

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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September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, Sept 11	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	For our country	
Tuesday, Sept 12	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	Kayla Koch+	
Wednesday, Sept 13	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Special Intention for Bess David	
Thursday, Sept 14	No Mass	
Friday, Sept 15	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Kim Everman Mason+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Jan Heitman+	
Saturday, Sept 16	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	Matthew Millenacker+	
Sunday, Sept 17	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	Mary Strei+	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 16

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: needed

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Dorothy Hurley

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, Sept 17

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Sam Miron

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: needed

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Jamisen Hart

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Mary Hustak, Patty Miller

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Jim Otto

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUNG TO SERVE AT THE ALTAR

Pastor's Corner

With regard to the Gospel today we should remember that Matthew wrote it with the concrete problems of the early church in mind. This Gospel suggests to us that we can rely on interpersonal bonds in order to resolve most of the problems our families and communities experience.

While not considering ourselves judges, it may fall to us to correct others and be "watchmen" to that degree as we see in today's reading from Ezekiel. We have a responsibility for our own souls but also for the good of others as we can acknowledge that at times we are called to help those who have strayed and to bring them back to the right path.

How do we live together? The reflections in the Gospel give practical procedures for dealing with aberrant behavior in various Christian contexts. Jesus, however, stresses that problems can be handled using as few people as possible. Although the Church has its own penal law we hope that use of it will be a last resort after fraternal correction has been found inadequate. Love and charity must rule the day always. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Most of us know someone whose love is evident by how they treat others and how they live. Loving neighbor is a visible expression of everything that Jesus taught. It is a way of expressing the depth of our faith and our belief that we are Disciples of Christ.

St. Francis de Sales captured all about what this love is and who is your neighbor when he wrote, "Examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbor as you would like his or hers to be toward you in his or her place. This is the touchstone of true reason." It is relatively basic and simple — our neighbor is everyone with whom we have contact and love is what makes it all work.

St. Bernard & St. Bridget Big Appreciation Bash: *The Big Bash will be this Wednesday, September 13, beginning at 6pm in the parking lot of St. Bernard's. Join us for good food and good company!*

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Sept 3

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,148.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 46,456.86
YTD Budgeted	\$ 55,590.00
Under Budget	\$ 9,133.14-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,729.02
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 20,825.12
YTD Budgeted	\$ 27,670.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,844.88-

Our Parishes

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30pm at St Bridget's.

Cancer Support Group: Tuesday, September 19, 7pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Widows' Support Group Meeting: Thursday, September 21 at 10am in St. Bernard's library.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, September 21 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Stewardship Meeting: Thursday, September 21, at 7pm at St. Bernard's.

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

Respect Life

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will hold Fall Tour meetings all over the state during September and through October. Come learn the latest trends, data, statistics, and strategies to help you be an informed and effective advocate for life. Rochester's upcoming Fall Tour is on Thursday, September 28 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5455 50th Ave NW. The meeting begins at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided. For more info www.mccl.org

Religious Ed & Youth



Thanks! Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to teach and help with religious ed this year. We appreciate your willingness to give of your time.

Teachers & Volunteers: St. Bernard's / St. Bridget's VIRTUS training is scheduled for Sunday, September 17 at 3pm in St. Bernard's Marian Hall. If you are unable to attend this session, please register to attend a session at an area church. Log on to <http://www.virtus.org> to check your training status and/or to register for a class. VIRTUS training is an awareness session which better equips adults to protect children and vulnerable adults in the world around them. Virtus training is required for all parish volunteers who are in regular or unsupervised contact with children under the age of 18, and needs to be repeated at five year intervals. **Note:** All catechists or volunteers (18 years and older) working with children under the age of 18 must attend a VIRTUS session, complete a background check, and sign a code of conduct.

Parents, please don't wait until the last minute to register your children for classes. We have made it very convenient by having the registration forms online to download and print off or to fill out and easily submit it online. Log on to the parish website; www.sbsbparishes.org or pick up a form at either of the churches in the gathering area.



BYG (Bernie and Bridgie's Youth Group): We meet Sunday evenings in the youth room; Middle School 4-5:15pm, and High School 7-8:30pm. See you there!

9th Grade Confirmation Meeting: Sunday September 17 from 11:00am-12:00. A parent and the student should attend this meeting.

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.

St Bernard's



Wedding: Blessings to Rachael Eisen & Chad Peterson ~ Saturday, September 9



Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, September 17 & 24 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.

Birthday Party at the Care Center: St. Bernard's will be throwing a party for those at the Care Center whose birthdays are in September. The party will be Thursday, September 21 at 2pm. Anyone willing to assist, please contact Rita Christian 533-6692.

Thank You: Our thanks to Fr. Wilmot, the Prayer Group and our parish for all the prayers in the loss of my mother. Grief is an emotion that can be shared, and we appreciate your sharing and caring. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. ~ Bill & Karen Granahan

Mass Practices - EMC's & Servers: I shall be offering these for those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at St Bernard's after the weekend Masses, Sept 23 & 24. New Servers; Saturday, Sept 23 at 9am. Please let me know if you are interested. ~ Fr. W

Girl Scout Initiative - Food for the Poor: Bring your non-perishable food and place in the cart in the gathering area.

St Bridget's

Health & Wellness: Join us Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm in the old social hall at St. Bridget's. Gentle stretching helps to increase flexibility and balance. Everyone is welcome. Questions contact Jeannette Sheehan 251-8053 or Rita Oswald 533-9585.

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.

Interested in Becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or a Server: Let Father know so an appointment for training can be arranged.