

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN



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September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit 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 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 3rd 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

Monday, Sept 25	St. Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Sept 26	St. Bridget Miriam Coleman+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Sept 27	St. Bernard Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+	8:00 am
Thursday, Sept 28	St. Bernard Kim Everman Mason+	8:00 am
Friday, Sept 29	St. Bernard Brian Ptacek+	8:00 am
	Care Center Steinmetz Family	9:15 am
Saturday, Sept 30	St. Bernard Pat Willers+	5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 1	St. Bridget Laurence Kuisle+	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 30

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Judy Bunde, Susan Hazelton

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, October 1

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Isaac Kuisle

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Jim Kuisle

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Marianna Miron, Sam Miron

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Karen Greenslade, Dorothy Hurley, Mary Hustak,

Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Kim Yennie

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

Pastor's Corner

In our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, God reminds us that He does not think in the same way that we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts." That is quite clear in our Gospel today from Matthew, which relates the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.

What we must keep in mind is that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly. He may have seemed more generous to some than to others, but that is from our perspective.

Jesus is directing his teaching to acceptance of new disciples who would join later. The parable should help those already his followers to welcome these and treat them as equals. Jews and Gentiles are both called to the Kingdom of God after all.

The same applies to converts to the Christian faith in these days, or to the return of those who have strayed but who seek to put things right in their lives. We should be glad when they return and be pleased with the generous mercy God extends to them. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Through stewardship we acknowledge that everything comes to us from God. All our blessings may seem to be more or less than we deserve, but if we are grateful for what we have and what we are, we will then recognize God's generosity and His grace. The important thing to us should not be and cannot be whether we are first or last. What is central is that we are part of the Kingdom of God. That should be sufficient for us. We get into trouble when we conclude that God should think the way we do.

Big Bash Appreciated: My thanks to all who helped and all who attended the hugely successful Big Bash this year. It was a two-parish event which gave us the opportunity to interact with others and enjoy ourselves whilst filling up with good food, of course. My special thanks to the Stewardship Team from both parishes who organized it; those who set up and tore down, to Dan Simmons for the background music and all who helped. Even bigger next year? Fr. W.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Sept 17

St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 7,293.05
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$ 59,445.91
YTD Budgeted	\$ 66,708.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,262.09-

St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 1,364.02
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 25,434.14
YTD Budgeted	\$ 33,204.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,769.86-

Our Parishes



Check out the parish website from time to time for upcoming activities. Be sure to 'LIKE' St Bernard and St Bridget on Facebook, as well as Bernie & Bridgie Youth Group, so you can stay informed.

Communion Ministers & Servers: Please be sure to look at the online ministry schedule and where you see a need, sign up. It takes all of us to praise the One Lord.

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!

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, October 5 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.



Religious Ed & Youth

Regular Class: Wednesday, September 27
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

Grade 8: You will be going to the Care Center for card bingo on Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please drop off and pick up students there.

Grade 10 Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's. Sponsors should attend with the candidate. If a sponsor cannot make it, a parent can fill in.

Grade 9 Rite of Commitment: Sunday, October 8 at the 10am Mass. This is for students of both parishes. Students and sponsors should meet in the social hall at 9:45am.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)



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

St Bernard's



Baptism: Blessings and welcome to Griffin Henry Arndt, son of Josh and Heidi, as he receives the holy sacrament.

Thanks! Thank you to Fr. Wilmot and the parishioners of St. Bernard's for helping us be successful with our first Blessings Box Food Drive. Your kindness and generosity will help many people in our community that are in need. Many Blessings! Bryttin Henderson, Sarah Watters, and Emersyn Miller

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

St. Bernard's Annual Cemetery Board Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 6:30pm in the parish library.

St Bridget's

Health & Wellness: Join us for gentle stretching Monday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm in the old social hall at St. Bridget's. 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.



Adoration Prayer Basket: Just drop your prayer requests into the Adoration prayer basket in the back of the church. Adorers will be praying for these requests during hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Around the Area

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Join Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary to celebrate the newly renovated Kelly Hall on Friday, Sept 29 at 2pm. Open House and tours from 2:30-5pm. Refreshments follow in the dining room.

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 to register www.dow.org

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

Cor Jesu: The Cathedral in Winona invites you to attend Cor Jesu, on Friday, October 6, from 7-9pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook or winonacorjesu.gitlab.io

Stewartville Fire Department's Annual Breakfast: Sunday, October 8. 8am – noon at the American Legion.

Ladies: On Saturday, October 14, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Rochester, The Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering an inspiring Convention for you. The day will include inspirational speakers, Mass with Bishop Quinn, food and afternoon entertainment, all included in registration fee. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.