

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

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Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, 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 & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

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

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. 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 than that for availability.

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Aug 17	St. Bernard Gene Klann+	8:00 am
Tuesday, Aug 18	St. Bridget Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Aug 19	St. Bernard Jack, Donna & Patricia Sues+	8:00 am
Thursday, Aug 20	St. Bernard For Prince Singh	8:00 am
Friday, Aug 21	St. Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
	Care Center Ollie Fritsche+	9:15 am
Saturday, Aug 22	St. Bernard For the Bill & Patty Schroeder & Hajek families	5:00 pm
Sunday, Aug 23	St. Bridget For Tom & Audrey McMorris	8:30 am
	St. Bernard For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, August 22 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Greeters: Mary & Dave Schultz

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Servers: Needed!

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrell Elsbernd, Warren Hauger,

Dan Rainey

Sunday, August 23- 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, August 23 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Greeter: Gene & Laura Peters

Rosary: Needed

Servers: Bayli & Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Gene Peters

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mychelle Henderson, Laura Peters,

Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

In the Mass, Wisdom expresses itself in song and we are led to the altar for the most perfect of meals. The Eucharist brings us to the realm of transcendence. When we eat the Bread of Life we become more aware that everything we are and everything good that we have, everything truly human therefore points towards eternity.

We are called to show in our lives that we have become what we eat. Dining on wisdom we become wise and are united to the One who is Wisdom itself; who destroyed ignorance, death and destruction.

Again in the Gospel today we hear the exchange between Jesus and his shocked listeners as He describes Himself as the Bread of Life. Wisdom will help us better appreciate that. We cannot escape the significance of the banquet which is the Eucharist. It is the preferred means of showing how God expresses love and welcoming to people. We will be sending Neal Abbott off to be better formed in the Ways of Wisdom and, please God, to become a priest. May we live to see the Lord's presence at his hands. God bless you Neal. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Good Stewardship is part of Wisdom and is found in knowing that God loves us, that we are to love God in return, and that our directive as disciples is to love all as Jesus, the Bread of Life, did. We are to strive to love our neighbor in ways that demonstrate that love and that reflect the love of Jesus Christ. From a stewardship outlook we must realize that the holiness and perfection to which we are called is impossible for us alone. We need that perfect food. Then can use of our time and our talent and our treasure, our stewardship, and be fully alive united in and with Christ.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Aug 9

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,321.93
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 24,148.72
YTD Budgeted	\$ 30,268.38
Under Budget	\$ 6,119.66 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,812.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 14,952.05
YTD Budgeted	\$ 12,314.54
Over Budget	\$ 2,637.51 +

End of Year Church Support

As promised an update, all figures tallied, on last year's Church support 2014-2015:

At St. Bernard's we exceeded our budgeted goal by \$ 5,849, 90

At St. Bridget's we exceeded our budgeted goal by \$7, 243, 63

This is good news. Thank you to our responsible and generous stewards of Treasure.

St. Bernard's Building Loan: Thanks to some frugal parish living, people being true to their pledges and several donations, we now have the amount owed down to the \$250,000 mark. Of course, we will need new pledges and careful living for a couple of years more but this is encouraging. Well done. (Please continue to use the gold envelopes in your packets) I will be talking about our loan to all gathered sometime in the not too distant future.

Fr.W.

Religious Ed News

Religious Ed Registration: It's time to get your children registered for Religious Ed Classes! Pick up a salmon-colored registration form from the tables at both parishes.



Anyone interested in teaching or helping out with religious ed, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192 or ksullivan@sbsbparishes.org

Confirmation: Will be held on Sunday, September 13 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Bernard's.



Religious Ed Kick-Off: Wednesday, September 16 at St. Bernard's beginning with supper at 5:45 pm.

Our Parishes

Cancer Support Meeting: Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Bernard's in the parish library. We will meet on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm.

Quilting/Sewing Group: The next gathering is on Thursday, August 20 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. All those interested in sewing and or quilting are welcome to join us!

Update Family Info: Have you moved? Have you disconnected your land line and use only cell phones now? Please be sure to contact the parish office with any changes.

St. Bernard



Thank you to Mike and Emily Kiefer for all their work watering, weeding and beautifying the front of the church with the plants and flowers and for re-finishing the bench by Our Lady in the garden. Your ministry is appreciated!

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your September issue is ready to be picked up.

St. Bridget's

Wedding Banns: Megan Hamilton & Mark Theobald ~ Friday, August 21

Wedding Banns: Samantha Sobolik & Alex Hartley ~ Saturday, August 22

Around The Area

Music in the Park Concert: Stewartville Community Band invites you to Florence Park on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm for "Music in the Park". Come enjoy marches, pop tunes and old classics in the beautiful setting of Florence Park. Bring a lawn chair, blanket or just listen from your car. Rain date will be Tuesday, August 25.

Grandma's Garden Tour and Tea: Stroll through the floral array in the inner courtyard at Assisi Heights on Thursday, August 20, 2:30-4:00 pm, \$25 per person, includes 3:00 pm luncheon. Learn about the Sisters' water project and its gift to creation. Settle in the shade for a delightful garden luncheon with tea. Note: You do not have to be a grandmother to participate! Kathy.Gatliff@assisiheights.org or 507-529-3523

Widow's Group: Resurrection Church in Rochester holds a gathering for widows every 2nd and 4th Friday morning at 9:00 am. The next one is held on August 28. All are welcome to attend.