

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Sept 28	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Roy & Helen Smith+	
Tuesday, Sept 29	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	James P. O'Neill+	
Wednesday, Sept 30	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Hattie Frana+	
Thursday, Oct 1	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Lucy Tooke+	
Friday, Oct 2	St. Bernard	8:00 am
	Ollie Fritsche+	
	Care Center	9:15 am
	Intention for residents	
Saturday, Oct 3	St. Bernard	5:00 pm
	LaVonne Schoepner+	
Sunday, Oct 4	St. Bridget	8:30 am
	For Noel Schoo	
	St. Bernard	10:00 am
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Oct 3 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Server: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Dorothy Hurley, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, Oct 4 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Mike Sheehan

EMC: Jim Kuisle, Wanda Nienow, Britt Noser

Sunday, Oct 4 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Jamisen Hart

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Steve Sturm

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

Pastor's Corner

We want to be happy in life of course and we should want for our relationships to be perfect. For those of us who believe, that will mean being one with God, at one with ourselves, within our own person, and at one with our neighbor. Sin, in varying degrees, fractures our oneness; sin alienates us from God, from our better self and from our neighbor. Since sin alienates and harms, since it spreads and destroys, we cease to be happy and the brightness of our joy is at the very least dimmed. In serious sins it is darkened to the extent that we may not be able to see our way forward.

Jesus doesn't want to condemn us, indeed He came to save us and so He advises us to repent when we have need to. Even the most venial of sins can grow and can become difficult for us to let go of. We are asked to recognize our sinfulness and to repent. If we fail to recognize our sins, or ignore the reality of sin, this hurts Jesus who wishes us to take it seriously. He knows that it can destroy the eternal happiness he wants for us. We might start our recovery by asking Him for the grace to increase our self-awareness and what really matters in life. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

As has been referenced over the past few weeks, during which time the Second Readings have been taken from the Letter of James, James speaks of and refers often to a "living faith". • This living faith is the Holy Spirit working within us and coming alive in the way we live, the way we treat and love others – our living a life of true stewardship therefore.

Although on the surface James seems to be condemning the rich in today's reading, James is saying that it is the rich who may be most likely to think they can live independently from God, that they do not need the Lord. Nevertheless, they, like all of us, must be completely dependent upon God. They must strive to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to overcome the dangers of wealth. This is shown by how they love, how they recognize that their gifts, like ours, need to be used to serve God, the Church, and those in need.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Sept 20

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,316.72
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 47,999.73
YTD Budgeted	\$ 60,536.77
Under Budget	\$ 12,537.04 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,241.25 (\$6 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 25,663.60
YTD Budgeted	\$ 24,629.08
Over Budget	\$ 1,034.52 +

STEWARDSHIP FOR FARMERS

Just a thought: You can see St. Bernard's is down with regard to our church support – and we have still a large amount of debt for our building to pay off. Why not, in the upcoming season of harvesting and thanksgiving, set aside a healthy number of bushels for the Lord. It has been a good year for many farmers. Let us give a little extra expression of thanks. St. Bernard's has its own account at the American Co-op. I'm sure St. Bridget's has something similar. Again: Just a thought. Fr.W.



Our Parishes

Baby Bottle Campaign: We will again be participating in this campaign by filling baby bottles with loose change during the month of October. This helps fund Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Assistance Fund.

Liturgical Ministers: Some of the roles have been assigned, a couple weeks from now and beyond, so it should be sufficient notice for most of you. If the dates do not work, feel free to request a swap.

Our Parishes

Quilting / Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, October 1 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

Social Concerns Committee: Meet on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's parish library.



Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels: Join us for a talk on the Holy Guardian Angels at St. Bridget's on Friday, October 2 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the social hall.

We will learn what sacred Scripture and the tradition of the church teach us about the Angels and how we can fully cooperate with them. We will touch on stories of the Saints and their Guardian Angels as well as the Vatican approved consecration to the Holy Angel(s) ending with the Litany to the Holy Angels.

Website & Facebook: Several calendar items have been added to the website. Also note, you can access Facebook from the website even if you do not have your own Facebook account. Check out the pictures of our newly baptized and the newly married couples.

Lectors: Those who requested the "Workbook for Lectors" can pick up their books. If we missed you and you would like to have one, contact Pam in the office.

St. Bernard

Wedding Banns: Nate Askelson & Rachel Waugh
Saturday, October 3



Calling All Men: You're invited to the next Men's Club Meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm in the parish library. We work to be good stewards using Club time, talent and treasure to assist with church needs / repairs, etc. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend to enjoy camaraderie amongst fellow parishioners.

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

Religious Ed News

Religious Ed Classes: Wednesday, September 30 from 5:15-6:15 pm for the first session and 6:30-7:30 pm for the later classes.



Rake n Run: Saturday, October 24 youth and their parents will help rake lawns for parishioners who need a bit of help. Meet at St. Bernard's at 1:00 pm.

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 24 at 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's. Get your costumes planned!

St. Bridget's

Cemetery Committee Meeting: Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm at St. Bridget's social hall.

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



Ladies: For your calendar, the Ladies Group will gather on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in the social hall to plan for the New Year. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend. Questions, contact Sandy Woodruff 282-3854.

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.

Diocese of Winona Social Justice Day: You're invited to join others from across the diocese for a day to explore and discuss Pope Francis' recent encyclical on the care for the environment. This event will be held at St. Theodore Parish in Albert Lea on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. For more info, contact Deacon Chris Walchuk at 507-469-5563.

Beginning Experience Weekend 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, all meals and a great retreat. Register by October 11 by filling out the form online at beminnnesota.org or call 261-8248.