

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
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April 17, 2016

4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 17, 2016

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or you may contact the parish office or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am 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 frwilmot@aol.com 533-8257 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 - 10:00 pm

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

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

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?

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

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, April 18 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Gladys Claeys+

Tuesday, April 19 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Lucy Tooke+

Wednesday, April 20 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Mike Foster+

Thursday, April 21 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+

Friday, April 22 **St. Bernard** **8:00 am**
Ollie Fritsche+

Care Center **9:00 am**
For the residents

Saturday, April 23 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
Jennie & Joe Rauh, Sr.+

Sunday, April 24 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Vernon Diehthelm+

Saturday, April 23

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Jim Nosbisch, Cindy Meyerhofer, Susan Hazelton, Mary Claeys, Bill Rincken

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, April 24

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb

Rosary: Jan Owen

Servers: Emily & Erica Lamb

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Jan Owen

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

Liturgical Ministers: Some of you have been added to ministry positions for the next couple of weeks. If it doesn't work, request a sub for yourself. Thank you to those who have volunteered themselves.

Pastor's Corner

Again we see the loving image of the Church as the flock of a good shepherd, in today's gospel. We know Jesus, we trust him as our shepherd and we strive to follow Him to joyous pastures. For His part Jesus cares for each one of us and we recognize the sound of his voice, and distinguish it from among the many that try to lead us astray, He knows each one of us by name and loves each of us equally.

Modern day society tries, and will continue to try, to lead us away from what is right and just. Christians are being persecuted d dramatically in some foreign parts and even, though with more subtlety in the US. We must simply follow our shepherd and be true to Him who is always so true to us - even to the shedding of His blood for our salvation. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Even though today's Gospel Reading is not lengthy, the Lord makes some things very clear to us. He reaffirms what we have heard in the Second Reading when He says of His sheep, His flock, His followers, I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. This is Heaven as seen in Revelations. This eternal life is greater than and far beyond what we can imagine having only experienced physical life. Eternal life is never-ending. We must focus upon this as we spend our time, our talent and out treasure of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.



Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending April 10

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,150.98
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$208,561.82
YTD Budgeted	\$206,833.96
Over Budget	\$ 1,727.86 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,620.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$108,722.22
YTD Budgeted	\$ 84,149.35
Over Budget	\$ 24,572.87 +



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the Winona Diocese; 115 parishes and 30 schools, as well as programs and departments. Pray about your participation and support to this annual appeal.

Our Parishes

20 & 30s Group Kick-Off Event: Those in the age group of their 20's & 30's, join us in Marian Hall on Sunday, April 17 at St Bernard's at 11:00 am (after 10 am Mass) for Donuts & Coffee.

Financial Freedom & Saving: This 9-week program begins on Monday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. If you haven't registered, please do so; www.daveramsey.com or contact Ally funkyalygator@yahoo.com or call 952-465-9540

VIRTUS Program: "Protecting God's Children" helps people recognize improper behavior and is required for all clergy, employees and volunteers who have contact with children, young adults or vulnerable adults. A VIRTUS session will be held at St. Bernard's on Saturday, April 30 at 3:15 pm. Please register online at virtusonline.org Go to HELP/FAQS tab at top. Then click on "How do I view a list of upcoming Protecting God's Children sessions in my area?" Then select Winona Diocese.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

** The First Graders and a parent will go to the Care Center to play Card Bingo with the residents. Go directly there at 6:30 pm. Any questions contact Krissy.

Youth Group: Middle Schoolers meet on Sunday, April 17 & 24 at 4:00 pm. High Schoolers meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:45 pm. Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in Marian Hall. If you have questions, contact Neal 316-5545 or nealabbott11@gmail.com

First Holy Communion Retreat: Saturday April 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm at St. Bernard's. A parent needs to attend with their child. This is for both St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's parishes. The students will also go to reconciliation after the retreat from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Highway Clean-Up: Anyone willing to help with the highway clean-up please meet at St. Bernard's on Saturday April 30 at 10:00 am. Trash bags and neon vests will be provided. If you are willing to help please let Krissy know.

Totus Tuus: We will be having the Faith Formation Program, Totus Tuus, again this summer. It is set for July 24-28 (7:30-9:40 pm) for students going into grades 7-12 and July 25-29 (9:00 am-2:30 pm) for students going into grades 1-6. The cost is \$20 per child plus one dozen cookies per family. Registration forms are in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and in the entryway at St. Bridget's. If you would like Krissy to e-mail you the registration form call or e-mail her.

St. Bridget

Health and Wellness Sessions: We will start Monday evening, April 18 at 5:30 pm in St Bridget's old social hall (the former rectory house). These are the same type of sessions as last Fall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions, contact Jeannette Sheehan.



Marriage Banns: Leah Melby & Jake Malek
Saturday, April 23

Ladies Spring Luncheon: All women of the parish are invited on Saturday, April 30 at noon to enjoy lunch, fellowship and entertainment in the social hall.

Cemetery Flower Care: Bill and Maureen McMahon will be doing complete flower care at St. Bridget's Cemetery again this year. Please contact Bill at 358-5586.

St. Bernard

Thank You: The Men's Club would like to thank all who attended the Soup & Dessert Supper last Saturday evening, and to those who purchased leftovers, for your generosity. Thank you also to the men and Confirmation candidates who donated food, cooked, set up, served, and cleaned up. To the men (no doubt some ladies, too), the delicious variety of desserts were a great compliment to the soups. Special thanks to Mark Stadler for bringing this event and his culinary talent to St. Bernard's.

~ Scott Christian



Baptism: Blessings to Hunter Franklin Steffen, son of Kyle & Stephanie, and to Julian James Peterson, son of Rachel, as they receive the holy sacrament of baptism.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Adult Choir: Next practice will be Sunday, April 24 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

Cemetery Clean-Up: The Spring clean-up of St. Bernard's Cemetery is Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 am. In the event of rain, Saturday, April 30. Bring rakes and gloves. Any questions contact Nick Konrady 533-4939.

Birthday Celebration: Come celebrate Anna Bussman's 90th birthday on Sunday, April 24 at Four Daughters Vineyard/Winery in Spring Valley. An Open House will be held from 1:00-4:30 pm. No gifts please.

Men's Club Mother's Day Breakfast: Sunday May 8 after 10:00 am Mass. Moms eat free. Details to follow.

Around the Area

Coffee & Canvas at St. James Coffee: Join us for an evening of painting, fellowship and fun as Tasha Flicek guides us in painting our very own masterpiece on Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 pm. Tickets (\$25) are available at the coffee house.

Chili/Chicken Soup Fundraiser: Sponsored by Beginning Experience (ministry to widowed, divorced, separated). Held Friday, April 29 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Resurrection Church. Tickets \$12 adults, \$6 children. *Soup/Bread/Desserts/Silent Auction/Raffle/Music.* Contact Kathy Baruth for tickets 269-8065.