

# 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
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July 30, 2017

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

## July 30, 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

**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, knock on the door to be let inside.

**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.

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

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm 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

**Saturday, August 5**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Walt R. David+

**Sunday, August 6**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Noel Schoo+

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, August 5

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Joan Titus

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Mary Claeys, Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton,

Dorothy Hurley, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Darrel Elsbernd, Bill Rinken

### Sunday, August 6

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Sam Miron

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: needed

Lector: Gene Peters

EMC: Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Jean Peterson,  
Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

By the time you get this, I hope I will have arrived safely in Paris and am now ensconced in Lourdes where I shall celebrate Mass on the actual 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination, Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to all who were able to attend the gathering last Sunday to celebrate not so much another milestone for me but for the Priesthood and Eucharist. I promise to remember you all in my prayers. May I add special thanks to Jane Himmer and Carol Rainey and all who were responsible in any way for welcoming our guests. When we work together, with open minds and hearts we can accomplish so much together and bring about much joy. I shall remember you in my prayers. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Before I left I attended the funeral of Fr. Andrew C. Fabian OP, AFSC (1926-2017) who served in University and Seminary in Winona since 1964. I finish with a quote from him that we might all reflect on: **GOOD, BETTER BEST. NEVER LET IT REST.** Until good gets **BETTER** and the better becomes **BEST.** **Why?** Because the **human mind** and the **human heart**- not the physical heart, **the will** – were made for the **BEST** and they will never truly be at rest until they get the **BEST.** So hitch your wagon to a star. Or in other words, **aim high** because if you aim low, you just might end up below the below **AND NO ONE REALLY WANTS TO END UP BELOW THE BELOW.**  
(Fr. Fabian)

**Many, Many Thanks Again:** To all who helped the great celebration on Sunday for my 40th anniversary as priest but also to all who were able to come and for all those cards and well wishes. I'll get down to writing some TQs when I return but for now know your kindness is most appreciated. Fr.W.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending July 23

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,595.15
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 16,727.32
YTD Budgeted	\$ 22,236.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,508.68-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 995.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 6,941.50
YTD Budgeted	\$ 11,068.00
Under Budget	\$ 4,126.50-

## Our Parishes

### Welcome Monsignor Schmitz & Brother David

**Henley:** Monsignor Don Schmitz will be celebrating our weekend Masses through August 13, and the Holy Day Mass on August 15. Brother David Henley from the Glenmary Missionaries is joining us to share his experiences and stories from his missionary work. Brother David is originally from Columbus, Ohio and 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.

**Widows:** The Widows' Support Group will meet Thursday, August 3, at 10am in the parish library at St. Bernard's. Questions, call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

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

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

## Religious Ed & Youth



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

**Welcome Back Krissy:** The Religious Ed Office will reopen August 1<sup>st</sup>

Dear St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Parishioners,

In the coming weeks at Mass, you will hear various kids from our BYG youth ministry program speaking about their recent trip to St. Louis to attend *Alive in You*—a Catholic service-learning camp that seeks to bring kids closer together and closer to Christ through mission work, prayer and worship, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and of course, daily Mass.

From June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Bernard and St. Bridget sent 21 high-schoolers and four adult chaperones (five if you count Gene Peters, our volunteer bus driver—thanks again, Gene the Machine!) to the Gateway to the West for camp, and our lives were changed drastically as we encountered the Lord over the course of the week. We spent three days working at a KIPP! School in downtown St. Louis—there we painted, rearranged rooms, and assembled and sorted classroom materials for the incoming students and teachers. We also had the opportunity to serve with HEART Community Cord, a local business that works with the inner-city inspire kids to strive for unity and responsibility within their community, becoming the best young versions of themselves that they can be. We will never forget the dance party we shared with those energetic and adorable kiddos!

In the evenings, we gathered together with more than 300 other Catholic teens and adults for theme dinners, games, witness talks, and praise and worship. These were immensely powerful sessions, responsible for many new friendships and openness to our Lord in new and exciting ways. Each night was finished with time in our parish groups, where we were able to reflect on the work we had done during the day, talk about how the Lord was working in us, and share with each other how we can become better disciples of Jesus.

In the small amount of free time that we had, we visited the City Museum and the Arch, and our conference experience began to draw to a close with Confession, a performance painting by Mike Debus, one last jam session with the house band, and Sunday morning Mass before we headed back home to Southeastern Minnesota.

We are so grateful for the parish's support of our trip to St. Louis through fundraisers, donations, and prayer, and we ask that you continue to pray for the youth of St. Bernard and St. Bridget and support as in any ways that you can as we continue to strive to spread the message of Jesus in a culture that so often opposes Him.

As Ever,  
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Youth Leader



## Around the Area

**Benefit Concert:** "A Night with Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr.", a Christian music concert to benefit religious education materials for children with autism on Friday, August 4 at Resurrection Church. Doors open at 6:30. For ticket information, call 288-5528 or email ResurrectionYAM@gmail.com

**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.

**Assisi Heights' Charm School:** Girls ages 9-12 are invited to an afternoon garden party on August 16 & 17. This interactive workshop teaches etiquette, manners and decorum, handling awkward social situations, proper introductions, party planning and more. The cost is \$50 which includes lunch. Register at [rochesterfranciscan.org](http://rochesterfranciscan.org) or call Angie 280-2195