

## The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard  
116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget  
2123 County Rd 16 SE  
Rochester, MN

website: [sbsbparishes.org](http://sbsbparishes.org)

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. John P. Wilmot	(507) 533-8257	<a href="mailto:frwilmot@aol.com">frwilmot@aol.com</a>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Pam Cleveland	(507) 533-8257	<a href="mailto:stbernard116@aol.com">stbernard116@aol.com</a>
<b>Religious Ed &amp; Youth</b>	Krissy Sullivan	(507) 533-8192	<a href="mailto:sbsbreligious@aol.com">sbsbreligious@aol.com</a>
<b>Youth Leader</b>	Neal Abbott	(507) 316-5545	<a href="mailto:nealabbott11@gmail.com">nealabbott11@gmail.com</a>
<b>Custodial</b>	Dick Koenigs	(507) 269-1901	<a href="mailto:rpkoenigs@aol.com">rpkoenigs@aol.com</a>
<b>Custodial</b>	Dan Schoeppner	(507) 533-4474	
<b>Bookkeeping</b>	Elaine Mills	(507) 440-0674	<a href="mailto:memills@frontiernet.net">memills@frontiernet.net</a>

### 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 9, 2018

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 9, 2018

**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 10am

**Becoming Catholic:** Contact Fr. Wilmot or Mary Brouillard [mkbrouill@gmail.com](mailto:mkbrouill@gmail.com) 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

**St. Bridget's Adoration:** Mondays 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked at 5pm, so knock to be let in.

**St. Bernard's Adoration:** Tuesdays 4am-Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesdays. 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:** First-time parents are required to take a Pre Jordan Baptism Class. Contact the office.

**Marriage:** Make an appointment with Fr. Wilmot 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

**Health & Wellness:** Mondays at St Bridget's rectory from 5:30-6:30pm.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Monday, Sept 10**      **St Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Patty Hastings+

**Tuesday, Sept 11**      **St Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Ed & Frances O'Neill+

**Wednesday, Sept 12**      **St Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
For the Fogarty Family

**Thursday, Sept 13**      **St Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Mathias Kellner+

**Friday, Sept 14**      **St Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Kathleen Walczak+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
Bob Majerus+

**Saturday, Sept 15**      **St Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Ron Schoeppner+

**Sunday, Sept 16**      **St Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For St Bridget & St Bernard

**St Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
Joe Waugh+

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Sept 15 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Server: Ellah Dodd

Lector: needed

EMC: Judy Bunde, Lisa Dodd, Emily Kiefer, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Joe Himmer, Bill Rincken

### Sunday, Sept 16 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Daniel Araoz

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Mike Sheehan

### Sunday, Sept 16 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Server: Leyla Drees

Lector: Amy Edholm

EMC: Rob Miller

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Patrick Miller, Andrew Moore, Jim Otto

## Pastor's Corner

We know that healing is necessary not only physically but at all levels of our being. Our soul needs healing perhaps and today we see us being called to the healing of true conversion. If we feel converted, there is a tendency to be very judgmental of others who are still in need of healing. St. James calls us to reconsider how we might judge others.

Isaiah gives us images of healing and transformation in the first reading today. When we think in terms of blindness, we might think of Saul of Tarsus who had physical sight but experienced his conversion as a move from blindness into new vision. However, as someone once said, "There are none so blind as they who WILL NOT see". We must cooperate with the healing of course. Healing and conversion were needed for St. Paul and is by many, many others who think they can see but in fact are quite blind.

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals by using the Aramaic term "Ephphatha!" which means "be opened". The deaf man's ears are opened and he can hear – but most importantly, he can hear the Word of God. We can be blind to God's Word and we can be deaf to it. We need to be healed and have our hearts opened to receive it. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

The Gospel passage today illustrates a wonderful aspect of stewardship living and we know that we simply cannot outdo our God in generosity. The more we give of ourselves to welcome and serve others for His sake, the more He blesses and strengthens our own faith. This week let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes in them - and in us.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Sept 2

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 10,227.18
Aug online giving	\$ 2,551.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$ 55,875.32
YTD Budgeted	\$ 55,743.80
Over Budget	\$ 131.52+

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,466.00
Aug online giving	\$ 4,028.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 27,986.90
YTD Budgeted	\$ 25,673.60
Over Budget	\$ 2,313.30+

## Our Parishes

### Day of Prayer & Reparation - Wednesday, Sept 12:

Prayer for healing for all those who were victimized by religious. We will begin at 8am with Mass at St Bernard's, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Adoration continues throughout the day, punctuated by public and private prayer opportunities and will close at 7:45pm. Fr. Wilmot will be available for confessions all day. We are encouraged to voluntarily fast and also to perform acts of penance and charity on that day, or another, day. Religious Ed. 'Kick-Off' will be in the church as scheduled.

### Ten Things That Make for a Great Catholic Family: #4

Members of a faith community and members of a family are called to make use of their God-given gifts. You don't have to be the Von Trapps from The Sound of Music to sing in the choir. If you're a competent pianist or can bring Scripture to life by reading the Word from the lectern, then by all means share those gifts. A great starting point is asking your priest how your family can better serve the parish. Maybe it's sharing that gift of good home cooking with families in need in your parish. We have found new parents are especially grateful for homemade meals. Teens can help with the Vacation Bible School program or other faith formation opportunities. Faith Builder: Chart your family's talents. What can everyone give? Even better, where can you give together so you can combine volunteering with family time?

**Quilting Group:** Every other Thursday at St Bernard's 1-3:30pm. The next gathering is September 20.

## Religious Education

**Register:** If you have not registered your children, please do so before the first class.

**Assistance Needed:** Teacher needed for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and a helper in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Helpers also needed in CGS Level 1&2 at 5:15-6:15pm. Contact Krissy if you can assist.

**Religious Education 'Kick-Off':** Wednesday, Sept 12 – parents and students should attend.

**Confirmation:** On Sunday, September 30, Bishop John Quinn will celebrate Confirmation at St Bernard's during the 10am Mass.

## BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

Search on FB @berniesyouthgroup to stay updated!

## St Bernard



**Wedding Blessings:** Christina Gehling & Seth Hertel ~ Saturday, September 8

**That Man is You:** All men are invited to attend weekly sessions of TMIY in the hall at St. Bernard's on Saturday mornings, at 8am. If you missed the first session, that's ok, join us when you can! This program is designed to help challenge us to grow in our Catholic faith as men, husbands and fathers.

**Adult Choir:** We will provide music ministry at 10am Mass on Sunday, September 16, 23 & 30. Prior to Mass, meet on the school side at 8:50am for practice. New voices welcome!



**Collecting Food:** Our Blessing Box supply is running low and we are asking for your generosity to help feed the needy of our community. We will have a cart in the gathering space the weekends of September 16 & 23 to place your donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you for your support! ~ Bryttin Henderson and Sarah Watters

**September Birthday Party:** On Thursday, September 20, St Bernard's will be hosting a party at the Care Center for residents who have birthdays in September. If you are interested in helping, contact Rita Christian 533-6692

**Annual Cemetery Board Meeting:** St Bernard's Cemetery Board will meet on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm in the parish library.

**Spend An Hour with Jesus:** We have some hours of Adoration that need filling; Tuesdays 5am, Wednesdays 11am & 12 noon. Also, we could use an evening / overnight substitute – someone who would be willing to cover on occasion. If interested, contact Pam Mueller 254-9478

## St Bridget

**Choir:** Music ministry on Sunday, September 30. Meet at 7:45am. New voices welcome.

## Around The Area

**St. Ignatius Catholic Church Fall Festival:** Sunday September 16, serving a barbequed chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, and beverage from 11 am until 1pm (or until gone). Other festivities include a silent auction, raffle with great prizes, and children's games.

**LiveStrong Program:** A 12-week class at the Rochester YMCA meets twice a week beginning Tuesday, Sept 18. This is a free small group fitness program for adult cancer survivors. Call for more info Paula English (507) 993-3266 or Pennie Eisenbeis (507) 287-2260

**Diocesan Women's Conference:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester and the Winona Council of Catholic Women invite you to "Look to Mary" Diocesan Women's Conference on Saturday, October 13 from 9am-3pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Owatonna. Featuring Keynote Speaker Deb McManiman of St. Paul Street Evangelization \$25 (lunch included) Questions? Call 507-858-1273