

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard
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St. Bridget
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December 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10am

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@aol.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 after 5pm. If you wish to stop by for Adoration after 5, knock on the door to be let inside.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am - Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. 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: 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.

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

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, Dec 11	No Mass	
Tuesday, Dec 12	St Bridget	8:30 am Lucy Tooke+
Wednesday, Dec 13	St Bernard	8:00 am Sylvester & Vivian Carolan+
Thursday, Dec 14	St Bernard	8:00 am Jack, Donna & Patricia Sues+
Friday, Dec 15	St Bernard	8:00 am Tip & Vernelle Weis+
	Care Center	9:15 am Richard Kuisle+
Saturday, Dec 16	St Bernard	5:00 pm Marijane Irlbeck+
Sunday, Dec 17	St Bridget	8:30 am James O'Neill+
	St Bernard	10:00 am For St Bernard's & St Bridget's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 16

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Server: Ellah Dodd, Leland Jeardeau

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Judy Bunde, Lisa Dodd, Bill Rinken, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoeppner

Sunday, December 17

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Mary Elton

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson, Christopher Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Mary Brouillard, Ally Drees, Mychelle Henderson,

Laura Peters, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Patrick Miller, Bill Oswald,

Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

Our first reading today from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims, "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us. Preparing that path may not be easy but it is necessary. The most important thing is to accept Christ as the way, the truth and the life - and John as His herald.

Today we see the beginning of the Good News according to St. Mark. John the Baptist did not look much like good news as he was roughly clad and roughly spoken but his words and his manner hit home for many. If we are genuine and sincere about proclaiming Christ's truth in a spirit of love, God will give good fruit to our efforts.

Christ will return in glory one day and we should not become discouraged. Let us continue to prepare for Christ's coming by renewed faith, hope and love. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that. We are called to be good stewards and to prepare for His return with good words and works and a fullness of faith.

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 14, 6:30pm at St. Bernard's.
Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 3

St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 8,130.09
Nov. Online & Auto	\$ 1,860.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$122,054.71
YTD Budgeted	\$127,857.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,802.29-

St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 3,914.00
Nov. Online & Auto	\$ 1,608.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 58,053.37
YTD Budgeted	\$ 63,641.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,587.63-

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Be sure you get your tax deductible contributions in by December 31.

Our Parishes

Quilting/Sewing Group: Thursday, December 14, from 1-3pm in St Bernard's Marian Room.

Evening Prayer & Benediction: Friday, December 15 & 22 at St Bernard's, 6:30pm

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: During the weekend Masses on December 16 & 17.



Family Promise Tree [Giving Tree]: Gifts are to be returned unwrapped with the ornament. Place gift cards, with the amount shown, in the collection basket or the office. All items should be brought in by Sunday, December 17.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor of someone, living or deceased, please use the envelopes in your packets or clearly mark an envelope with your intentions. The suggested donation for one plant is \$10.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University: Classes start Sunday, January 14 at 6pm in Marian Hall and will run for 9 weeks. Childcare is provided. Please register and order materials (this is a one-time fee) on DaveRamsey.com. Questions, contact Ally or Andy Drees at 952-465-9540.

Religious Ed & Youth News

Classes: Wednesday, Dec 13
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

Grade 8 Confirmation Parent Meeting: Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm in the social hall. Parents and students will attend together.

Grade 5: You will go to the Care Center for Card Bingo on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please drop off and pick up your child at the Care Center.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

BYG will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive on Wednesday, December 13 from 2-4pm at Fareway in Stewartville.

St Bernard's

Baptism: Welcome and blessings to Addyson Jean Bridge, daughter of Eric and Elizabeth, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Thank You: To everyone who helped last Sunday for our St. Nicholas visit. The Men's Club and their delicious breakfast and the individuals who helped with the activities for the kids and the set-up and organizing. A great time was had by all!

Christmas Sing-Along: On Saturday, December 16 at 7pm, the Adult Choir invites you to sing along with familiar Christmas tunes. Refreshments and Christmas goodies will be served. If you have cookies or treats to share, please bring them!

Children's Christmas Program Practice: Dress rehearsal will be Sunday, December 17 at 8:30am. Questions, Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704 or Brenda Trisko 533-4808.

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, Dec 17 at 8:50am followed by music ministry at 10am Mass.

Thank You: A big thanks to all who helped celebrate my birthday. Thanks for prayers, cards and wishes. May God bless every one of you. ~ Dorothy Hurley

St Bridget's

Thank You: Thank you to the carolers who stopped by for a visit. Your songs and your treats were much appreciated. ~ Bette Baker

Choir Christmas Practice: Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm in the church.

Happy 60th Anniversary: Dave & Carole Nelson's children will be hosting an Open House at Charlie's Eatery & Pub at Hillcrest Shopping Center, on Saturday, December 16 from 4-7pm.

Choir: Music ministry at Mass on Sunday, December 17. Meet at 7:45am for practice.

Volunteer: The Christmas Decorating Committee will need volunteers to help decorate the church after 8:30am morning Mass on Sunday, December 24.

Come Little Children and Families: Please consider joining in the following opportunities in either singing, as a musician, and/or an actor for the Christmas Program.
Sunday, December 17 - "Let It Be Christmas"
Christmas Program & Breakfast after 8:30am Mass

Sing or play a musical selection before or during the Christmas Vigil or Christmas Day Mass. If you are interested in participating or have a talent you'd love to share please contact Cecilia, Jeannette, or Lisa.

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass – 6pm & Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass – 9:30am

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Human Trafficking: This happens in communities large and small, 365 days a year. Mayo Clinic is joining forces with The Link to raise awareness of trafficking and inspire people to make a difference. Join them and give a gift to help a human trafficking victim become a survivor www.riseupgifts.org. It seems there is a spike in these tragic numbers around the time of the Super Bowl.