

# The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard  
116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget  
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Rochester, MN



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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
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September 17, 2017

# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 17, 2017

**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit [sbsbparishes.org](http://sbsbparishes.org) and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday mornings 10am

**Becoming Catholic:** Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot 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 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.  
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

**Baptism:** Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office.

**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.

**Homebound:** If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living, or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, Sept 18</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For the Ancius Family	
<b>Tuesday, Sept 19</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Larry Roth+	
<b>Wednesday, Sept 20</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Mike Foster+	
<b>Thursday, Sept 21</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Ralph Dunnigan+	
<b>Friday, Sept 22</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	JoAnn Shore+	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Mike Kean+	
<b>Saturday, Sept 23</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	Walt R. David+	
<b>Sunday, Sept 24</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Frank C. & Peg Roeder+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Sept 23

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: needed

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Judy Bunde, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Sept 24

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: needed

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

The key words we might want to keep in mind when reviewing today's readings are Mercy, Forgiveness and Reconciliation. These are a two way street of course. We must remember that if we wish these for ourselves we must also grant them to others.

Let us often reflect upon the leniency of God – while bearing in mind also His sense of Justice. We should see that mercy is extended to others so that they will cease inflicting injuries themselves. Sirach helps us to understand that as much as we feel we are justified in responding negatively to an obtuse person with vengeance, we must recognize our own sinfulness and look upon him with an eye to reconciliation.

Let Jesus do the judging. That is His job after all. Yes, we should be serious about this. How you treat others: "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart." God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Through our stewardship we are called to help build up God's Kingdom in many ways. Time, talent and treasure are involved but with the purpose that we grow in the life of a Christian and show our love for God, neighbor and self.

The Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among Jesus' most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.

**For those interested in learning more about the R.C.I.A. process, an informational meeting will be held after the 10am Mass at St Bernard's on Sunday, Sept. 24, in the Marian Room (classroom halfway down the hall on the school side). Attending this gathering does not commit anyone. It is simply a time to meet the team and ask questions.**

**Who's it for?**

**- An adult who has not been baptized and wishes to be initiated into the Church**

**- An adult Catholic not yet confirmed or receiving the Eucharist**

**- An adult baptized in another faith wishing to become Catholic**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Sept 9

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,786.00
Aug Online Giving	\$ 1,910.00
Total	\$ 5,696.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 52,152.86
YTD Budgeted	\$ 61,149.00
Under Budget	\$ 8,996.14-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,717.00
Aug Online Giving	\$ 1,528.00
Total	\$ 3,245.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 24,070.12
YTD Budgeted	\$ 30,437.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,366.88-

### Thank You for your Generosity for Hurricane Relief:

Between the two parishes, nearly \$6,000 was donated to Catholic Relief USA to assist with the recent disasters.

## Our Parishes

**Joint Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30pm at St Bridget's.

**Cancer Support Group:** Tuesday, September 19, 7pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

**Widows' Support Group Meeting:** Thursday, September 21 at 10am in St. Bernard's library.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Thursday, September 21 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

**Stewardship Meeting:** Thursday, September 21, at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's.

**Confirmation:** Sunday, October 1 at the 10am Mass at St. Bernard's.

**Surrounded By Saints:** "Surrounded By Saints" will be presented by Jeanette Fortier on Thursday, October 5 at 10am in Marian Hall at St. Bernard's. A social will follow. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

## Religious Ed & Youth

**Teachers & Volunteers:** All catechists and volunteers (18 years and older) working with children under the age of 18 must attend a VIRTUS session, complete a background check, and sign a code of conduct. VIRTUS training is scheduled for Sunday, September 17 at 3pm in St. Bernard's Marian Hall. If you are unable to attend this session, please register to attend a session at an area church. Log on to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to check your training status and/or to register for a class.

**Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 20:** Students signed up for the 5:15-6:15pm class, come at that time. Students signed up for the 6:30-7:30pm class come then. At 6:30 we will meet in the social hall to introduce all the teachers for the 6:30 classes. Parents are invited to join for the introduction of the teachers and welcome back. Krissy will be available after the students go to class for any questions. Please do not wait to register your children until the Kick-Off.

## BYG News (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)



We meet Sunday evenings in the youth room; Middle School 4-5:15pm, High School 7-8:30pm

**Middle School BYG Nerf Battle!** This Sunday at Middle School BYG (9/17) from 4-5:15pm, bring yourself and your Nerf guns--prepare for an epic showdown in the youth room!



### High School BYG Habitat Volunteering:

On Saturday, September 23rd, high-schoolers are welcome to tag along with BYG to Habitat for Humanity's Re-Store in Rochester to volunteer. We'll help with taking in donations, getting them out to the floor, and interacting with the friendly staff and customers. If you're interested and have no plans yet for that Saturday, let Neal know ([nealabbott11@gmail.com](mailto:nealabbott11@gmail.com) or on Instagram/Twitter) to get more information and secure your spot!

## St Bernard's

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, September 24 & October 1 at 8:50am followed by Mass at 10am.

**Birthday Party at the Care Center:** St. Bernard's will be throwing a party for those at the Care Center whose birthdays are in September. The party will be Thursday, September 21 at 2pm. If you are willing to assist, contact Rita Christian 533-6692.

**EMC's & Servers:** I shall be offering training after the weekend Masses, Sept 23 & 24 for those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Training for new Servers: Sat, Sept 23 at 9am. Please let me know if you are interested. ~ Fr. W

## St Bridget's

**Health & Wellness:** Join us Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm in the old social hall at St. Bridget's. Gentle stretching helps to increase flexibility and balance. Everyone is welcome. Questions contact Jeannette Sheehan 251-8053 or Rita Oswald 533-9585.

**Interested in Becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or a Server:** Let Father know so an appointment for training can be arranged.

## Around the Area

**Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL):** Come learn the latest trends, data, statistics, and strategies to help you be an informed and effective advocate for life. Rochester's upcoming Fall Tour is on Thursday, September 28, at 7pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5455 50<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

**4th Annual Married Couples Retreat:** This year's spiritual retreat for married couples is \$25 per couple and will be held at the Holiday Inn in Austin on Friday, September 29. See the diocesan website for additional details and to register [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org)

**Pro-Life Talk:** Joe Scheidler, the founder and national director of the Pro-Life Action League, based in Chicago, will be speaking at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona on Sunday, October 1 from 4-5pm