

# The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

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

St. Bridget  
2123 County Rd 16 SE  
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
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July 23, 2017

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 23, 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 10am unless a holiday is during the week.

**Becoming Catholic:** Are you interested in 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, just knock on the door for an adorer to let you in.

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.  
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.

**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 10am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, July 24</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For the Haack Family	
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Miriam Coleman+	
<b>Friday, July 28</b>	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Communion Service	
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	Matt Kellner+	
<b>Sunday, July 30</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>
	For Mark Speltz	

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, July 29

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: needed

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer

EMC: Barb Abbott, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Joe Rauh, Bill Rinken, Ken Trisko

### Sunday, July 30

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Daniel Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: needed

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: needed

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Don Brouillard, Mary Brouillard, Jan Owen,

Laura Peters, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik



**Liturgical Ministers:** Monsignor Donald Schmitz will be celebrating our Masses from July 29-August 13. Please volunteer where possible. At the time of printing, St. Bernard's especially needs servers. Another email will be sent to encourage you ☺

## Pastor's Corner

Jesus' parable today about the weeds growing alongside the wheat impresses upon us the complexity of human existence. We know that there is both good and bad in each of us and that the good must out. Therefore we should trust in the mercy of God and His kindness if we are to make our way safely along difficult paths. We should follow the path shown us by Jesus.

God has given us the sacraments and in them He remains with us constantly. In particular the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation affords us forgiveness and the grace to ward off evil. How often do I confess my sins before the priest – it should be as often as I choose for wrong instead of what is right.

The references to the treasure in the field and the pearl beyond price make sense. We need total commitment to goodness. We need therefore a deeper relationship with Jesus. What a treasure! Once we have chosen for Him we must use His grace to cut ourselves off from paths that lead to destruction.

As you attend Mass next week, think of me as I celebrate Mass in Lourdes to mark my 40<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood. That is where I went the week after my ordination and I have felt the presence Our Lady in my life ever since. I will be praying for you all. Please pray for me. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

When asked by His disciples to explain the meaning of today's parable, the Lord says in effect that the field in which the crops are placed is the world; the crop can come from good seeds (believers) or bad seeds (those who are non-believers and evil). He also makes it clear though that it is not our role to identify and those who are non-believers. God will do that. At the same time it is not just enough for us to belong to a parish, a community. Our role, our calling, is to love and to serve as good stewards, active participants. God will take care of the rest, and that is our reason for hope.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending July 16

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,169.91
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 13,132.17
YTD Budgeted	\$ 16,677.00
Under Budget	\$ 3,544.83-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,088.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 5,946.50
YTD Budgeted	\$ 8,301.00
Under Budget	\$ 2,354.50-

## Our Parishes

**Widows:** The Widows' Support Group will meet Thursday, July 27, at 10am in the parish library at St. Bernard's. Jeanette Fortier will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be "*Musical Walk with the Women of the Bible*". If you are a widow from St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's, please feel welcome to join us even if you have not done so in the past. We would love to meet you. Questions, call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Thursday, July 27 & August 10 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard's.

**Visiting Priest & Missionary:** Monsignor Don Schmitz will be celebrating our weekend Masses the last weekend of July through August 13 and the Holy Day on August 15. Brother David Henley from the Glenmary Missionaries will also join us the last weekend of July. Originally from Columbus Ohio, Br. David has served in Glenmary Missions in Kentucky, Georgia and Arkansas and is currently serving as Vocation Director for Glenmary and lives at their headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Stewardship Meeting:** Thursday, August 3 at St. Bernard's at 6:30pm

**First Friday Communion Visits:** Fr. Wilmot will be out of the country for the August visits.

**Join us for  
Fr. Wilmot's  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
Ordination to the Priesthood  
Sunday, July 23  
at St. Bernard's from 11am – 2pm**



The directories have not yet been approved for final printing. Thank you for your patience. When we do receive them, announcements will be put on the website and Facebook. Be sure to check the website from time to time, you never know what you might be missing.

## Religious Ed & Youth



**BYG Summer Sessions:** Youth Group meets Sunday, July 23 & 30 at 7pm at St. Bernard's.

**Register for Classes:** Registration forms can be found on the parish website. You can also pay tuition through the website. Those who have the younger children and wish to have them attend the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes, be sure to get them registered early because space is limited.

## St. Bridget



**Blessings & Congratulations:** Kirsten Casella & Matt Mulvihill were joined in the holy sacrament of marriage.

## St. Bernard



**Church Locked:** With Fr. Wilmot being gone for 3 weeks, the church will be locked when office hours are finished for the day, except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Adoration. The office will be closed on Fridays in July and August.

**Homebound:** If you would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member in your home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

**Card Bingo:** Join us at the Care Center to play Bingo with the residents on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30pm

## Around the Area

**Divorced - Widowed – Separated:** Beginning Experience of Rochester/Southeastern MN is offering "Coping with Life Alone" weekly classes from August 1 - October 6, 6:30 - 8:30pm at Bethel Lutheran Church (just East of K-Mart) 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester. For more information contact [beminnnesota@gmail.com](mailto:beminnnesota@gmail.com) or call 507-261-8248

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program:** Family Service Rochester now has a staff person in Stewartville. Sharon Bernard has an office at the Center for Active Adults and is there mornings especially Tuesdays from 10am-noon. Some of the services we can provide with volunteer help are companionship, shopping, housekeeping, laundry, handyman help, and transportation. Personal care services are not provided. Call Sharon at 507-535-9000 or stop by for more information.

**Marriage Retreat:** An awesome marriage is when an imperfect couple learns to celebrate their differences. Consider attending the August 12-13 or October 7-8 Marriage Encounter in Farmington, MN at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. The cost is \$220 per couple which includes the overnight stay, meals and the program. Visit [marriages.org](http://marriages.org) or call 651-454-3238 for additional information.