

## 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
<b>Rectory</b>	(507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency)

**October 2, 2016**

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2016

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**Parish Registration:** 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 – Friday 8:30 am -2:30 pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10:00 am unless a holiday is during the week.

**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  
Not on Memorial Day or Labor Day

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays 9:00 pm. 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 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 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

**Monday, Oct 3**                      **St. Bernard**        **8:00 am**  
Julius & Gladys Claeys+

*Fr. Wilmot will be attending meetings for the priests in the diocese. Morning Mass will not be held at the parishes Tuesday and Wednesday.*

**Thursday, Oct 6**                      **St. Bernard**        **8:00 am**  
Raymond Rath+

**Friday, Oct 7**                      **St. Bernard**        **8:00 am**  
In thanksgiving for children

**Care Center**                      **9:15 am**  
Mike Kean+

**Saturday, Oct 8**                      **St. Bernard**        **5:00 pm**  
Marie Bergler+

**Sunday, Oct 9**                      **St. Bridget**        **8:30 am**  
James & Redempta O'Neill+

**St. Bernard**                      **10:00 am**  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

### Saturday, Oct 8

**St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Mary Claeys, Pauline Fontaine

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Dan Rainey,

Joe Rauh

### Sunday, Oct 9

**St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Bill Kuisle, Britt Noser

**St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Pat Robey

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

## Pastor's Corner

"Increase our faith" beg the apostles of Jesus. They find so much that Jesus promotes as difficult to digest: be forgiving, love your neighbor - even your enemy, be good stewards, be bold and brave followers etc. They are becoming aware also that one day Jesus will not even be with them in the flesh; how can they have faith to preach His gospel when so many doubts and so much uncertainty and fear stir in their breasts.

Habakkuk would remind them that we must build on the smallest amount of doubting faith and become numbered among those who fully trust in God. For Habakkuk Faith means life itself. Jesus echoes this in today's gospel and He states that anything that is contrary to the faith should be rooted out so that true faith might take a strong hold. What is important about our faith is not how much there is, but what kind of faith it is. A small amount of faith can accomplish great things if it leads us to trust in the great, mighty, and all-powerful God. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Trust in God keeps us humble and is an important element of faith and stewardship. It will make us value salvation even more. In today's second reading St. Paul indicates, it is something we can grasp and hold with the help of the Lord, the "help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us."

Jesus teaches in the gospel reading that we may have weakness deeply rooted within us. However, through faith, even a small amount, the Lord can rip those roots out of us. A small amount of faith can accomplish great things. Upon this should our sense of stewardship rest.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending September 25

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,111.77
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 64,067.71
YTD Budgeted	\$ 69,959.50
Under Budget	\$ 5,891.79 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,114.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 20,959.01
YTD Budgeted	\$ 35,971.00
Under Budget	\$ 15,011.99 -

## Our Parishes & Other Notes



**Baby Bottle Campaign:** Take a baby bottle home and fill it with your spare change during the month of October, returning it to the parish the first week of November. All monies go to Catholic Charities.

**St Bernard and St. Bridget's Widow's Group:** We will meet Wednesday, October 5, at the Civic Center for lunch. We will gather around 11:15 am. Please call ahead for a reservation. (533-4787) The cost is \$4. Also put on your calendar our meeting on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 am in the St. Bernard's library. See you then!

**First Fridays:** October 7 is the First Friday – those who would like a Communion visit from Father, please call the office 533-8257.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** The next gathering will be held Thursday, October 13, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.



This event will be held Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 pm at St. Bridget's. Contests will be held so plan now for your costumes and trunk decorations! Dinner will be served; pizza burgers, fruit & veggies and cookies, followed by games and loads of fun. Everybody is welcome to attend even if you aren't bringing little ones. Come for supper, stick around to enjoy the activities and hand out goodies. Confirmation students are encouraged to help, also adult volunteers as well. Contact Brook McCarrick if you can assist 286-9376.

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Thank You:** Members of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's organized a birthday party at the Care Center to celebrate residents who have September birthdays. Thank you Rita Christian, Marlene King & Bridget O'Neill for throwing the party. And thank you to anyone else who helped.

**Parish Giving:** Several of you have started using the online giving program. Log on to the parish website; sbsbparishes.org and find the link on the front page (there is one for St. Bernard's and one for St. Bridget's). Make a profile / account for yourself and choose how much to give, when to give, and which bank account or card you want to use. You have complete control. Check it out!

## Religious Ed

**Religious Ed Classes:** Wednesday, October 5 from 5:15-6:16 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm and Confirmation Class 6:15-7:45 pm

### Extra Liturgical & Adult Ed Offerings:

**SYMBOLON:** The Catholic Faith explained. Mondays at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's.

Session I, Oct. 10: THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Session II Oct. 17: DIVINE REVELATION

Session III Oct. 24: THE BIBLE

Session IV Nov. 7: THE STORY OF SALVATION

Session V Nov. 14: WHO IS JESUS?

**Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Mondays of Advent at 6:30 pm, beginning November 28

**Advent Penance Service:** Thursday, Dec 15, 6:30 pm

## St. Bernard



**Men's Club Meeting:** All men of the parish are invited to get together on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

**Adult Choir:** The next practices are Sunday, October 9 & 16 at 8:50 am. Music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass.

**Breakfast:** The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 9. Plan to attend for fellowship and delicious food!



**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

## St. Bridget



**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Choir Sings:** Sunday, October 23 for 8:30 am Mass. Meet at 7:45 am for practice.



**Women's Group:** Ladies, you are invited to the Fall gathering on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the social hall.

## Around The Area

### Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship:

Wednesday, October 5, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. James Coffee. Come to a presentation and discussion to assist voters to consider moral issues when deciding whom to elect to public office.

**St. James Coffee & Canvas:** Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of painting and fellowship. Cost \$25.

**Women's Conference:** The Diocese of Winona's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15, at Lourdes High School in Rochester, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy," so the conference will provide an opportunity to enjoy a day in the beauty and mercy of the Queen of Heaven. Register at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) Contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 507-273-9847 or [cindymeyerhofer@q.com](mailto:cindymeyerhofer@q.com) if you would like to carpool from St. Bernard's.

**Our Lady of Fatima Tour For Peace:** The Diocese of Winona welcomes the world famous Virgin Statue. The statue was sculpted in 1947 according to the precise instructions of Sister Lucia, one of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared in 1917. While the statue is in our diocese, you are welcome to visit; October 24 – Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, October 25 – St. Francis of Assisi in Rochester.

St. Francis of Assisi will hold a Mass on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm with a Solemn Recessional of the statue. Rosary, Exposition, Adoration, Benediction and lectures start at noon. [www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com)