

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
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Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
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Parish Office

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August 19, 2018

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00am 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 or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@gmail.com 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget's Adoration: Mondays 1:00 - 10:00pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8:00pm-5:00am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office.

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.

Homebound: If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, August 20	St Bernard Arnie Block+	8:00 am
Tuesday, August 21	St Bridget Larry Whalen+	8:30 am
Wednesday, Aug 22	St Bernard Susan McConnell+	8:00 am
Thursday, August 23	St Bernard Bill Lesmeister+	8:00 am
Friday, August 24	St Bernard Ralph & Clara Dunnigan+	8:00 am
	Care Center Frances Kuisle+	9:15 am
Saturday, August 25	St Bernard Charles & Dorothy Hoehn+	5:00 pm
Sunday, August 26	St Bridget Mathias Kellner+	8:30 am
	St Bernard For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 25 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Server: Dayton Hayes

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Dorothy Hurley

Ushers: Dick Koenigs, Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, August 26 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: needed

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Wanda Nienow

Sunday, August 26 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Server: Brandon & Logan McCrady

Lector: Rita Oswald

EMC: Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

Pastor's Corner

In this life we have our trials and tribulations and we must face them as best we can. Of course, knowing the difference between wisdom and folly is a great help. We see our errors and we try to correct them. How wonderful that we have a Savior to rely on who will help us, if only we are wise enough to turn to Him. He is Wisdom personified.

Jesus came to us in the flesh and He asks us to eat his flesh and drink His blood. Not surprisingly this turned a lot of people off when they heard Jesus. With these words He was trying to stress His desire to be physically united with us. Jesus is physically present with us in the sacrament we celebrate at each Mass.

Yes, Jesus gives us Himself each time we meet and receive Him in the Eucharist. He holds nothing back, giving us literally everything he has to give, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery but it is the Truth by which we live to eternity. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Eucharist is the *foundation* for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries in which we serve, to step beyond our comfort zone in material giving, and to offer our very best to our families and secular work.

In return for the unfathomable gift of the Eucharist, let us live intentionally and passionately as His disciples every day of our lives. We should, enlightened and strengthened by Christ Himself, be those good, grateful and zealous stewards for whom coming to Mass each week will be anything but routine.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending August 12

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,825.41
YTD (since July 1)	\$ 34,241.60

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,637.25
YTD (since July 1)	\$ 16,372.25

Our Parishes

Quilting Group: Thursday, August 23 from 1 – 3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard's.

St Bernard's & St Bridget's BIG BASH

Food, fun and fellowship for everyone on Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 6pm in the parking lot of St Bernard's.

Ten Things That Make for a Great Catholic Family:

Today's families come in all shapes and sizes. Amid all those differences, one thing is certain; maintaining a strong family takes a lot of time, energy and work, and a good dose of prayer. Looking at who we are through the eyes of our faith, we see that, although we may not be the image of the perfect family every day, we are holier, indeed 'greater', than we think.

#1 The foundation of a solid Catholic family life – the glue that keeps us together – is Sunday Mass. If you have young children, getting out the door to church is almost as much of a challenge as keeping the kids quiet during the homily. If you have teens, the biggest challenge, after getting them out of bed, is to get them to pay attention. Yet, going to Mass each week is worth the work. When we approach God's altar to receive the Eucharist, our share in Christ's Body and Blood deepens him and, through him, builds up his Body, the Church. Together in community, we sing hymns and learn how our voices blend. We listen to the Word of God and learn how to follow Jesus. We pray together and learn about silence and humility. On Sunday we are reminded that the center of our family life is Christ.

Religious Ed

Religious Ed Classes Begin September 12: It's coming up quickly! We are less than a month away from classes beginning. Register at sbsbparishes.org or pick up a bright pink form, available on the tables at both parishes.

Help Needed: We are looking for assistance in the Religious Ed Program. Teachers and helpers are needed for Grades 1, 3, 4 & 8. Helpers are needed for Grades 5 & 7. Helpers are also needed for CGS Level 1 & 2 at 5:15pm. Contact Krissy for more information.

Grade 9 Confirmation Class: Meeting on Sunday, September 9 at 11am. A parent and the student should attend.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

BYG: High-schoolers and middle-schoolers meet Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room.

High Schoolers / Early College Students: We are hosting male and female groups for you, led by Neal Abbott (males) and Hannah Buchl (females) through August on various nights and at different locations. Contact Neal if you are interested.

St Bernard

Stewardship – Thank You: On behalf of St. Bernard's I thank Marlene King & Pat Mussman for their work counting the collection monies over the years. This has been extremely valuable to us as a parish and they will be greatly missed. Blessings in your retirement ☺ Let me thank all who presently provide this service to our parishes. Fr. W.



50th Anniversary: Congratulations and blessings to Bill & Marge Reimers as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The flowers on the altar have been provided by them in honor of their special day.

Word Among Us Subscribers: Your September issue is ready for pick-up.

That Man Is You: All men are invited to attend weekly sessions of TMIIY in the hall at St. Bernard's beginning Saturday, September 8 at 8 am. This program is designed to help challenge us to grow in our Catholic faith as men, husbands and fathers. To sign up, contact Andy Drees at dreez28@gmail.com 952-465-9841 or register on the parish website sbsbparishes.org

St Bridget

Thank You: Dear St Bridget's, Thank you so much for your donation to Birthright in June. We were able to replace a well-worn couch in our waiting room plus other office necessities. We are humbled by the generosity of supporters like you who believe in the mission of Birthright. Our volunteers can continue to offer love, friendship and support to those women who are pregnant, think they are pregnant, and /or are parenting small children.

Around The Area

Cor Jesu is Back! The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona invites you to attend Cor Jesu, on Friday, September 7, from 7-9pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome to attend! For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer/corJesu, or call Kristopher Kaufman at (859) 760-1619 or Steven Lehn at (507) 312-9041.

Married Couples: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. The next available weekends are Sept 14-16 in Kasson at the Baymont Inn Kasson. Visit southmnwwme.org

Mayo Clinic Hospice Grief Support Groups: Begins September 24 and runs through November 12 for those who have lost someone. Monday afternoons (1-2:30pm) are for the loss of a spouse. Monday evenings (5:30-7pm) are for the death of any significant person in your life. Free of charge but registration is required. Contact Kelley Adelsman 284-4002 or adelsman.kelley@mayo.edu for details. Registration closes on September 12.