

## 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 25, 2016**

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 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 26**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Mary Jo Fasbender+

**Tuesday, Sept 27**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Margaret Kuethe+

**Wednesday, Sept 28**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Brian Ptacek+

**Thursday, Sept 29**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Jan Heitman+

**Friday, Sept 30**      **No 8:00 am Mass**

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
For Elaine Finn

**Saturday, Oct 1**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
George & Teresa Woodward+

**Sunday, Oct 2**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For Ezekiel Araoz

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

### Saturday, Oct 1

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: Lacy Jewson

Lector: needed

EMC: Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Dennis Graff, Dan Rainey,  
Joe Rauh

### Sunday, Oct 2

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Laura Peters, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

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

## Pastor's Corner

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." This Sunday 25 of our young people will be confirmed by our bishop, John M. Quinn. He will bestow upon them the seven gifts of the holy Spirit and these, if used, will help them greatly in their faith as adults of the Church. However, although the gifts will be bestowed and confirmation a fact whether they believe or not, in order to really benefit from these gifts they must be open to the Spirit of God. Confirmation is bestowed to set afire the deposit of faith in these young people so that they will not be indifferent and complacent but ready to use their gifts to spread the life and the love of the gospel.

So it is with all of us. We have been educated in the ways of faith for several years and have the wealth of the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us but unless we are truly open, unless we use what we have received our faith lives amount to little or nothing. In the gospel, Jesus is trying to emphasize to us what it means and what happens if we are indifferent and complacent. The Lord never condemns the rich man for his wealth, but He does condemn him for not caring, for ignoring and neglecting those in need around him, in this case poor Lazarus. We are called to believe but we are called also to act upon that belief with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

We all have a choice in life, just as those highlighted in today's readings. The Rich Man chose selfishly and suffered the consequences. He was indifferent to the needs of others as exemplified by his attitude towards Lazarus. We can be satisfied and choose to remain ignorant and removed from the needs around us, or we can love as Jesus wishes, follow Him, and be disciples.

Jesus expects each of us to shepherd those we love and those with whom we come in contact. We use our time, our talent and our treasure to accomplish this on earth. Being a disciple, a true steward, entails action. Stewardship means action, not just sharing, but sharing openly and actively.

**Welcome & Congratulations:** We extend a sincere and warm welcome to our Bishop who is with us this weekend to confirm 25 of our students. His has an extremely busy schedule and we appreciate each minute he has to give us, not to mention his words of encouragement and wisdom. Congratulations to our Confirmandi: May their reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit provide a strengthening of their faith. Well done parents and teachers. Fr.W.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending September 18

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 11,853.88
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$ 59,949.94
YTD Budgeted	\$ 64,578.00
Under Budget	\$ 4,628.06 -

Flood Relief \$ 1,131.50

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,409.28
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 19,845.01
YTD Budgeted	\$ 33,204.00
Under Budget	\$ 13,358.99 -

Flood Relief \$ 559.50

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota supports parishes, schools and ministries with the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith and service in southern Minnesota. Since its founding in 1991, the Foundation has faithfully managed and distributed contributions according to donors' wishes in areas of greatest need. Our parishes are close to making our goals. If you have not supported this important annual appeal, please consider doing so.

	<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Pledged/Received:</b>
St. Bernard's	\$26,260	\$20,827
St. Bridget's	\$ 8,690	\$ 7,265

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Thank You Catechists:** Your work with our young over the years – along with that of your assistants – is a great gift to our parishes. Your generous use of your time and talents is an example of faith in action for us all to follow. Fr.W.

**Hugely Successful Appreciation Bash:** There was a great turn out for this and it was most gratifying to see parishioners from both parishes, and of all ages, interacting so well together. Special thanks to our small team of organizers: Stephanie Onsgard, Jane Himmer, Mary Elton, Rose Steinman and Kersten Danielson - to Scott Hurley for the Ice Cream Machines and Dan Simmons for the music as well as to all who helped or donated in any way. Working together, we can accomplish much for the Lord. Fr.W.

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**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:** Thursday, Sept 29 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's.



**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 next weekend 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



Blessings to our newly Confirmed; 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 Uhlir.

**Religious Ed Classes:** Wednesday, September 28 from 5:15-6:16 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm and Confirmation Class 6:15-7:45 pm

**Bernies & Bridgies Youth Group:** Middle & High Schoolers are welcome to join the youth group. For more info and meeting times, call or text our Youth Leader, Neal at 316-5545.

**Children's Contributions:** Boxes of envelopes are on the table in the gathering space at St. Bernard's and in the entryway of St. Bridget's. Take a box home and teach your children to be happy givers.

## St. Bernard



Thank you to the individual who donated a brand new coffee maker for the kitchen ☺

**Wedding Blessings:** Jessica Zent & Alex Breiland ~ Saturday, September 24

**Adult Choir:** The next practices are Sundays, October 2 & 9 at 8:50 am on the school side of the building. Following practice we will provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass.

**Men's Club Meeting:** The first Tuesday of the month (October 4) at 6:30 pm in the parish library.



The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 9. Plan to attend for fellowship and delicious food!

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

**Building Loan Balance:** \$122,655.09

Please use the gold envelopes in your donation packets to help pay-down the loan for our beautiful church. Also, toss in your loose change to the wooden box near the office door.

## St. Bridget

**Thank You:** I would like to thank all those who sent cards, prayers, and stopped to visit. You made my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday so special and enjoyable. God bless everyone.

~ Mary Kuisle



**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

**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.