

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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Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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 than that for availability.

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Oct 12	St. Bernard For Roy Finn	8:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 13	St. Bridget For Noel Schoo	8:30 am
Wednesday, Oct 14	St. Bernard Mike Foster+	8:00 am
Thursday, Oct 15	St. Bernard Ida Wicks+	8:00 am
Friday, Oct 16	St. Bernard Roy & Helen Smith+	8:00 am
	Care Center Intention for residents	9:15 am
Saturday, Oct 17	St. Bernard Gene Klann+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 18	St. Bridget For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's	8:30 am
	St. Bernard Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Oct 17 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Midge Block

Servers: George & Henry Gray

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Judy Bunde, Emily Kiefer, Bill Rinken

Ushers: Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, Oct 18 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Chelsea Galbraith

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Mary Elton, Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, Oct 18 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Volunteer

EMC: Scott Christian, Mary Hustak, Graham Mueller,

Laura Peters, Matthew Pierick, Krissy Sullivan

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

Pastor's Corner

Jesus "loved" the man in today's Gospel who ran up to him, being effusive and overwrought. Jesus loves us too. Sometimes we may have trouble with this concept because perhaps we fear some aspects of ourselves. Many of us may have a hard time loving ourselves, thus making it harder to accept love from Him and others. The consequence: difficulty in loving Him and others and ensuing sadness.

If we understand the invitation Jesus gives this man, and if we accept what he sadly rejected, we will find ourselves transformed by love. We will find love to be our greatest treasure in fact. This will help us to detach ourselves emotionally from our wealth, our earthly possessions. We might "let go" of the material world around us and risk, as it were, on behalf of the Kingdom of God which provides happiness in surprising ways.

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus reminds His followers in today's Gospel that, as demanding as following Him and leading a Christian life may be, "all things are possible for God". • Our task is to pray, to seek what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do, to search for guidance through the Word of God, and then to commit ourselves not only to living as we should as good stewards, but also to incorporate our Savior and His Word into our very hearts.

Life and Dignity Sunday – October 11: The bishops of Minnesota established the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network to develop a strong, compassionate, moral voice for life, dignity and justice in our state. All parishioners will have an opportunity to register for the network (there are sign-up cards). Consider being a part of this to build a Diocesan and statewide community of Catholics who stand together as a positive force for good in Minnesota.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Oct 4

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,034.75 (\$4 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 57,570.53
YTD Budgeted	\$ 70,626.23
Under Budget	\$ 13,055.70 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,571.55 (\$7.99 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 31,634.30
YTD Budgeted	\$ 28,733.99
Over Budget	\$ 2,900.38 +

Our Parishes

Mass Intentions: We are accepting Mass intentions at both parishes for your loved ones, living or deceased. The stipend is \$5 per Mass. Contact Pam in the office.

Automated / Electronic Contributions: Those who would like to contribute to the parish using automatic bank account transfers, debit or credit card, log on to the parish website sbsbparishes.org and find the link on the home page. You may set-up contributions to be given weekly, monthly or quarterly. Those who do not have access to the internet but wish to give automatically, there are forms available. Contact the office.

Respect Life: The current *40 Days for Life Campaign* runs Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. Recently, four abortions centers closed. This now makes 64 abortion facilities where people have faithfully prayed for an end to abortion during *40 Days for Life Campaigns* outside their doors that have gone out of business. Join us in front of Planned Parenthood in Rochester. See www.40daysforlife.com or contact Paula Elefson at (507) 398-5677 or buggz25@msn.com for details.

St. Bernard

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your November issues are available for pick-up. Also, there are only two issues remaining for this subscription. If you wish to renew, the cost is still \$20 for the year. Write checks to St. Bernard's. Payment must accompany the order. Anyone else wishing to have a subscription is welcome.

St. Bridget's

Thanks! We would like to thank our St. Bridget's parish for the wonderful breakfast and the gifts given to us for our Confirmation. ~ Confirmation Class of 2015.

Pastoral Council Mtg: Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 pm

Invitation: In honor of my son Thomas' Eagle Scout rank, I would like to invite our parish family to a brunch and ceremony following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 18. So we can prepare enough food, please RSVP by Sunday, October 11 to: tmaxbosco@gmail.com or call/text at (507) 369-3935. ~ Mary Whalen



MCCL volunteers (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be taking orders after Mass this Sunday, October 18 for Christmas wreaths and other greenery. The orders will be available to be picked up after Mass on November 22 at St. Bridget's. If you miss your chance to order at church, you can call Monica Araoz at 282-4167.

Choir: We will provide music ministry on Sunday, October 25. Meet at 7:45 am for practice.

Ladies Group Meeting: All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to gather on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in the social hall to plan for the next year. We want your input and suggestions. Please join us! Question, contact Sandy Woodruff 282-3854.

Religious Ed & Youth

Religious Ed Classes: There will be NO classes on Wednesday, October 14 as it is MEA Weekend. Enjoy your time off.

Classes Resume: Wednesday, October 21, regular classes will be held at normal times: 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. Grade 7 will meet at the Care Center to play Card Bingo from 6:30-7:30 pm.



Annual Rake n Run: Grab your rakes, gloves and leaf blowers and meet at St. Bernard's on Saturday, October 24 at 1:00 pm as we help parishioners from both parishes clean-up their yards. If you know of someone who might benefit from this activity, contact Krissy Sullivan.



Trunk-or-Treat & Supper: On Saturday, October 24 at St. Bridget's, we'll gather at 5:30 pm for supper, followed by crafts, music and trick or treating in the parking lot. There will be contests for the best costume and the best decorated trunk / car. Fun for all ages – everyone is welcome to join us.

Around The Area

Fire Fighter's Breakfast: The Stewartville Fire Fighters Relief Association will sponsor its 42nd annual breakfast buffet fundraiser on Sunday, October 11 from 8:00 am – noon at the Stewartville American Legion. All you can eat adults \$10, Seniors \$7, age 12 and under \$5.

Holy Hour for Men: Catholic Men are invited to a special Holy Hour with Bishop Harrington on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Catholic Church in Rochester. All Catholic men (young adults to seniors) are invited. Refreshments follow.

Beginning Experience Retreat: If you are suffering from the loss of a relationship; widowed, divorced, separated, a retreat will be held at Assisi Heights on the weekend of October 23-25. The cost is \$200 for the entire weekend which includes a room and all meals. Register by October 11 by filling out the form online at beminnnesota.org or call 261-8248.

Diocese of Winona Women's Conference: Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Pacelli Catholic School in Austin. Come learn how each of us as women, no matter what our age or vocation, are called to live out the gift of motherhood, after the example of the Blessed Mother. Register at www.dow.org/faithformation or call Camille 507-858-1271

