

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



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



St. Bridget  
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Rochester, MN

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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 23, 2018

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 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

<b>Monday, Sept 24</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Marijane Irlbeck+	
<b>Tuesday, Sept 25</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Charles & Clara Drew+	
<b>Wednesday, Sept 26</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Mike Foster+	
<b>Thursday, Sept 27</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Lucy Tooke+	
<b>Friday, Sept 28</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>William Halstead+</b>	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Jan Heitman+	
<b>Saturday, Sept 29</b>	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	
<b>Sunday, Sept 30</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Frances Kuisle+	
	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For family	

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Sept 29 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: needed

Lector: needed

EMC: Judy Bunde, Emily Kiefer

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

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

Servers: needed

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Bill Kuisle

### Sunday, Sept 30 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Server: Leyla Drees

Lector: Kristine Claeys

EMC: Rob Miller, Pat Robey

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

## Pastor's Corner

Much of our human energy is wasted on focusing unduly upon what other people say or do. We even find ourselves reacting negatively to the good behavior of others. The Word of God today has a lot to say about our need to turn from this foolishness to wisdom. We are called to make peace with ourselves so that we can be at peace with others also. Otherwise we will be like those who choose to resent the good one rather seeking our own goodness.

Jesus takes upon Himself the sinfulness of all humanity and he feels the full force of this as hard and sinful hearts direct their resentment at Him, the truly Good One. He exposes Himself for our sake but sadly, like His disciples at this stage, we choose to distract ourselves. Christ is true Wisdom, we must grow in Him. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

This week's readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our "me-first" culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers.

In today's Gospel Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all little ones, those who are vulnerable or needy in any way through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations in fact those the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise."

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**Ten Things That Make for a Great Catholic Family: #6 Make Mistakes** As Catholics, we believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God, but this doesn't mean that we are gods. The older we get, the more we realize how human we are. We let each other down. We fail. We sin. Even the biggest mistakes require a healthy dose of patience and love in order to ensure that they don't become weak spots in an otherwise strong family. Faith Builder: Does your family keep alive old wounds? Take some time together to bury old mistakes and genuinely move on from them.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Sept 16

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,649.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$ 64,309.90
YTD Budgeted	\$ 66,892.56
Under Budget	\$ 2,582.66 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,167.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 30,411.90
YTD Budgeted	\$ 30,808.32
Under Budget	\$ 396.42 -

## Our Parishes

**Youth Offering Envelopes:** There are sets of boxed envelopes for students to use. Parents, teach your children to share with their parish.

**Ministry:** Please volunteer yourselves and your children.

**Social Concerns:** Please join us on the Feast of St Francis, Thursday, October 4, 7pm at St Bernard's for a presentation titled "Protecting God's Creation with Pollination, Pollinators and Nector". The program will be presented by beekeepers Marilyn and Gene Treder from St Francis Parish in Rochester.

**Stewardship Meeting:** Thursday, October 11, 6:30pm at St Bernard's

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** We will again be participating in this annual fundraiser for Catholic Charities. Monies collected are used to assist women residing in the Diocese to choose parenting or adoption rather than abortion. Bottles will be available on the weekend of Respect Life Sunday, October 6/7. Fill the baby bottles with your spare change over the course of a month and return the bottles the first part of November to the parish.



## Religious Education

**Regular Classes:** Wednesday, September 26  
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

**Grade 8:** You will be going to the Care Center Wednesday, September 26 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please drop off and pick up your child at the Care Center.

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** 10th Grade Confirmation rehearsal will be on Wednesday September 26 at 6:30pm. Students and sponsors must attend. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent can fill in.

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

Search on FB @berniesyouthgroup to stay updated!

## St Bernard



**Wedding Blessings:** Heather Johnson & Kyle Borst

**Adult Choir:** Music ministry at 10am Mass on Sunday, September 30. Meet at 8:50am for practice.

**Annual Cemetery Board Mtg:** Thursday, Sept 27 at 6:30pm in the parish library.

**Men's Club Mtg:** Tuesday, Oct 2 at 6:30pm

**Buildings & Grounds Mtg:** Thurs, Oct 4, 6:30pm

## St Bridget



**You're Invited:** Coffee and donuts will be served in the social hall after Mass today (Sept 23).

**Upcoming Nuptials:** Molly Kuisle & Tim Flynn ~ Saturday, September 29

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



**Planning Meeting:** Let's plan and organize the Trunk or Treat event! We want your suggestions, ideas and assistance. We will meet in the social hall after Mass on Sunday, Oct 7.

## Around The Area

**Courageous Love Women's Bible Study:** The purpose of this study is to help you discover and reflect upon what Holy Scripture teaches about women and our pursuit of holiness. Study meets for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm beginning September 28. Cost \$11. Please register at St. James Coffee or email [events@stjamescoffee.com](mailto:events@stjamescoffee.com)

**Pro-Life Novena:** You are invited to offer a daily rosary Sept 29-Oct 7 for the protection of preborn babies. [SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org)

**Life Chain:** Sunday, October 7 from 2-3pm, pray for our country, for the babies lost to abortion, and for all those affected by abortion. Meet on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 7<sup>th</sup> St NW & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Rochester. [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)

**Diocesan Women's Conference:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester and the Winona Council of Catholic Women invite you to "Look to Mary", a Diocesan Women's Conference on Saturday, October 13 from 9am-3pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Owatonna. Registration form on bulletin board at St Bernard's or visit the diocesan website [dow.org](http://dow.org) The cost is \$25 (lunch included)

## Kiddie's Corner

Jesus said, "The greatest must be a servant to all."



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