to make or any concerns, contact the parish office as soon as possible.

## Our Parishes

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

## Religious Ed

**Female Chaperone Needed:** We need 1 female chaperone for the Mission Trip to St. Louis on June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Must be at least 21 years old. Contact Krissy if interested.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Ages 3 years old through grade 4, June 12-16, from 9:00-11:30am **Parent Volunteers Needed for Vacation**

**Bible School.** If interested, contact Krissy.

**Totus Tuus:** Grades 1-12, July 9-14

Forms for VBS and Totus Tuus can be found in the gathering space at St. Bernard's or contact Krissy to have forms emailed to you.

**Registration for Fall Religious Ed Classes:** Register early to get your desired class for the little ones. Forms are on the parish website, where you can fill out and submit payment, or contact Krissy to have one emailed to you.

**Grades 8-12:** Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center on July 14-16. Visit [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org) Students interested in attending contact Neal.

The need for volunteers is great. No special training is required except for First Aid where CPR certification is needed. Sign up at [www.partnershipforyouth.org/volunteer/](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/volunteer/) Direct any questions to Pam Beaulieu at 952-224-0333 or email [rochester@partnershipforyouth.org](mailto:rochester@partnershipforyouth.org)

## St. Bridget

**Ladies:** Are you interested in becoming president of St. Bridget's Women's Group? Consider offering your time and talent to your parish in this role. This is a volunteer position with a commitment of one year. It's a great way to become more involved and learn about how some of the inner workings 'tick'. Think about it! Contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387 for additional details.

**Thanks!** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the picture directory. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## St. Bernard

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, May 28, 8:50am, sing at 10am

**Liturgical Ministers:** This next weekend is Memorial Weekend. Those who are in town, please consider volunteering for ministry roles. Servers are especially needed.



Thank you to those who helped last weekend with the reception celebration of paying off our building debt. The group on Saturday night who served bbqs and the Men's Club who served breakfast on Sunday morning and also for honoring the moms for Mother's Day. You are appreciated!