

## 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)

**December 25, 2016**

## The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2016

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**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's 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 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

**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.

**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?

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

**Widows Support Group:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, Dec 26</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Leo Hoehn+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 27</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> Noel Schoo+	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 28</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> For Duane Finn	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec 29</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Linda Pellerin+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 30</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Fr. Don Connelly+	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>Care Center</b> Jan Heitman+	<b>9:15 am</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 31</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> David Miland+	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	<i>Holy Mother of God Vigil</i>	
<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> Henry & Ida Ricard+	<b>8:30 am</b>
	<b>St. Bernard</b> For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	<b>10:00 am</b>

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, December 31

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: Bryttin Henderson & Kira Nelson

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson,

Dorothy Hurley, Mary Lynch, Cindy Meyerhofer

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,

Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, January 1

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: needed

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Ellah Dodd

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Pat Robey

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

## Pastor's Corner

Yes, it is Christmas and hopefully we'll enjoy it in the warmth of family and friends, despite the cold outside. As we open our hearts to them let us not forget the poor and remember the great gift that God wants of us, that change of heart. We don't imagine that we will ever be saints but let us be people of peace, joy and hope.

Isaiah proclaims the birth of a child who will be Wonder Councilor, God Hero, Faith-Forever and Prince of Peace. "The people in darkness have seen a great light." However the blind cannot see the light. Unless we open our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ, we shall not see his light..

Mary of course is central in our Christmas readings: Humbly she ponder the sublime mysteries of God. She is our mother and we her children, we share in her joy at Jesus' birth. As He loves His Son, God loves each one of us. Bathe in that love as you enjoy your Christmas celebrations and remember the reason. God bless you all and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

## Stewardship Reflection

We are all very familiar with the report of Jesus' birth. We know about the multitude singing, and we are aware of how the shepherds came from the fields to see and worship the child. On this glorious day we are the heavenly host singing and we are the shepherds who kneel in admiration of this child. This child is like none other. We know that every child changes the world in his or her own way. But the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the son of Mary does more than change the world. He changes our lives completely. He comes to save us. He comes to embrace us. And He invites each of us to embrace Him. Our warmest embrace will be seen through the fair sharing of our stewardship – the responsible use of our Time & Our Talent & Our Treasure. This is the perfect example of re-gifting since all good things originate with Him.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Dec 18

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,573.51
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$129,995.32
YTD Budgeted	\$134,537.50
Under Budget	\$ 4,542.18 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,639.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 49,362.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 69,175.00
Under Budget	\$ 19,812.75 -

### 2016 Contributions

*Be sure to get your 2016 contributions to the office by the end of December for your income tax purposes.*



## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Pastor's Christmas Greeting & Thank You:** There are 12 days of Christmas extending from the great day itself to the feast of the Magi, the Epiphany. I hope you will all enjoy it to the full; being moved by the incredible generosity of God in giving His only Son to the world. I thank all who have cooperated with me in making this cluster an example of "joy to the world." I thank all who have given fairly of their Time & Talent & Treasure for the growth of these parishes. God loves a cheerful giver and I'm glad that I work among and for so many sincerely generous people. I am fortunate to be your pastor. ~ Fr.W.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** We will gather on Thursday, December 29 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.

**Widows Group:** The next gathering will be held Thursday, January 5 at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

**Office Closed:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

## Religious Ed

**Classes:** No classes on Wednesday, December 28.  
Enjoy your Christmas vacation! See you in the New Year on Wednesday, January 4.

**Grade 6-8** are invited to the Winter Chill on Saturday, January 28 from 6:30-11:30 pm at Pax Christi in Rochester. There will be pizza, a DJ, dance party, inflatables, service projects, inspirational speaker, and music with Adoration. Register on or before January 25 and the cost is \$15 if you register or pay at the door the cost is \$20. For more information or to register contact our Youth Leader, Neal Abbott.

**Mission Trip:** Students in grades 7-12 this year are invited to join us on our mission trip this summer to St. Louis, Missouri. The trip is June 27 – July 2. If you are interested in attending or would like more information contact Neal Abbott. Registration forms are in the St. Bernard gathering space by the youth board. There is an \$80 deposit due when you register.

**Steubenville:** Students in 8-12 grade are invited to attend Steubenville youth conference on July 14 -16. To see more information or to see the speaker team for Steubenville Rochester check out their website at: [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org) Students interested in attending please contact Neal Abbott.

## St. Bridget

**2017 Contribution Envelopes:** Registered parish members please take a moment to go into the social hall and pick up your box of envelopes for the year. You are encouraged to use your envelopes for your donations – it makes it more convenient for those who count and also office staff for data entry. If you have questions, contact Pam in the office.

**2017 Calendars:** Thank you to Macken Funeral Home for donating the calendars for our parish. Please help yourself.

**Adoration:** No Adoration on Monday, Dec 26.

**Choir:** Music ministry on Sunday, January 8. Meet at 7:45 am.



## St. Bernard

**2017 Calendars:** Thank you to Griffin Gray Funeral Home for donating the calendars for our parish. These Catholic calendars are very useful in showing us the daily saints and the Holy Days of Obligation.

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, January 8 at 8:50 am, followed by music ministry at 10:00 am.

