

# 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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September 3, 2017

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 3, 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.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Monday, Sept 4**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
*Labor Day*      Mathias Kellner+

**Tuesday, Sept 5**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Pete Flynn+

**Wednesday, Sept 6**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Jan Heitman+

**Thursday, Sept 7**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
For the Steinmetz Family

**Friday, Sept 8**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Roy & Helen Smith+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
Fr. Donald Grubisch+

**Saturday, Sept 9**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Ron Schoeppner+

**Sunday, Sept 10**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For St Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
For deceased members of the  
Hoehn Family

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Sept 9

**St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Judy Bunde, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Sept 10

**St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Marianna Miron

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Jeannette Sheehan

**St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeter: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Joseph Gawarecki, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Chris Gawarecki

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,  
Laura Peters

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

All three readings this week help us with the issue of how to live in the presence of God. The psalm actually addresses the experience of our yearning and longing for God.

We are called to seek true peace in the presence of God and not just spend our lives dwelling on our life circumstances and begging God for His help. Our minds can become crowded with this as we pursue what we consider our own contentment. We must be transformed in the renewal of our minds and hearts. And be converted gradually to live the Christian experience.

In the midst of exhaustion felt with life-circumstances we might find ourselves more at one with ourselves and God if only we trust in Him and His presence. Then we will have reached a new level in our relationship with God, a new depth and a greater sense of peace. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society's cultural norms sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ. Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. This should be our attitude when we seek to be good stewards. We must strive to do His will for the Church and others and find true peace in that

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Aug 27

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,506.12
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 42,308.61
YTD Budgeted	\$ 50,031.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,722.39-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,219.97
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 18,096.97
YTD Budgeted	\$ 24,903.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,806.03-

## Our Parishes

**Widows' Support Group Meeting:** Thursday, September 7 at 10am in St. Bernard's library.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Thursday, September 7 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

**Social Concerns Team Meeting:** Thursday, September 7 at 7pm in St Bernard's library. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to join us.

**Hurricane Relief Collection:** Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions in Texas. Our partners at Catholic Charities USA have conveyed that nearly 50 inches of rain fell in some areas. Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding, through a special collection, to our suffering brothers and sisters. The USCCB is assisting Catholic Charities USA in its role as the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. Please help by responding to the urgent need for water, shelter and food by those people affected by Hurricane Harvey. Support our parish's special collection next weekend, September 9/10. Checks should be made payable to our parish ('Hurricane Relief' in the memo).



### St. Bernard & St. Bridget Big Appreciation

**Bash:** The Big Bash will be held on Wednesday, September 13, beginning at 6pm in the parking lot of St. Bernard's. Plan to come for a delicious meal, music and fellowship. This is a fun event put on by both parishes for all to enjoy.

**Invitation:** The Widow's Group invites the two parishes to join us in hearing Jeanette Fortier speak about the saints. She will present "Surrounded By Saints" on Thursday, October 5 at 10am in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. A free-will offering will be taken. Social with refreshments will follow. ALL are welcome.

**Free Crib:** Is anyone in need of a baby crib? Mattress not included. Contact the office.

## Religious Ed & Youth



### BYG (Bernie and Bridgie's Youth Group):

We will start meeting regularly on Sundays. Middle School 4-5:15pm and High School 7-8:30pm. Meet in the youth room on the school side.

**Calendars for Religious Ed:** Calendars are available in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and the entryway at St. Bridget's.

**Registrations Due:** Please turn in your registrations. Let's not wait until the last day.

**Teacher Needed for Grade 7:** If you are interested in teaching 7<sup>th</sup> graders, contact Krissy.

### Religious Ed Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 20:

Students signed up for the 5:15-6:15pm class come at that time. Students signed up for the 6:30-7:30pm class come then. At 6:30 we will meet in the social hall to introduce all the teachers for the 6:30 classes. Parents are invited to join for the introduction of the teachers and welcome back. Krissy will be available after the students go to class for any questions.

**Diocesan Catechetical Day:** Friday, September 22 at Lourdes High School in Rochester from 8:30am-3:30pm. All those involved in religious education are welcome, including homeschooling parents, catechists, RCIA leaders, etc. See dow.org for more info and registration or contact Krissy.

## St Bernard's

**Wedding Congratulations:** Amber Uhlenhake & Michael Herbrand ~ Saturday, Sept 2 in LaCrosse



**Wedding Blessings:** Rachael Eisen & Chad Peterson will be wed on Saturday, Sept 9

**Thank You:** Thanks to Janet Speltz for helping with the summer Card Bingo at the Care Center and to all those who came last Wednesday. Thanks also to Marlene King and Mary Lynch for coming for Friday Music Hour. Your smiling faces are a wonderful gift to Care Center residents. ~ Jeanette Fortier

**Men's Club Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30pm in the parish library. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

**Word Among Us:** Your Sept & Oct issues are available.



**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, September 17 at 8:50am followed by Mass at 10am. This is the first singing of the season. New voices always welcome, just show up for practice. We practice in a classroom on the school side.

## St Bridget's

**No Adoration on Labor Day:** We will resume Adoration the following week.

**Gathering of Adorers:** There will be a gathering of the St. Bridget adorers on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm at St. Bridget's Social Hall. New adorers will be introduced and suggestions for strengthening our mission discussed. Anyone interested in becoming an adorer or learning more, please join us.

## Around the Area

**Women's Midweek Silent Retreat:** Theme: "Take Courage!" Dates: Sept 26 – 28 or October 10-12 \$160 per person/\$100 per person for students. **Married Couples Retreat:** October 13 – 15, \$320 per couple. Retreats held at Christ The King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Presented by King's House Preaching Team. Contact Lori at [lpolman@kingshouse.com](mailto:lpolman@kingshouse.com)/763-682-1394 ext. 11