

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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Parish Office

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April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

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@gmail.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 Communion 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 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday – Friday

April 16-20 No Daily Mass

Friday, April 20 **Care Center** **9:15 am**
Communion & Prayer Service

Saturday, April 21 **St Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Joe, Sr. & Jennie Rauh+

Sunday, April 22 **St Bridget** **8:30 am**
Noel Schoo+

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

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 21, St Bernard 5:00 pm

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Dayton Hayes

Lector: Marge Reimers

EM: Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch,
Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko

Sunday, April 22, St Bridget 8:30 am

Servers: Lily Lukes

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EM: Jeannette Sheehan, Terry Smith

Sunday, April 22, St Bernard 10 am

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jayden Gaynor

Lector: Jean Peterson

EM: Konner Dodd, Lisa Dodd, Laura Peters

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,
Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we saw Jesus giving the Apostles the authority to forgive or retain sins and Thomas the Apostle declaring Jesus as his Lord and his God. Each time we receive the Eucharist we are receiving God into our very selves and so we should seek to be worthy of this. Certainly any sins which are serious, concerning faith and morals, should be confessed and absolved before communion is received (or a perfect act of contrition made with a promise to confess to a priest at the earliest opportunity). However, reception has become somewhat automatic for many Catholics during Mass and even if cohabiting outside of holy matrimony, many still receive.

In today's first reading from the Acts, Peter clearly states that we must repent of our sinfulness and THEN our sins will be wiped away. God is merciful and will forgive our sins if we are humble and contrite and follow the instructions of Jesus. Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith, one of our seven Sacraments. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) states: "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. We see in it the holiness of God and His mercy toward sinful men and women." We are called to repent so let us do so and let us set an example for the younger generation coming behind us. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Above all at this time we Catholic Christians are called to believe in the Resurrection and to follow Christ more closely as the light of our lives. We are called to be good stewards and to witness to the Risen Christ, not just with words and alleluias but by our constant, responsible and unselfish use of our time, talent and treasure for the growth of His Church.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 8

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,586.28
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$245,029.93
YTD Budgeted	\$227,919.00
Over Budget	\$ 17,110.93+

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,116.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$114,640.38
YTD Budgeted	\$113,447.00
Over Budget	\$ 1,193.38+



Thank You to everyone who have signed up for the *Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Online Giving* support. This is a convenient and safe way to contribute for those who do not carry cash or a check book. You'll need a credit or debit card. You can give weekly, monthly, quarterly or once and done. Give how much you want, when you want. You have full control. Type in the web address that corresponds to the parish you wish to support. Or find the app - Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving and then type in the last 4 numbers from the address below. When you are on the website, find the tab at the top 'Create New Account' and then follow the directions.

St. Bernard's osvonlinegiving.com/2910

St. Bridget's osvonlinegiving.com/1897

Stewartville Care Center Volunteers: St Bernard and St Bridget parishioners who volunteer at the Care Center are invited to an afternoon social as a way to say thank you for the time and commitment you have given. Join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 2pm for food and fun.

Quilting/Sewing Group: We will gather on Thursday, April 19 from 1-3pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. New quilters always welcome!

Finance Council Mtgs: Tuesday, April 24. St Bernard meets at 6pm and St Bridget meets at 7pm, both at St Bernard's.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm at St. Bridget's.

Life & Dignity: The bishops of Minnesota created the Catholic Advocacy Network to give Minnesota Catholics a way to stay informed about issues impacting life and dignity. To become part of this network, fill out a registration card. You must have a valid email address and it must be legible. Return the cards to the basket by the last day of April.

Welcome: Monsignor Don Schmitz will be our celebrant on the weekend of April 21 & 22.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, April 18

5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

1st Graders & a parent are going to the Care Center next Wednesday. Please be at the Care Center at 6:30pm for songs and bingo.



Highway Clean-Up, Saturday, April 21: We will meet at St. Bernard's at 10am.

Holy Communion Retreat: 2nd graders and a parent will be attending the 1st Holy Communion Retreat at St. Bernard's on Saturday, April 28 from 1-3pm. Any students in 8th grade and older willing to help with the retreat please let Krissy know.

Class Registration for 2018-19: Registration forms are available. Register by May 6 and receive a discount.

BYG

(Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

We meet Sunday evenings in the youth room
Middle School 4-5:15pm | High School 7-8:30pm



St Bernard

Adult Choir: Music ministry at 10am on Sundays, April 15, 22 & 29. Practice at 8:50am



Are you Missing an Earring? A couple of earrings have been found. One is a small silver hoop and the other is a pearl post. Contact Pam in the office to claim.

Thanks! Thank you to Julie Hayes and Marilyn Wester for their time and talent in making and donating altar cloths to the Stewartville Care Center.

~ Rita Christian, Activities at Care Center

St Bridget



Women's Spring Luncheon: Ladies, you're invited for lunch at St Bridget's on **Saturday, April 21**. Come at 11:30am and we will enjoy fellowship, food and fun.

Choir: Music ministry on Sunday, April 29 at 8:30am Mass. Meet at 7:45am for practice.

Heartfelt Thanks: Thank you for the birthday greetings, cards, gifts, and well wishes. You made my 90th birthday very special! ~ Bette Baker

Other News & Around the Area

Respect Life: On Saturday, April 28, pro-lifers across the country will hold the third annual nationwide protest against Planned Parenthood at hundreds of Planned Parenthood facilities, calling for an end to the organization's federal funding. For info protestpp.com

CCW: The Rochester Area Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies to meet with us on Saturday, April 28 at Holy Redeemer Church in Eyota. Mass begins at 9am, followed by the program and refreshments!

St. James Coffee Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join Fr. Joe Pete and other pilgrims October 21 - November 1 to see significant sights like the Sea of Galilee, Church of Peter's Primacy, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and more. **Save \$50 when you sign up by Monday, April 16.** Sign up information at www.stjamescoffee.com or at the coffee house. Questions can be directed to Ed Ventures (507) 289-3332