

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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| Location | 116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976 |
| Office Hours | Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm |
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| Rectory | (507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency) |

October 23, 2016

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2016

Parish Registration: 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 – 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 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
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 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Monday, Oct 24 | St. Bernard 8:00 am Frank & Marlyse Neuzil+ |
| Tuesday, Oct 25 | St. Bridget 8:30 am Special Intention |
| Wednesday, Oct 26 | St. Bernard 8:00 am Mike Foster+ |
| Thursday, Oct 27 | St. Bernard 8:00 am Arnie Block+ |
| Friday, Oct 28 | St. Bernard 8:00 am Gene & Shirley Loechler+ |
| | Care Center 9:15 am Jan Heitman+ |
| Saturday, Oct 29 | St. Bernard 5:00 pm Harold Bredesen+ |
| Sunday, Oct 30 | St. Bridget 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's |
| | St. Bernard 10:00 am Ed & Tricia Irlbeck+ |

Saturday, Oct 29

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: Needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Susan Hazelton, Dorothy Hurley, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Dan Rainey

Sunday, Oct 30

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle, Britt Noser

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Baylie Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Patty Miller, Laura Peters

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

I'm sure many of us are familiar with the Greek myth which has Narcissus, to cut long story short, withering away because he sees his reflection in a pond and falls in love with himself – seeing all the things for which he himself is admired. We have many narcissists nowadays in both politics and, if one is fair, generally in modern society. So many people seem devoted to exaltation of self rather than including love of God and others.

Sirach is not like this; he considers that wealth or poverty do not influence God's hearing of people seeking justice. Even though God does have a great love for the poor and the oppressed and will always be attentive to them. Justice is important and God has revealed that he wants us to be at peace with acting as He would in regard to all others.

Zacheus is identified as a sinner in need of God's mercy even though he is well off. "Justification" takes place for him because he is converted by becoming aware of a relationship with God – he is not on God's level, he needs a relationship which trusts in God and not in his own worth. Zacheus seeks out Jesus and is transformed. May we all seek Jesus, and the will of God and true justice. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We are all familiar with the idea of favorites: we may have a favorite color, or a favorite food, or a favorite flower. However, it is comforting to know that God has no favorites. We are all His children. This fact is reinforced over and over in the Bible.

What God expects of us is for us to be disciples, to be good stewards, to live righteous lives. If we sincerely do that, if we pursue holiness as we are called to do, then truly as the Lord tells us in today "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." God is good to all of us, all the time.

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October is **Respect Life Month**. Take some time to learn about how you can promote a respect for life. Perhaps begin with the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website. Then take a look at Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) and move on to Stopp.org Stop Planned Parenthood (STOPP). You will find plenty of interesting articles. Life, what a beautiful gift from our heavenly Father, a gift to be cherished, respected and protected, always.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending October 16

St. Bernard's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 3,877.27 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 5,381.50 |
| YTD Received | \$ 80,668.79 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 86,104.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 5,435.21 - |

St. Bridget's

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| Amount Rec'd | \$ 1,341.00 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ 2,767.00 |
| YTD Received | \$ 30,049.47 |
| YTD Budgeted | \$ 44,272.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 14,222.53 - |

St. Bernard's Campaign Final Phase: The final two year phase of our Together in Faith building campaign began October 15 of last year. The balance on our loan is now **\$112,489.84**. Not forgetting those who have contributed over the years, we thank all who have been involved with this final phase through donations and pledges and our hope is to have the entire debt paid off by October, 2017.

Our Parishes & Other Notes

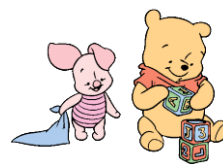
Cancer Support Group Meeting: The cancer support group meets on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. Questions call Chet 533-0008.

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gathering will be held Thursday, October 27, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

All Saints & All Souls Day:

Tuesday, November 1 8:30 am St. Bridget's
Holy Day of Obligation 6:30 pm St. Bernard's

Wednesday, November 2 8:00 am St. Bernard's
6:30 pm St Bridget's



Adoption is the Loving Option- Adoption Fundraiser Breakfast and Bake Sale: Join us to support the adoption ministry of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's on Sunday,

November 20 at St. Bridget's after 8:30 am Mass. Helpers and bakers are needed. Contact Lisa Behnken 282- 5714 or Kay Poss 507-380-6216 if you are willing to assist.

Religious Ed

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes on Wednesday, October 26 at normal times.

Adult Ed & Other Liturgical Offerings:

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. Mondays at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. Fr. Wilmot and / or Cindy Meyerhofer will lead these sessions.

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



Rake-n-Run: Anyone willing to rake yards on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct 29 at 1:00 pm, meet at St. Bernard's. Parishioners who need help with raking, please contact Krissy to get on the schedule.

Students Recently Trained for Serving: Several of the students were recently trained by Father. If your child would like to pursue this ministry, please contact Pam to get on the ministry scheduler program.

St. Bridget



Women's Group: Ladies, you are invited to the Annual Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Christmas Greenery: Volunteers from MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be taking orders for Christmas greenery after Mass on Sunday, October 30. If you miss seeing us, you can place an order by calling Monica Araoz at 282-4167.

St. Bernard

Baptism: Blessings to Gabriel Francis Despina, son of Tyler & Tanya, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Word Among Us: Those of you who want to continue your subscription for next year, place a check or money (\$20) in an envelope and mark it "Word Among Us" and turn in to the parish office. Anyone else who would like to start a new subscription, you may do the same.

Adult Choir: The next practice is Sunday, October 30 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

Cemetery Board Meeting: The annual meeting of St. Bernard's Cemetery will be held Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Around The Area

Cor Jesu: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona will be hosting Cor Jesu, a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Praise & Worship. The first evening will be on Friday, Nov 4, from 7-9 pm. All are welcome to attend. For more details, search 'Winona Cor Jesu' on Facebook, go to winonacorjesu.gitlab.io or call Leandra Hubka at [\(507\) 990-3402](tel:507-990-3402) or Steven Lehn at [\(507\) 312-9041](tel:507-312-9041)

Mid-Life Retreat at Assisi Heights: Much is written about the mid-life time in our lives, yet we remain confused and perhaps a bit fearful. Roles are changing: children are leaving, health questions and concerns intruding, financial uncertainties increasing. This is an opportunity to explore your mid-life qualms, uncertainties and indecisions as being an integral part of your spiritual journey. What have you put off? What don't you have time for? What will give your life a greater sense of depth and meaning? You will be more fulfilled with the help of this retreat. November 4: 7:00-9:00pm | November 5: 9:00am-5:00pm \$65 pre-registered/pre-paid, includes lunch. Lodging and Breakfast available for an additional \$45 Register rochesterfranciscan.org

Volunteer Opportunity: The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a temporary homeless shelter, just west of downtown Rochester. We are presently in the need of additional twice-a-month Front Desk volunteers. See www.dorothydayrochesterminn.org for more info.

Simplifying Your Life and Enjoying it More: Simplifying your life means getting rid or scaling down of all that is not essential and moving to a more restful and peaceful life. Sisters Marlys Jax and Bernadine Jax invite you to explore this topic by beginning a step-by-step process of simplifying your life, deciding what is not important for you, and eliminating all else that is clutter. Register at rochesterfranciscan.org for Simplifying Your Life and Enjoying it More on Saturday, November 12, 9:30am-12:00pm \$25 pre-registered/pre-paid.