

## 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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**November 6, 2016**

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 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, Nov 7**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Larry Coyne+

**Tuesday, Nov 8**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Ralph & Jeanette Kruger+

**Wednesday, Nov 9**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Julius & Gladys Claeyes+

**Thursday, Nov 10**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Roy & Helen Smith+

**Friday, Nov 11**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Arnie Block+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
For Eileen Finn

**Saturday, Nov 12**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Marijane Irlbeck+

**Sunday, Nov 13**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
Sister Generose Gervais+

### Saturday, Nov 12 **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz  
Servers: Emilee & Olivia Otto  
Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer  
EMC: Judy Bunde, Emily Kiefer, Rose Steinman  
Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Ken Trisko,  
Alex VandeLoo

### Sunday, Nov 13

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Victoria Nienow  
Lector: Robert Sheehan  
EMC: Bill Kuisle, Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb  
Rosary: Mary Hustak  
Servers: Sarah & David Watters  
Lector: Julie Watters  
EMC: Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Jan Owen, Karen Volkart  
Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

In our first reading from Macabees we see one of the first expressions of hope by the Jews regarding the idea of the resurrection of the dead. This is drawn from the words of the mother of the seven sons who were so cruelly put to death. The idea of this resurrection from dead, and eternal life after death, was beginning to gain some popularity around the time of Jesus and this Sunday's liturgy focuses on that.

God is the Eternal One and if He created us in his own image then it follows logically that we will share with Him His eternal life. Eternal life begins with our baptism of course and our destiny is to reach the heavenly kingdom

It should be fairly obvious that both the "here" and the "hereafter" are utterly precious. We must not treat our earthly existence as merely a "waiting room" however but must consider ourselves to be constantly on the move, on our journey to the Promised Land. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today's first reading might serve to remind us of the cost of discipleship. The Maccabees suffered dreadful martyrdom for their faith, the early Christians did likewise. There is still a deal of persecution of the Church in our world today. While we are persecuted more subtly here than in some eastern countries, ours in the west is no less real; ridiculed, shunned, having our religious freedoms curtailed etc. We must ask ourselves "Is it worth it?" Our affirmative answer would be best expressed by how much of our time, our talent and our treasure we use to further knowledge of the Lord's kingdom and of Jesus our Savior. Our stewardship may seem costly but it is well worth it and the reward is heavenly.

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**Respect Life:** The Fall *40 Days for Life Campaign* has ended. The time of prayer, fasting and outreach is changing hearts and minds. By the grace of God, the movement has been blessed with proven results. Since 2007, 36 nations have taken part, 136 abortion workers have quit, and 75 abortion centers have closed, and 12,850 babies have been spared abortion, included the 527 babies as of this last campaign. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending October 30

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,509.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 89,855.79
YTD Budgeted	\$ 96,867.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,011.21 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,653.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 31,390.47
YTD Budgeted	\$ 47,039.00
Under Budget	\$ 15,648.53 -



St. Bernard's *Together in Faith* building loan debt is now under the 100,000.00 mark. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far. Let's finish this off quickly.

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA:** Use the special envelopes and make checks out to the parish and we will send one check from both parishes for this collection. We will not forward your names or addresses. If you wish to give online, visit [milarch.org](http://milarch.org) and then click on *Ways To Give*

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** The next gathering will be held Thursday, November 10, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** Tuesday, Nov 15, 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Widows Support Group:** We will be meeting the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the St. Bernard library. The next meeting will be held November 17. If something extra is planned it will be put in the bulletin. Any questions call Midge Block at 951-4912.

**Stewardship Mtg:** Thursday, Nov 17, 7:00 pm at St. Bernard'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.

**Baby Bottles:** Time to return the baby bottles!



**Christmas Caroling:** This is early planning but the season will be upon us before we know it. St. Bridget's Choir will be caroling to elderly and/or homebound parishioners on Saturday afternoon, December 10 (meet at St. Bridget's at noon). They invite anyone from the parishes to join them in singing. Also, if you would like the carolers to visit your home or someone you know who is homebound, contact Roseann Melby at 696-8760.

**Lectors:** Those who ordered workbooks, they are available for pick-up in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and in the entryway of St. Bridget's.

## **Religious Ed**

**Religious Ed Classes:** Regular classes on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adult Ed & Other Liturgical Offerings:**

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

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

### **Students Interested in Being a Server – Grade 4 & Up:**

Father will provide training for St. Bernard students on Wednesday evenings (when possible) and Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. For St. Bridget students, Saturday mornings at 8:30 am - call Father. Please communicate with Fr. Wilmot if your child is willing to participate in this ministry.

## **St. Bridget**



Blessings to Hannah Rose Griffin, daughter of Kevin & Holly, as she receives the holy sacrament on Sunday.

**Cemetery Board Mtg:** Wednesday, Nov 9 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Choir:** Music ministry on Sunday, November 20. Meet at 7:45 am for practice. New voices always welcome.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings and a few of the upcoming traditional events; Family Night and the Christmas Play. Contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192 or [sbsbreligious@aol.com](mailto:sbsbreligious@aol.com)

## **St. Bernard**



Blessings to Austin Steven Meyerhofer, son of Steve & Sonya, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism on Sunday.

**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.

**Adult Choir:** The next practice is Sunday, Nov 13 & 20 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.



**Breakfast:** The Men's Club invites you to enjoy fellowship and good food on Sunday, November 13. They will be serving in Marian Hall after 10:00 am Mass.

**Snow Shoveling – Help Needed:** The winter is almost upon us and we never know when it will snow, but it will. We are looking for a person or persons who would be interested in shoveling the sidewalks and entrances along the church and rectory this winter. If interested, contact Father at 533-8257 or Dick Koenigs at 269-1901.

## **Around The Area**

**Festival of Trees – November 25-27 – Mayo Civic Center:** Your gift of time contributes to the success of the Festival of Trees, which allows Hiawatha Homes Foundation to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Volunteer today at [www.hiawathahomes.org](http://www.hiawathahomes.org) or contact Sharon Jones 282-8086