

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 |
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| Rectory | (507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency) |

May 6, 2018

6th 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

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| Mon, May 7 | St Bernard Jan Heitman+ | 8:00 am |
| Tues, May 8 | St Bridget Larry Whalen+ | 8:30 am |
| Wed, May 9 | St Bernard Mike Foster+ | 8:00 am |
| Thurs, May 10 | St Bernard Marijane Irlbeck+ | 8:00 am |
| Friday, May 11 | St Bernard Matt Kellner+ | 8:00 am |
| | Care Center Helen Riehle+ | 9:15 am |
| Saturday, May 12 | St Bernard Mary Strei+ | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, May 13 | St Bridget Ralph & Jeanette Kruger+ | 8:30 am |
| | St Bernard For St Bernard's & St Bridget's | 10:00 am |

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 12, St Bernard 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: needed

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer

EM: Dorothy Hurley, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, May 13, St Bridget 8:30 am

Servers: needed

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EM: Pam Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, May 13, St Bernard 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rita Oswald

EM: Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

Jesus tells us clearly in the gospel today that His commandments are based on us loving one another. Love is a much used word in our language and though often a valid and positive sentiment, Jesus is talking about His love which is deeper and longer lasting. The love He has for us is the love we must extend to others – and of course to God. Our faith in Jesus must be in our hearts and reach the people of all nations.

“It was I who chose you” Jesus says and so we should not cling to our old ways but cling to his ideas, even if sometimes they prove temporarily fruitless. We should open our hearts, minds and lives to all Jesus offers us. Thus we remain in His love.

This Sunday a number of our children will receive Jesus for the first time as Holy Communion. May they grow in Jesus' love. God bless you all.



Stewardship Reflection

“While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.” St. Peter is later criticized for entering the house of a Gentile, eating, and then baptizing Cornelius, but in Acts 11 Peter responds, “If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?” God is there for all of us, but we must receive Him and open our lives to Him as good stewards.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending April 29

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 4,351.10 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,559.00 |
| YTD Received | \$260,208.03 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$244,596.00 |
| Over Budget | \$ 15,612.03+ |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 1,546.25 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$119,192.23 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$121,748.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 2,555.77- |

Our Parishes

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

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota – Providing Help, Creating Hope: See the brochure and read about the many programs and services offered for individuals, couples, and families. Use your Catholic Charities envelope in your packet and drop in the collection next week.

Real Presence Radio: Wake up to *Sonrise* and *Morning Glory* (coming soon). This is a 100% listener supported Catholic Radio Apostolate. Watch this space for details.



Update as of May 2:

| Goal | Pledged | Received | Donors |
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| <u>St Bernard's</u> | | | |
| \$28,560 | 21,450 | 18,220 | 79 |
| <u>St Bridget's</u> | | | |
| \$ 9,860 | 6,230 | 6,330 | 22 |

A few more of you responded last week. Thank you! Every registered household is encouraged to support this important diocesan appeal.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Note: The deadline for the early discount registration is Sunday, May 6 (register on the website).



Congratulations to the Student's Receiving 1st Holy Communion:

Kellen DeBoer, Liam Gehling,
Devyn Hageman, Mattie Helwig,
Cora Johnson, Lainey Kolsrud,
Oliver Mai, Aidan Meinecke,

Hannah Meyerhofer, Hayden Olerich,
Brooklyn Peterson, Kelly Piens, Irelyn Proper,
Payton Roh, Owen Root, Amelia Schlager,
Danika Shindelar, Maximilliano Vargas,
and Aubrey Whitacre

Thank You: Thank you to everyone that helped with Family Fun Night. A special thank you to all the teachers and helpers that put the time and dedication into making this year great! I appreciate your help. ~ Krissy

Teachers and Aides for next Fall: We are looking for teachers and aides for the fall. If interested or if you would like more information please contact Krissy.

Highway Clean-Up: Saturday, May 19 meet at St Bernard's at 10am



Graduate's Mass: On Sunday, May 20 we will honor our graduating seniors during Mass at their respective parish; 8:30am at St. Bridget's and 10am at St Bernard's.

BYG

(Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

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

Annual Grill-Out and Car Wash – May 19/20:

During both weekend Masses at St. Bernard's we will wash cars and serve sloppy joes, beans, chips, and lemonade. Funds raised at this event will go toward transportation costs for our mission trip in July.

St Bernard

Adult Choir: Music ministry at 10am Mass on Sundays, May 20 & 27. Practice at 8:50am

Cemetery Clean-Up: The annual spring clean-up at St. Bernard's Cemetery will be held Saturday, May 12 at 9am. Anyone interested in helping, please join us and bring rakes and gloves. In the event of rain, the alternative date will be the next Saturday, May 19.



Mother's Day Breakfast: St Bernard's Men's Club will prepare and serve a special breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. Plan to join us for delicious food and great fellowship.

St Bridget

Health & Wellness: We will again start the exercise program on Monday, May 7 at 5:30pm in the old social hall (lower level of the rectory). Anyone who would like to join us for gentle stretching is welcome to attend.

Choir: Music ministry at Mass on Sunday, May 13. Meet at 7:45 am.



Breakfast: On Sunday, May 20, the Women's Group will be serving breakfast in honor of our First Communicant and our graduating seniors. Please join us in wishing our students well.

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Sip & Paint at Assisi Heights: Tuesday, May 15 or Thursday, May 17 6-9pm, \$50, includes beverage, appetizers and all materials. Emily Alvarez of Creative Canvas and Board leads this Pentecost-themed canvas painting class. No artistic experience is necessary. Bring a friend or meet new ones. Register www.FSCenter.org