

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
2123 County Rd 16 SE
Rochester, MN

website: sbsbparishes.org

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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 28, 2017

Ascension Sunday May 28, 2017

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit 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 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 3rd 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 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, May 29 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Memorial Day Arnie Block+
Masses held at the cemeteries
In the event of rain, **St Bridget** **9:30 am**
held in church Noel Schoo+

Tuesday, May 30 **No Mass**

Wednesday, May 31 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Jan Heitman+

Thursday, June 1 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+

Friday, June 2 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
For priests of the diocese

Care Center **9:15 am**
For Eileen Finn

Saturday, June 3 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
LeVerne Meyerhofer+

Sunday, June 4 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St Bridget's & St Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Helen Owen+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 4

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: David & Sarah Watters

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Judy Bunde, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer,
Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,
Dan Schoepner

Sunday, June 5

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Mike Sheehan, Terry Smith

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Emiliee & Olivia Otto

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Pat Robey (several needed)

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andrew Moore, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. Every year we read from St. Luke's Acts with its account of the taking up of Jesus and the gaping of bemused Apostles as they experience the sight. They are told not to stand looking up at the sky – gawking basically – but to get busy with the mission handed to them i.e. sharing their faith in Jesus.

We must listen to this also as and understand that Jesus' ascension, though spectacular, is only one moment in the entirety of the history of salvation. Jesus is with the Father but comes to us through the working of the Holy Spirit who brings believers together into the mystical Body of Christ. The conclusion of Matthew's Gospel is a little different but the message is the same: The Apostles are commissioned to go out and baptize in the name of the Triune God. God bless you all fellow believers.

"PC plus" On Monday we celebrate Memorial Day and I hope everyone spends and enjoys some safe and fairly sober time with family and friends. However, even if you are not attending one of the ceremonies for the occasion do take a wee period of time to remember those who gave their lives in the various wars and those who still put their lives on the line to further the cause of freedom.

Stewardship Reflection

The Lord's work continues from that day to today. However, for it to continue and for the love He shared and displayed to be the factor it needs to be in our parish and in the Church and in the world it is reliant upon us.

It was St. Teresa of Avila who wrote, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending May 21

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,720.00 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,381.50 |
| YTD Received | \$256,547.69 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$252,930.50 |
| Over Budget | \$ 3,617.19 |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 1,168.35 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$121,716.64 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$130,049.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 8,332.36 – |

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update as of May 23

We are getting closer to our goals! Please remember, every registered member is encouraged to support this appeal for our diocese.

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| St Bernard Goal | \$26,470 |
| Received | \$20,054 |
| Donors | 116 |

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| St Bridget Goal | \$ 9,930 |
| Received | \$ 8,053 |
| Donors | 30 |

Our Parishes

Church Photo Directory: All registered members will have their names, addresses and phone numbers listed in the directory, even if your picture was not taken. If you have changes to make or any concerns, contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can make the changes.

Widows' Group: Meet on Thursday, June 1 at 10am in the library at St. Bernard's. All widows are welcome to join us for prayer, sharing and refreshments.

Quilting Group: We will gather Thursday, June 1 at 1pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, June 1 at 7pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Our Parishes

Homebound / Shut-Ins: If you would like a visit from Father on Friday, June 2, please call the office 533-8257 and leave a message on Father's voicemail.

For Your Calendar: Father's 40th Anniversary party will be Sunday, July 23, held at St. Bernard's.

Religious Ed

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



Vacation Bible School: Ages 3 years old through grade 4, are invited to attend June 12-16, from 9:00-11:30am at St Bernard's. Get your children registered for this program. Forms are in the gathering space at St. Bernard's or contact Krissy and she will email a form to you. Parent volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. If interested, contact Krissy.

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

Camp Summit: Students going into grades 6-8 are invited to be a part of Camp Summit. Camp Summit takes place at the beautiful Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro on August 8-11. If you register by June 1st the cost is \$250 after June 1st the cost is \$275. There are registration forms in the gathering space or contact Neal or Krissy for more information.

St. Bridget

Easter Lilies: Those who donated toward flowers for Easter are welcome to take home a plant for your garden.

Ladies: Are you interested in becoming president of St. Bridget's Women's Group? This is a volunteer position with a commitment of two years. It's a great way to become more involved. Think about it! Contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387 for additional details.

St. Bernard

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, June 4, 8:50am, sing at 10am



The Men's Club invites all men for a golf outing at Riverview Greens on Tuesday, June 6. We'll hit the greens at 5pm followed by dinner, fellowship and prizes at the Clubhouse at 7pm. If golf isn't your thing or if you can't make the tee time, just come for supper! Contact Dan Rainey 261-0112 for more info or to RSVP.

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

Wedding: Blessings to Amanda Sexton and Josh Ellringer as they enter the holy sacrament of marriage on June 3

Around The Area

Need A Helping Hand? STORM Camp will be serving Stewartville and the surrounding area July 9-15. They paint, build ramps and decks for handicap residents, clean houses, do yard work projects, do demolition, and more! STORM stands for Service To Others in Relational Ministry. Their hard-working teams of youth and adults complete jobs you need done around your home. To sign-up, contact Renee Wilson at 261-5413 or rlwilson20@q.com

Blood Drive: Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 21, from 7-10:30 am and Noon-3pm. Please call Zion Church to schedule your donation 533-4283

