

# 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
<b>Rectory</b>	(507) 533-1086 (after hours-emergency)

**September 18, 2016**

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 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

<b>Monday, Sept 19</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+
<b>Tuesday, Sept 20</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am Charles Fritsch+
<b>Wednesday, Sept 21</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Ollie Fritsche+
<b>Thursday, Sept 22</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Walt R. David+
<b>Friday, Sept 23</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am For souls in purgatory  <b>Care Center</b> 9:15 am For Elaine Finn
<b>Saturday, Sept 24</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 5:00 pm Pat Willers+
<b>Sunday, Sept 25</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's  <b>St. Bernard</b> 10:00 am For Pat & Dorothy Hurley

### Saturday, Sept 24

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Annie Welch

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken, Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Sept 25

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Jim Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Ellah Dodd

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Scott Christian, Bayli Henderson, Anne Miller, Graham Mueller, Pat Robey

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Dan Pyan

## Pastor's Corner

Today's gospel is rather odd. It might seem that Jesus is praising the Dishonest Steward for his dishonesty – but he isn't. He is simply saying that we disciples must deal with our spiritual lives with every bit as much conscientiousness, take it as seriously, as he did things of the material world. We must recognize that life here is temporary and that we must work constantly and consistently to ready ourselves for the eternal life that is to come.

Bishop Robert Morneau in his pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, wrote 'on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, "What have you done with the garden I have given you?" In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts. This is what is meant by taking discipleship and spirituality seriously. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

Our Holy Father Pope Francis once commented, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

**Bishop's Special Blessing:** Bishop Quinn will acknowledge and give a special blessing to our catechists when he comes to bestow Confirmation on our youth. Your valuable work throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending September 11

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3871.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 48,096.06
YTD Budgeted	\$ 59,196.50
Under Budget	\$ 11,100.44 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,069.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 18,435.71
YTD Budgeted	\$ 30,437.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,001.27 -

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Cancer Support Group Meeting:** The cancer support group meets on Tuesday, Sept 20 at 7:00 pm in the parish library at St. Bernard's. Questions call Chet 533-0008.

**St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's Widows Support Group:** Our next gathering will be held Thursday, Sept 22, at 10:00 at the parish library at St. Bernard's. Invite your widow friends or offer rides if needed. Any questions call Midge Block 507-951-4912.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** The next gathering will be held Thursday, September 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.

**FYI:** Pam is back in the office on Fridays.



**Baby Bottle Campaign:** The Diocese of Winona and Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Programs sponsors this campaign designed to assist women residing in the area of the Diocese of Winona to choose parenting or adoption, as well as raise awareness concerning the day to day efforts which Catholic Charities is engaged in on behalf of women and babies. Take a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 2, and fill it with your spare change during the month of October, returning it to the parish the first week of November.

## Religious Ed

**The Religious Ed Kick-Off is Wednesday, Sept 21. Those who registered your children for the 5:15 pm class, show up for that. When you pick up your kids at 6:15 pm, stay for refreshments and the Kick-Off at 6:30 pm in the social hall. The rest of you, show up at 6:30 pm for refreshments and the welcome back informational Kick-Off. See you there!**

**VIRTUS Training** is an awareness session which better equips adults to protect children and vulnerable adults in the world around them. VIRTUS Training is required for all parish volunteers who are in regular or unsupervised contact with children under the age of 18.

**Note: All catechists or 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 every five years.**

Our fall session is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at 10:00 am in the **social hall at St. Bridget's**. There are many sessions scheduled at other area churches if this date does not fit your schedule. To register for an upcoming class or to learn more go to <http://www.virtus.org> Questions, contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 507-273-9847 or [cindymeyerhofer@q.com](mailto:cindymeyerhofer@q.com)



Confirmation will be held on Sunday, September 25 at St. Bernard's. The following students from St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's will be Confirmed that day:

Andrew Beecher, Bradley Birch, Madeline Birch, Brianna Blohm, Sean Boland,

Donovan Buss, Logan Faulhaber, Marisa Goff, George Gray, Parker Grotjohn, Jada Hale, Zachary Hickman, Carter Janssen, Ethan Meyer, Chrystal Mullenbach, Olivia Nicklay, Ethan Olerich, Madalyn Ostby, Sephie Ostby, Emily Ratajczyk, Andrew Simmons, Taylor Smith, Makenna Theobald, Jacob Twohey, and Lucas Uhler.

## St. Bernard



**Adult Choir:** The next practice will be held Sunday, September 25 at 8:50 am on the school side of the building. Following that, we will sing for Confirmation at 10:00 am. New members always welcome, just show up for practice!

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

**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

## St. Bridget

**Wedding Blessings:** Teala Heddlesten & Jordan Groski  
Saturday, September 17

**Birthday Wishes:** Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Kathryn Fritsch on September 18!



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

**Breakfast:** In honor of our Confirmation candidates, Donovan Buss and Jacob Twohey, we will hold a breakfast after Mass on Sunday, October 2. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

## Around The Area

**Novena for Life:** You are invited to offer a daily rosary during the Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies Prayer Event on Monday, September 26 through Wednesday, October 5. The intention is "for the protection of unborn human persons".

**Life Chain:** Join Christians throughout the United States as we unite in prayer for an end to abortion. Rochester's Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2, from 2:00-3:30 pm in front of Planned Parenthood (7th St. NW at 12th Ave). For info, contact Linda at 507-259-4035.

**Married Couples:** Be intentional in creating an awesome marriage. Attend the October 8-9 Marriage Encounter Weekend. Retreats are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

**Women's Conference:** The Diocese of Winona's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15, at Lourdes High School from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy" so the conference will provide an opportunity for women to enjoy a day steeped in the beauty and mercy of the Queen of Heaven. Visit the Diocesan website to register [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) Early bird registration: \$20 After October 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$25. Please contact Cindy Meyerhofer at 507-273-9847 or [cindymeyerhofer@q.com](mailto:cindymeyerhofer@q.com) if you would like to carpool from St. Bernard's.