

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
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Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN

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September 30, 2018

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 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 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 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.

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, Oct 1	St Bernard	8:00 am Sanford & Cecilia Kelly+
Tuesday, Oct 2	St Bridget	8:30 am Frank & Christy Paulson+
Wednesday, Oct 3	No Mass	
Thursday, Oct 4	St Bernard	8:00 am George Bissonette+
Friday, Oct 5	St Bernard	8:00 am For Tina Fontaine
	Care Center	9:15 am Kate Towey+
Saturday, Oct 6	St Bernard	5:00 pm John Steines+
Sunday, Oct 7	St Bridget	8:30 am Charles O'Connell+
	St Bernard	10:00 am For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Oct 6 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Mary Claeys, Pauline Fontaine, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dan Pyan, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko

Sunday, Oct 7 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Servers: Eli Araoz

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Jeannette Sheehan

Sunday, Oct 7 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Server: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Laura

Peters, Jean Peterson, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

It would seem that our world is bent on stressing division at the expense of understanding. Hell bent? We should seek rather unity and stress what we might have in common. In today's first reading we see how Moses' followers wanted to exclude Eldad and Medad because they were prophesying without Moses' sanction. However, Moses does not exclude them, or hem in God's mercy. We are encouraged to recognize what God wishes to include – what is coming from Him even outside our orderly expectations.

Jesus instructs us to establish above all integrity in our lives. If we are truly consistent in our faith, we should not feel threatened by those who think differently from us – so long as Jesus is the focus. This way we can learn and grow in our own viewpoint and faith. We must trust always in the providence of God.

Today the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to 22 of our young people. May they be truly open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit which will be bestowed upon them and may they grow constantly and consistently in their faith. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts. The spiritual discipline of tithing — or stewardship of treasure — can help us with this. Tithing leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach instead to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him.

Ten Things That Make for a Great Catholic Family: #7 Forgive Each Other While Jesus commands us to forgive “not seven times, but seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:22). We try to teach our kids to take responsibility for their actions, admit when they are wrong and apologize. Forgiveness requires an act of faith and trust. Parents, when you're wrong, admit it and seek forgiveness, even if that means delivering a sincere apology to a toddler. Your kids will see that forgiveness is not automatic and must be sought in order to be received. Children, when your parents or your siblings sincerely seek your forgiveness, give it. There is no greater feeling than that of genuine forgiveness wiping a slate clean and allowing a family to start again with one another.

Faith Builder: Experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family. When the parish offers a communal reconciliation / penance service, be sure to attend.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Sept 23

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,549.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$ 68,859.15
Budgeted	\$ 72,466.94
Under Budget	\$ 3,607.79 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,085.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 31,496.90
YTD Budgeted	\$ 33,375.68
Under Budget	\$ 1,878.78 -

Our Parishes

Welcome Bishop Quinn: It is with great joy that we welcome Bishop Quinn today. This spiritual descendant of the Apostles will bestow on our young the special gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray that these gifts will not just be stored up but used in a way that is productive to a good life. The old saying “If you don't use it you lose it” might be reflected upon by our young today and we might join with the Bishop in encouraging them to live out the special graces they will also receive.

Quilting Group: We will gather on Thursday, October 4 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard's. Anyone interested in quilting and/or sewing is welcome to join

Social Concerns: Please join us on 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.

Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion: Help Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 7, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies.

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

Religious Education



Blessings to our Confirmation Students:

Eddie Becker, Alex Bell, Jaidyn Brower, Ashlyne Fieck, Ariaya Herman, Andrew Kolsrud, Erin Lamb, Grant Lee, Cameron McCarrick, Megan Nosbisch, Josh Olson, Emilee Otto, Nick Otto, Olivia Otto, Mckenna Pickett,

Elizabeth Root, Nolan Stier, Ethan Stone, Parker Theobald, Evelyn Van Ess, Armando Vargas, Elizabeth Willenborg

Regular Classes: Wednesday, October 3

2nd Grade Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, Oct 3, 6:30pm in the social hall for the students making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year.

9th Grade Confirmation Class: Candidates and Sponsors will meet on Sunday, Oct 7 at 9:45am in the social hall. We will have the Rite of Commitment during the 10am Mass followed by a retreat that concludes at 2pm.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

BYG 2019 Mission Trip: Columbia, South Carolina will be the destination for our next Alive In You Mission Trip, June 17-24. This is for students in grades 8-12. Neal Abbott has informational packets on the tables.

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

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

Thanks! Thank you to John Diffley and Lisa Behnken Kuisle for their musical talents and Millie Peterson and Rosemary Schoepner for helping assist with the Stewartville Care Center September Birthday Party. Fun and laughter was had by all and I appreciate your time and talents for making this special for all. ~ Rita Christian

St Bridget

Wedding Blessings: Molly Kuisle & Tim Flynn ~ Saturday, September 29



Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting: Come with your suggestions and ideas. St. Bernard parishioners are welcome, too! We will meet in the social hall after Mass on Sunday, Oct 7.

Around The Area

Catholic Foundation of Southern MN 1st Annual Mtg: Thursday, October 4 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester from 6-7pm. Anyone with an interest in the financial health and growth of Catholic communities across Southern MN; parish trustees, pastoral & financial council members, cemetery board members, etc. Register to Susan Fiser sfiser@catholicismn.org

Stewartville Fire Department Breakfast: Sunday, Oct 7 from 8am-noon, at the American Legion.

Praying the Rosary for America: You're invited to join us for a Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct 13 at 12 noon in the parking lot of St Bernard's. An estimated one million Catholics will attend these rallies across America. If you have difficulty standing, bring a folding chair.

Kiddie's Corner

The disciples told the man to stop.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.

