

# 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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**September 4, 2016**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 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, Sept 5**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
*Labor Day*      Intention for Jerry Finn

**Tuesday, Sept 6**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Manda Vuckovic+

**Wednesday, Sept 7**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Kenneth Sperry+

**Thursday, Sept 8**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Kate Towey+

**Friday, Sept 9**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
George & Teresa Woodward+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
Michael Kean+

**Saturday, Sept 10**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
For the Schroeder & Hajek Families

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

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
For Roy & Shirley Finn

### Saturday, Sept 10

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Midge Block

Servers: needed

Lector: Midge Block

EMC: Barb Abbott, Dorothy Hurley, Emily Kiefer,

Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,

Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Sept 11

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Ellah Dodd

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Scott Christian, Mary Hustak, Rob Miller

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore, Dan Pyan

## Pastor's Corner

This weekend we will be celebrating the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. What a wonderful woman – a Saint! Of course she was totally involved in the life of the Church especially through her ministry to the poor. She was deeply devout and prayerful but organized also in the bringing of comfort, support, love and respect and dignity to the lives of the poorest of the poor, the lowliest of God's creation. She, this disciple of Jesus, acted on a very carefully considered program of involvement. In differing degrees and in various ways that is what Jesus wants from us. We are asked not just to attend church but to be involved in the life of the Church.

The very notion of discipleship is a challenge and we are called upon to draw others to the words and the works desired by the Lord. We are to be involved in the world but not immersed in it. The world can smother even our good intentions. We can have possessions but be detached from them. Jesus and His way must always come first; before position, before possessions and all else. Like Mother Teresa, we must use our time, our talents and yes, our treasure to give God greater glory by both helping the Church grow and caring for her neediest members. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

At the end of today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus says a lot about what it means to be His disciple — the demands and the expectations. As His final statement in the reading, He says, "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Obviously the Lord doesn't want all of us to give up everything we have – and all at once. What the Lord may be trying to communicate is that our possessions can stand in the way of being His disciple and being a good steward. It is a question of trust. Trust is at the center of a stewardship way of life. Jesus tells us that we need to trust in Him to a greater extent than in ourselves or in what we may possess. That is, of course, not easy for us.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending August 28

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd \$ 3,713.91

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd \$ 1,114.00



## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Widows Support Group:** We are a Catholic based support group of widows sharing joys and sorrows as we journey through our new life. We will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept 7, at 11:15 am at the Senior Center for lunch. Call the Senior Center at 533-4787 ahead of time to reserve a place for yourself. The cost is \$4. Mark your calendar for our next meeting Thursday, Sept 22, at 10:00 at the parish library. Watch the bulletin for more details. Any questions call Midge Block 507-951-4912.



**St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's Big Appreciation Bash** – Wednesday, September 14 starting at 6:00 pm in the parking lot at St. Bernard's: It's all about..... **Fellowship** -

Spending time with fellow parishioners, being recognized and appreciated for being part of our church family. **Food** - Catered by Gleason's, there will be roast beef sandwiches, salads & baked beans as well as hot dogs, chips, non-alcoholic beverages & root beer floats. **Fun** - You can mingle, eat and enjoy as a fellow member provides background music. **Games** - Play yard games like giant Jenga & Connect 4, or participate in a Bean Bag Toss Tournament. **Come one, come all!**

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** The next gatherings will be held Thursday, September 15 & 29, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

**Joint Pastoral Council Meeting:** Members of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's social hall.

## Religious Ed

**Bless You!** Thank you to those who stepped forward to share your faith with our students by teaching or helping with the Religious Ed program for the coming year. Just one more helper is needed on Wednesday evenings for the 5:15-6:15 pm class. If you are interested and willing to assist, contact Krissy for details.

**The Religious Ed Kick-Off is Wednesday, Sept 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's.**

**Register:** Please register your children for religious ed classes. Don't wait until the evening of the Kick-Off.

**Youth Group:** All middle school and high school students are welcome to join the Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group (BYG). Find them on Facebook. If interested, call or text Neal Abbott 316-5545.

**Confirmation:** Sunday, September 25 at the 10:00 am Mass.

## St. Bernard

**Servers:** We need servers for Saturday Mass. After this Saturday (thank you Ellah ☺) there are openings for the rest of September.

**Baptism:** Blessings to Tobin Hartley Miller, daughter of Joey & Amy, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.



**Men's Club Meeting:** All men of the parish are invited to this meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the parish library. Questions, contact Scott Christian at 533-6692 or [srcrhc@yahoo.com](mailto:srcrhc@yahoo.com)



**Choir:** The Adult Choir will be starting again with our first rehearsal at 8:50 am on Sunday, September 18. We will sing for 10:00 am Mass that day. New choir members are needed. If interested, just show up for the rehearsal on September 18 on the school side of the building.

**Care Center Birthday Party:** St. Bernard's is responsible for holding a party for those who have September birthdays. The date they gave us is Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 pm. We need a couple of people to handle this activity. St. Bridget parishioners are welcome to help. Please call the office if interested 533-8257.

**Stewardship Meeting:** Thursday, Sept 22 at 7:00 pm.

## St. Bridget

**St. B & B Health and Wellness Class:** Join us on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the old social hall (in the rectory basement). Bring comfy clothes - \$5 per session.



**Choir:** We will provide music ministry for Mass on Sunday, September 25. Meet beforehand at 7:45 am. New voices always welcome.

## Around The Area

**MCCL @ MN State Fair:** Every year since 1970, MCCL has been the pro-life presence at the Annual Minnesota Get-Together. From our booth on the main floor of the Grandstand Building, we educate hundreds of thousands of visitors with factual information about our efforts to protect unborn babies and other vulnerable persons. Men and women sign our pro-life petition and many take a free "Thanks Mom for Life" button.

**Women's Conference:** The Diocese of Winona's Women's Conference offers a day of fun, fellowship, time to be with Our Lord and women from throughout Southern Minnesota on Saturday, October 15 at Lourdes High School in Rochester. Join us as we celebrate Our Lady, Mother of Mercy and her radiant impact in the lives of faithful women throughout the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$20 for the entire day. Visit the diocesan website [dow.org](http://dow.org) to register.

**Fatima Tour For Peace:** The Diocese of Winona welcomes the world famous Virgin Statue. The statue was sculpted in 1947 according to the precise instructions of Sister Lucia, one of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared each month from May – October 1917. While the statue is in our diocese, you are welcome to visit; October 24 – Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, October 25 – St. Francis of Assisi in Rochester, October 26 – St. Mary's in Worthington. Visit the website [www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com)

**Adoption:** Call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859 for adoption information and support. [www.ccwinona.org](http://www.ccwinona.org)

**Pray for Vocations:** Join Rochester Serrans as we recognize and appreciate the valuable gifts of those who have chosen their vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life. May many more answer the invitation to a lifelong commitment and dedication with God. If interested in joining the Serrans to support vocations contact Ed Rowley 289-0153.