

## 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)

**January 22, 2017**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2017

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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

**Monday, Jan 23**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
For the Steinmetz Family

**Tuesday, Jan 24**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Ralph & Jeanette Kruger+

**Wednesday, Jan 25**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
For the Ancius Family

**Thursday, Jan 26**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Leo Hoehn+

**Friday, Jan 27**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Kate Towey+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
Fr. Don Connelly+

**Saturday, Jan 28**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Robert Johnson+

**Sunday, Jan 29**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
James & Helen Sheehan+

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 28

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Angie Janssen

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,  
Alex VandeLoo

### Sunday, January 29

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Marianna Miron

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Jeannette Sheehan, Karen Sheehan, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Jamisen Hart

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Laura Peters, Pat Robey

Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,  
Greg Wellik

## Pastor's Corner

Psalm 95: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Well it seems that the Apostles did hear His voice and responded not only appropriately but quickly. They dropped everything to follow Jesus – and for those working in the fishing industry, or like Matthew our author who was a tax collector, that probably meant a good deal. It would certainly mean placing family and friends and businesses etc. lower on their list of priorities and giving up their own way of doing things in general - their own agendas therefore.

How do we respond to Jesus' call - how should we respond? Do we really give even of our plenty in terms of our time, talent and treasure in service to the Lord? Do we find excuses not to? Do we procrastinate? Do we leave it to others? If Jesus is indeed the herald of the great God proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, shouldn't we listen with great care and respond accordingly? God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

A key part of our Gospel Reading today is the onset of the Lord gathering His Apostles, as He initially calls Peter and his brother Andrew, closely followed by the brothers James and John. It is important to note that their response was immediate: "At once they left their nets and followed him (Jesus)." There were no debates, no discussions, and no long considerations. That is a great example to us. Do we hesitate; do we wait to become a disciple of the Lord? We really should not. If we accept Him as our Savior and as the cornerstone of our Church, our response, too, should be immediate and definite. We are called to be good stewards of the Lord's Church and of our faith communities.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending January 15

### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,242.27
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$163,741.62
YTD Budgeted	\$156,063.50
Over Budget	\$ 7,678.12

### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,317.94
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 73,271.55
YTD Budgeted	\$ 80,243.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,971.45 –

Electronically donate to our parishes by copying the link below the parish you wish to support. First time users, 'Create New Account' and then follow the directions. We have been told this is easy, user friendly to set up and it's convenient for those of you who don't carry cash or a checkbook. You donate what you want, when you want, whether it's once a year, once a month or weekly. Check it out!

### St. Bernard's

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910)

### St. Bridget's

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897)

## Our Parishes



**Online Ministry Scheduler:** The schedule for February through April is available to sign up for ministry positions. Some of you have already done so, and some of you have been 'plugged in'. If a date does not work, just request a swap for yourself.

**Mass Intentions Accepted:** If you would like a Mass intention for a loved one, living or deceased, contact Pam in the office.

**End of the Year Donation Statements:** Your statements for your income taxes have been mailed. If you have any questions, contact Pam in the office.

**Finance Council Mtg:** Tuesday, Jan 24 at St. Bridget's. 6:00 pm for St. Bernard and 7:00 pm for St. Bridget's.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Meets on Thursday, January 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning how to quilt, you're more than welcome to join us.

**Joint Pastoral Council Mtg:** Rescheduled to Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm.

## Religious Ed

**Classes:** Wednesday, January 25.

**Grade 4 & a Parent:** You will be going to the Care Center to play Card Bingo with the residents from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**First Reconciliation:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive the holy sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday morning, January 28. Let's keep them in our prayers; Aubrey Aplan, Jacob Billings, Carter Cloutier, Greta Frost, Mary Griffin, Dayton Hayes, Morgan Huber, Grant Jeardeau, Dale Johnson, Rylee Lilly, Mathew Matejka, Braeden Milz, Maryclaire Miron, Katie Nelson, James O'Neill, Julian Peterson, Hailee Schmitz, Corrina Tonn

**Adult Education:** We continue the Symbolon Sessions on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's with Session 6, The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

## Around the Area & Other Notes

**Nine Day Novena for Life:** The US bishops invite the faithful to participate in *9 Days for Life*, January 21 -29, an annual period of prayer and action cherishing the gift of life. We are encouraged to "pray, gather, and share" during this novena. See [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more information

**March for Life:** This year is the 44th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. Buses are being arranged across the diocese for the March in front of the State Capitol on Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 pm. Contact Ben Frost 507-858-1258.

**DivorceCare:** Find help and healing from the hurt of a separation or divorce through a support group / seminar called DivorceCare. The first of thirteen sessions begins Thursday, February 23 and meets weekly from 6:30-8:30 pm at Pax Christi in Rochester. The cost of the workbook is \$15. You may register by email at: [finehire2@aol.com](mailto:finehire2@aol.com). For an overview of the program, visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)

## St. Bernard

**Baptism:** Blessings to Maximus Alexander Clement, son of Alexander & Jennifer, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.



**Thank You:** Many of you have dug a little deeper to help with our Together in Faith Campaign for the building fund loan to pay off the church building. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. The gold envelopes in your contribution packets are for this campaign so if other parishioners want to support this fund, please do so. Remember, this is a different fund from the Sunday general fund so please make out a separate check.

**Adorers Needed:** "In its fullest essence...Eucharistic Adoration is God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time." Please join us as we need more adorers. The following hours are available: Tuesday 5-6pm; Wednesdays 2-3am; 4-5am; 7-8am; 9-10am; 12N-1pm. Interested adorers or questions, call Pam Mueller at 507-254-9478

**Adorers:** Notifications for cancelations can be found at [KTTC.com](http://KTTC.com) or viewed on KTTC News. Cancelations will follow Stewartville school cancelations.

**Ice Cream Pails Needed:** The Men's Club is in need of one gallon ice cream pails. Please bring your washed buckets to the kitchen.



**Seeking Men:** The Men's Club is in need of 'Real Men' - men who want to have fun, make meatballs, serve spaghetti, enjoy social time and serve the Lord. Please stop by the back of the church and sign up to work the Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner. Opportunities are; Meatball Making - Saturday, Feb 4. Spaghetti Dinner - Tuesday, March 28.



**Spaghetti Dinner** St. Bernard's Men's Club will be holding their famous **Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner** on the evening of Tuesday, March 28 at Riverview Greens Club House in Stewartville, serving from 5:00-8:30 pm. The evening features non-stop entertainment, raffles, drawings, prizes and more. You don't want to miss this! The meatballs and sauce are made from scratch, prepared, cooked and served by The Men's Club. Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds will go to St. Bernard's Building Fund.

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, January 29 at 8:50 am, followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.