

# 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)

**November 27, 2016**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent November 27, 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

<b>Monday, Nov 28</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Gene & Shirley Loechler+
<b>Tuesday, Nov 29</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am Margaret Kuethe+
<b>Wednesday, Nov 30</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Joe Ptacek+
<b>Thursday, Dec 1</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Larry Coyne+
<b>Friday, Dec 2</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am For Pauline Fontaine  <b>Care Center</b> 9:15 am For Mary Gripentrog
<b>Saturday, Dec 3</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 5:00 pm For Schroeder & Hajek Families
<b>Sunday, Dec 4</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am For Mike & Jane Trok  <b>St. Bernard</b> 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

### Saturday, Dec 3

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Servers: Needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Emily Kiefer, Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,  
Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Dec 4

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Mary Elton, Jeannette Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeters: Jennifer, Erin, Emily & Erica Lamb

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Annie Welch

Lector: Steve Sturm

EMC: Karen Volkart, Kim Yennie

Jan Owen, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andrew Moore, Dan Pyan,  
Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

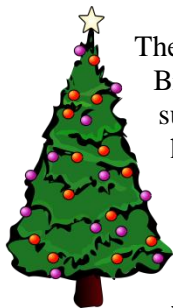
I trust you all enjoyed Thanksgiving – and now we have Christmas to look forward to. We are only looking forward though despite the proliferation of wondrous, light-filled displays in many yards. Yes, before Christmas comes we have Advent and the journey of subdued joy leading up to the great day of the coming of the God-man as infant. It will be an opportunity to brighten our souls to give Him worthy welcome.

How can we get ready this Advent? Perhaps, we can come to the liturgical offerings our parishes extend; Evening Prayer and Benediction on Mondays, stopping by the church to do a Holy Hour or even coming to the adoration chapel of a Tuesday or Wednesday, perhaps we could avail of the many opportunities to go to confession, spend a bit more time in quiet personal prayer and maybe ask the Lord for suggestions. This is a busy time of the year but it doesn't have to be totally "bizzy". Let's spend sufficient time preparing for the Final Coming by preparing well to celebrate the First Coming. Let us make our journey of Advent meaningful. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection for Advent & Christmas

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about is to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.

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The Social Concerns Team of St Bernard & St. Bridget invites you to help provide household supplies and gift cards to homeless families housed with IHN/Family Promise. The Giving Tree has paper ornaments written with items that are needed. Bring the gifts and ornaments **unwrapped** and place under the tree. Place all **gift cards in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.**

All gifts are due back by Sunday, December 11.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Nov 20

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,004.41
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$107,125.20
YTD Budgeted	\$113,011.50
Under Budget	\$ 11,267.80 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,517.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 40,541.72
YTD Budgeted	\$ 58,107.00
Under Budget	\$ 17,565.28 -



**And Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasure<sup>2</sup> and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.<sup>3</sup> So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; <sup>4</sup>for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God,<sup>[a]</sup> but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." Luke 21:1-4**

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Calendars for Schedule of Advent Available:** There is a lot happening over the next month. The calendar we printed should help with your planning.

**Widows Support Group:** We meet the first and third Thursday of every month (Dec 1 & 15) at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Next gathering will be Thursday, Dec 1 from 1:00-3:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Holy Day of Obligation:** The Immaculate Conception of the Lord is on Thursday, Dec 8. Mass at 8:00 am at St. Bernard and 6:30 pm at St. Bridget.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This rite will be performed after Mass on the weekend of December 10 & 11.

**Blessing of Expectant Moms:** December 17/18 during all Masses.

## Religious Ed

**Religious Ed Classes:** Wednesday, November 30 at regular time.

**2nd Grade Parents:** There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm for both parishes at St. Bernard's in the social hall.



The Youth Group will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. You are invited to join them on Wednesday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Fareway in Stewartville.

## St. Bridget

**Adoption is the Loving Option:** Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the bake sale/ breakfast. Whether you baked, helped in the kitchen or enjoyed breakfast with us at the annual St. Bridget's/St. Bernard's adoption ministry fundraiser you are all greatly appreciated!

**Thank You:** We would like to thank the St. Bridget's/ St. Bernard's Adoption Ministry for supporting us on our adoption journey as we wait for a second child. Brian, Kay and Alyssa Poss

**Christmas Choir Practice:** Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm. New voices always welcome.



**Christmas Caroling:** St. Bridget's Choir will be caroling to elderly and/or homebound parishioners from both parishes on Saturday afternoon, December 10 (meet at St. Bridget's at noon). They invite parishioners from St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's to join in the singing. If you would like the carolers to visit your home or someone you know, contact Roseann Melby at 696-8760.

**Decorating Ministry:** Would you like to decorate the church for Christmas? We are looking for a couple of people willing to share the ministry of Christmas decorating. Contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387.

**Christmas Program:** On Sunday, December 18 following Mass, we will hold the Christmas Program. Faye Griffin and Nichol O'Neill will be the leaders.

## St. Bernard

**Adult Choir:** Music ministry at 10 am Sunday Mass on Dec 4 & 11. Meet for practice at 8:50 am.



**Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, Dec 4:** Join the fun with St. Nicholas! After Mass, there will be activities for the kids, some Christmas items for Silent Auction and The Men's Club will be serving a delicious breakfast.

**Christmas Pageant:** Students all ages are welcome to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. Information will be given on Sunday, Dec 4 during Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704 and Brenda Trisko 533-4808 are the organizers.



**Christmas Sing-along:** Saturday, Dec 17 at 7:00 pm (formerly advertised as after Mass – oops). Come enjoy Christmas carols sung by the Adult Choir, followed by refreshments in Marian Hall.

**Lead Singer Needed (Cantor):** We are looking for singers on Saturdays for the 5:00 pm Mass, especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. If interested, contact Jan Rowekamp 533-9228.



**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Monday, November 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's. The next week it will be held at St. Bridget's on Monday, Dec 5, 6:30 pm

## Around The Area

**Festival of Trees:** Don't forget the Festival of Trees is going on Saturday (Nov 26) until 7 pm and Sunday (Nov 27) until 5 pm at the Mayo Civic Center. Profits benefit Hiawatha Homes Foundation, supporting people with disabilities in our community. Entry for adults is \$5, children \$3.

**O Come, Let Us Adore:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Cathedral in Winona invites you to attend *Cor Jesu*, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and praise & worship. Friday, December 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm.