

## 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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**October 4, 2015**

**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](http://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](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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

**Monday, October 5**    **St. Bernard**    **8:00 am**  
Richard Schissel+

**Fr. Wilmot will be attending a priests' convocation so there will not be Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**Thursday, Oct 8**        **St. Bernard**    **8:00 am**  
For priests of our diocese

**Friday, Oct 9**         **St. Bernard**    **8:00 am**  
Ida Wicks+

**Care Center**    **9:15 am**  
For Heitman, Steinmetz  
& Ancius families

**Saturday, Oct 10**      **St. Bernard**    **5:00 pm**  
Bud Klein+

**Sunday, Oct 11**        **St. Bridget**    **8:30 am**  
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**St. Bernard**    **10:00 am**  
Jack, Donna & Patricia Sues+

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, Oct 10 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Rosary: Joan Titus

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Tom Graf

EMC: Mary Claeys, Terri Elsbernd, Susan Hazelton,  
Jim Nosibisch

Ushers: Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Alex VandeLoo

**Sunday, Oct 11 - 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Jacob Twohey

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan

**Sunday, Oct 11 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Rosary: Julie Gawarecki

Servers: Erica Lamb, Patrick Miller

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Marilyn Eisen, Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,  
Anne Miller, Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz

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

## Pastor's Corner

In the first reading today we see a second story or metaphor of creation. God created us and while the “how” may be shrouded in mystery, the “why” was made clear to us old ones in our Baltimore catechism: “God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next.” The “me” can become “we” as we, in community, are called to act as the family of man borne out of love. We are called to stewardship.

See how Adam is permitted to name all the creatures of the earth, thus showing his dominion, in partnership with God, over the earth. The female – Eve – is an extension of his very self; equal partners making up the whole which is Man, dependent on the creating and sustaining God. The core of this relationship must be unity.

Marriage is real/symbolic: It is a vital part of our society because it emanates from a position of inclusion; men and women working together to produce good fruit. This union also, and very importantly, symbolizes the desired intimacy of God with His people.

As stewards, we are responsible for our parish and for its pastoral, educational, liturgical and spiritual outreach. We, men, women and children, should work with our pastor with our time, talent and treasure to produce something beautiful for God, ourselves and our neighbors. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Two lessons from today's gospel: 1) We, primarily parents, are responsible, as stewards, for the children of our faith community. Each of us who is baptized, and therefore a vital part of the Body of Christ, shares in stewarding these little ones, in raising and forming them.

2) Small children, infants in particular, are largely helpless. We need the Lord. If we put our lives into God's Hands, like a child, we are more likely to “inherit the kingdom”. Jesus is telling us to trust Him, and that will help us to be the stewards and disciples we are expected to be.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received for the week ending Sept 27

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,536.05 (\$1 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 52,535.78
YTD Budgeted	\$ 65,581.50
Under Budget	\$ 13,045.72 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,399.15 (\$14.15 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 25,663.60
YTD Budgeted	\$ 24,629.08
Over Budget	\$ 1,034.52 +

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**STEWARDSHIP FOR FARMERS:** Just a thought: You can see St. Bernard's is down with regard to our church support – and we have still a large amount of debt for our building to pay off. Why not, in the upcoming season of harvesting and thanksgiving, set aside a healthy number of bushels for the Lord. It has been a good year for many farmers. Let us give a little extra expression of thanks. St. Bernard's has its own account at the American Co-op. I'm sure St. Bridget's has something similar. Again: Just a thought. Fr.W.

## Our Parishes



**October is Respect Life Month:** Life is a gift from God. Sometimes the gift comes at a difficult time. Catholic Charities reaches out to women in a crisis situation with a 24/7 pregnancy information line to help and support women to choose life for their baby. Assist this funding by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 4, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October.

**Life and Dignity Sunday – October 11:** The bishops of Minnesota established the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network to develop a strong, compassionate, moral voice for life, dignity and justice in our state. Next weekend, during *Life and Dignity Sunday*, all parishioners will have an opportunity to register for the network. Consider being a part of this important effort to build a Diocesan and statewide community of Catholics who stand together as a positive force for good in Minnesota.



Have you moved? Are you planning to move? Don't forget to send a quick message to the office to let us know so we can update our records.

**First Friday Visits:** Father had to change to the second Friday, October 9, to visit and bring Communion.

## Religious Ed News

**Religious Ed Classes:** Wednesday, October 7 from 5:15-6:15 pm for the first session and 6:30-7:30 pm for the later classes.

## St. Bernard

**Wedding Blessings:** Nate Askelson & Rachel Waugh  
Saturday, October 3

**New Servers:** Some of you have already logged in and used the online ministry scheduler. Those who have not, check your spam folder in your email to be sure you received the introductory link to get started in the program. We don't want to wait too long after server training to get your son or daughter scheduled. If you have questions about the ministry scheduler, contact Pam at [stbernard116@aol.com](mailto:stbernard116@aol.com) or 533-8257.



**Men of the Parish:** Join the Men's Club for a fun night with food and refreshments on Tuesday, October 6. We will meet at Bear Cave Park at 6:00 pm for pizza and beverages. RSVP to Scott (533-6692 [srchrh@yahoo.com](mailto:srchrh@yahoo.com)) as it would be helpful for knowing how much pizza to order. Bring horseshoes or frisbees if you have them. *(Please note, the time and place has been changed from the previous bulletin announcement)*

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm

**Youth Contribution Envelopes:** Parents, pick up a box of envelopes on the table in the gathering space. Teach your children to be good stewards of our parish.

**Word Among Us Subscribers:** Your November issues are available for pick-up. Also, there are only two issues remaining for this subscription. If you wish to renew, the cost is still \$20 for the year. Write checks to St. Bernard's. Payment must accompany the order. Anyone else wishing to have a subscription is welcome to do so.

## St. Bridget's

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 pm

**Invitation:** In honor of my son, Thomas' Eagle Scout rank, I would like to invite our parish family to a brunch and ceremony following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 18. So we can prepare enough food, please RSVP by October 11 to: [tmaxbosco@gmail.com](mailto:tmaxbosco@gmail.com) or call/text at (507) 369-3935. ~ Mary Whalen



After 8:30 Mass on October 11 & 18 volunteers from MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths and other greenery. The orders will be available to be picked up after Mass on November 22 at St. Bridget's. If you miss your chance to order at church, you can call Monica Araoz at 282-4167 with your order.

## Around The Area

**Fire Fighter's Breakfast:** The Stewartville Fire Fighters Relief Association will sponsor its 42<sup>nd</sup> annual breakfast buffet fundraiser on Sunday, October 11 from 8:00 am – noon at the Stewartville American Legion. All you can eat adults \$10, Seniors \$7, age 12 and under \$5.

**Journey of Peace VI: Our Shared Responsibility to Care for All Creation, Sunday, October 11, 4:00-6:00 pm at Assisi Heights.** This event will include dynamic interaction about: the critical needs of our planet, how the various religions engage this discussion/action and concluding with the sharing of food and friendship. Mayor Brede, who just returned from seeing the Pope, will share a special proclamation at this event. To register online: [www.rochesterfranciscan.org](http://www.rochesterfranciscan.org) or call Angie Grimm at 280-2195 or email: [ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org](mailto:ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org)

**Holy Hour for Men:** Catholic Men are invited to a special Holy Hour on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Catholic Church in Rochester. All Catholic men (young adults to seniors) are invited. Refreshments and a short talk by Bishop Harrington, our Bishop Emeritus, will take place after Holy Hour.

**Beginning Experience Retreat:** If you are suffering from the loss of a relationship; widowed, divorced, separated, a retreat will be held at Assisi Heights on the weekend of October 23-25. The cost is \$200 for the entire weekend which includes a room and all meals. Register by October 11 by filling out the form online at [beminnnesota.org](http://beminnnesota.org) or call 261-8248.