

## The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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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 6, 2015**

**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](http://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](mailto:frwilmot@aol.com) 533-8257 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 1:00 - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Monday, Sept 7</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am William Miller+
<b>Tuesday, Sept 8</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am Rosalie Graham+
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Lyle & Colette Abbott+
<b>Thursday, Sept 10</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am For priests of our diocese
<b>Friday, Sept 11</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+
	<b>Care Center</b> 9:15 am Helen Majerus+
<b>Saturday, Sept 12</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 5:00 pm John Steines+
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
	<b>St. Bernard</b> 10:00 am Jack, Donna & Patricia Sues+

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, Sept 12 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Rosary: Midge Block

Server: Brandon McCrady

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Mary Claeys, Susan Hazelton

Ushers: Dennis Graff, Joe Himmer, Dan Schoeppner

**Sunday, Sept 13- 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Needed

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Jeannette Sheehan, Karen Sheehan

**Sunday, Sept 13 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

**Confirmation**

Greeters: Janet Speltz

Servers: Annie & Lily Welch

Lector: Andy Friederich

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Lisa Dodd, Dorothy Hurley,

Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Dan Pyan

## Pastor's Corner

Today's healing by Jesus of the deaf mute is done in private. Jesus is not a "healing machine" but does so with love and compassion and is open to all. Whilst healing He asks the healed person to accept the gift as a personal act of mercy. Yes, Jesus came to heal all mankind but He approaches each one of us uniquely, where we are also. He has no favorites.

We might want to think of this as we look at our reading from James and as we welcome people into our community. We don't only welcome the well shod or the exciting but all people. We mustn't let superficial observations motivate our behavior towards a neighbor. Jesus didn't.

People draw their own conclusions about Jesus of course and often link him up with their own designs. They try to make Him fit. However, despite His obvious power and authority Jesus should be seen as the suffering servant who gives of everything He is for our healing, our salvation. Enjoy the Labor Day break. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel from Mark includes an extraordinary occasion when Jesus cured and healed a man who had been unable to hear or speak.

Our Holy Father emeritus Benedict once pointed out that many are inwardly deaf to the world around them and remain mute at a time when the world is in need of spiritual guidance. The former Pope's meditation on that Gospel and that one important word also included a reminder that the Lord speaks to each of us in a language of love, and calls us to be baptized disciples.

The man in the Gospel had been isolated and insulated from the world around him. We may tend to be that way at times also. Jesus calls us to see our vocation in human society, and to strive to be good stewards of that vocation.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received for the week ending Aug 30

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,569.11 (\$3.40 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 35,845.63
YTD Budgeted	\$ 45,402.58
Under Budget	\$ 9,556.95 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,914.75(\$5.45 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 19,679.62
YTD Budgeted	\$ 18,471.81
Over Budget	\$ 1,207.81 +



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#### Church Support:

Our weekly church support at St. Bernard's is not setting us up well for our year ahead. We are digging ourselves into a deep financial hole. Thank you to those who give generously. Those

who give little, please add a little more. If you don't contribute at all, please start now. Fr. W

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*Labor Day honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. We would like to wish a relaxing Labor Day Weekend to our parish families.*



## Our Parishes

Thank you to our 'Folding Fairy' who comes to the office and folds the bulletins. You are appreciated! Thank you also to our 'Goodie Fairy' who brings treats. You spoil us and we love it!

**Becoming Catholic:** If you would like to receive instruction with a view to joining the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Wilmot 533-8257 or our RCIA Coordinators; St. Bernard's Mary Brouillard 533-6596; St. Bridget's Sandy Woodruff 282-3854.



**NCYC - National Catholic Youth Conference for High School Students:** NCYC is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the United States with up to 25,000 people attending from all over the country. It is an exciting, three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and adult chaperones. Nationally recognized speakers and performers, bands and concerts each day are part of this event. The trip dates are November 18-22 and the cost is \$600 (parish grants are available). The deadline for registration is September 30. Google NCYC 2015 and check out the promotion for the event. Don't delay – if interested, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192.

## Religious Ed News

**Registrations Are Due:** Please do not wait until the Kick-Off evening to register your children. Planning needs to be done prior to that event. Registration forms have been mailed to households, and have been set out at both parishes for weeks. Also the form is on the website. **Please have your children registered by this Friday, September 11.**

**Just a Few Teachers Needed:** We still need a couple teachers and a helper to help pass the faith on to our youth. Prayerfully consider sharing your gifts. Contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192 if interested  
**Needed:**

**4th grade:** Teacher

**Confirmation:** A married couple to teach in their home  
**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:**  
Level 1 from 6:30-7:30 pm - need a helper



**Religious Ed Kick-Off:** Wednesday, September 16 at St. Bernard's beginning with supper at 5:45 pm.

## St. Bernard

**Word Among Us Subscribers:** Your October issue is available for pick-up.

**Wedding Banns:** Kelly Norman & Kody Kramer ~ Saturday, September 12

**Adult Choir:** We will provide music ministry on Confirmation day, Sunday, September 13. Meet for practice at 8:50 am in the school side of the building. New voices always welcome!

**Confirmation:** On Sunday, September 13, Bishop Quinn will celebrate the holy sacrament of Confirmation with our students, sealing them in the Holy Spirit.

**Council Meetings:** Tuesday, September 15 the Finance Council will meet at 6:30 pm and the Pastoral Council meets at 7:15 pm.



**Irish Mass:** Join us Sunday, September 20 at the 10:00 am Mass for special music by the group from Chicago called "Switchback". They are Marty McCormack and Brian Fitzgerald, who wrote the music for a Mass and will perform it here at St. Bernard's. Check out their website: waygoodmusic.com. This is a gift to the parish and community from Gene and Sharon Bernard in celebration of her recent retirement after 35 years as Activity Director at the Stewartville Care Center. The Men's Club will sponsor a breakfast following Mass so you can meet and greet Marty and Brian.

## St. Bridget's

**Council Meetings:** Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm for Finance and 7:15 pm for Pastoral.

## Around The Area

**Stories in Stone:** Dubbed as "A City Seated on a Hill," Assisi Heights can be seen from nearly every direction in the Rochester area. Come up close to the architectural aspects of a building celebrating its 60th anniversary. Wear walking shoes for this indoor and outdoor tour on Wednesday, September 9, 6:30-8:30 pm - or - Saturday, September 19, 2:00-4:00 pm, \$10 pre-registered, \$15 at the door. For more information, call Angie Grimm at 280-2195 or email: ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org

**St. Ignatius Parish in Spring Valley Holds 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival:** Barbequed Chicken Dinner with baked potato, cole slaw, roll, beverages and homemade pie served Sunday, September 13 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm or until gone. ½ chicken \$10, ¼ chicken \$8 – carry-outs available. The day includes Silent Auction, Wine Basket Raffle and children's games.

**Painting at Assisi Heights:** All levels of competencies welcome. Participants will take home fall and winter scenes. All materials provided. Dates are September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 2:00-3:00 pm, \$60 pre-registered, \$65 at the door, includes all 6 sessions. For more information, call Angie Grimm at 280-2195 or email: ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org