

# The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget

St. Bernard  
116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Stewartville, MN

St. Bridget  
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Rochester, MN



<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. John P. Wilmot
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<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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**December 24, 2017**

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

**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 8:30am -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](mailto:mkbrouill@aol.com) 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

**St. Bridget's Adoration:** Mondays 1-10pm. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>Sunday, Dec 24</b> <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	<b>St Bernard</b> Helen Smith+	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	<b>St Bridget</b> Margaret Mulvihill+	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	<b>St Bernard</b> Mike Hurley+	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 25</b> <i>Christmas</i>	<b>St Bernard</b> Marijane, Ed & Tricia Irlbeck+	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>St Bridget</b> James & Helen Sheehan+	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 26</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Dec 27</b>	<b>St Bernard</b> Sturm Families	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec 28</b>	<b>St Bernard</b> Special Intention	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 29</b>	<b>St Bernard</b> Carmen LaPlante+	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>Care Center</b> Richard Kuisle+	<b>9:15 am</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 30</b>	<b>St Bernard</b> Bernadine Peterson+	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 31</b>	<b>St Bridget</b> Redempta O'Neill+	<b>8:30 am</b>
	<b>St Bernard</b> For St Bernard's & St Bridget's	<b>10:00 am</b>
<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>		
<b>Monday, Jan 1</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	<b>St Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>



## Pastor's Corner

So this is Christmas! A beautiful time of the year indeed! I wish you all every blessing for this season of wonder and joy. Of course it is a season of gratitude also and we thank God for sending His only Son into our physical world to save us.

Let's not forget Mary: Mary's response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord's work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. May we show great love at this time and rejoice in peace and love. Merry Christmas to you all!

## Stewardship Reflection

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said: My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?



### Staff

Admin Asst	Pam Cleveland	507 533-8257
Rel Ed & Youth	Kristina Sullivan	507 533-8192
Youth Leader	Neal Abbott	507 316-5545
Custodian	Dick Koenigs	507 269-1901
Custodian	Dan Schoeppner	507 533-4474
Bookkeeping	Elaine Mills	507 440-0674

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Dec 17

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Received	\$ 6,444.55
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,559.00
YTD Received	\$133,350.30
YTD Budgeted	\$138,975.00
Under Budget	\$ 5,624.70-

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Received	\$ 1,693.39
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 61,782.36
YTD Budgeted	\$ 69,175.00
Under Budget	\$ 7,392.64-

## Our Parishes



**Quilting Group:** This group meets every other Thursday in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Anyone interested in quilting or sewing, please join us! Drop in when you can.

The next dates we will gather: Thursdays, December 28 and January 11, from 1:00-3:30pm.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University:** Time to get registered for the upcoming sessions. Sessions start Sunday, January 14 at 6pm in Marian Hall at St Bernard's. Childcare is provided. Register and order materials on [DaveRamsey.com](http://DaveRamsey.com) Questions, contact Ally or Andy Drees at 952-465-9540.

## Religious Ed & Youth News

No Class the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Merry Christmas!

Classes will resume Wednesday, January 3  
5:15-6:15pm | 6:30-7:30pm

## BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, December 24 or 31 due to the holidays. See you in the New Year!



**Tennessee Mission Trip:** Interested in going to Tennessee with us this summer from June 19-24 - contact Neal ASAP! Space is limited!

## Liturgical Ministers

### Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil

#### **St. Bernard – 4:00 pm**

Servers: Ellah Dodd

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Angie Jannsen, Emily Kiefer, Bill Rinken,

Janet Speltz, Steve Sturm, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Ken Trisko

#### **St. Bridget – 6:00 pm**

Server: Lily Lukes

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Mary Elton, Bill Kuisle, Pam Kuisle

#### **St. Bernard – 8:00 pm**

Greeter: Pat Koenigs

Servers: Christopher & Sarah Watters

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Joann Hinders, Patty Miller, Laura Peters

Ushers: Patrick Miller (more needed)

### Monday, December 25 – Christmas

#### **St. Bernard – 8:00 am**

Server: Jayden Gaynor

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Karen Greenslade, Jean Peterson, Mary Lynch

Ushers: Needed

#### **St. Bridget – 9:30 am**

Server: Needed

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Karen Sheehan

### Saturday, December 30

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeter: Dave & Mary Schultz

Server: needed

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Judy Bunde, Jean Peterson

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs,

Dan Schoepner

### Sunday, December 31

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Mary Hustak,

Patty Miller, Rob Miller

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto, Patrick Miller

## St Bernard's

**Christmas Choir Practice:** Sunday, Dec 24 at 6:45 pm



**December 24:** Join us on Christmas Eve as the students put on the Christmas play at 3:30pm. Then at 7:30pm, the Adult Choir will be singing beautiful music selections.

## St Bridget's

**Choir Caroling:** Come at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve to enjoy the beautiful music and sing along with the choir.



**Feast of Bridget; February 3, 6:30pm:** Mark your calendars for this celebration! The same feast as last time for the same Godly Irish woman (Bridget or Brede in Gaelic). Enjoy wining, dining and entertainment. Mass will

begin at 5:30pm, followed by the celebration

**Let It Be Christmas!** Thank you to the children and parents for your participation in the Christmas Program last Sunday. The children's talents shone bright like the Christmas Star! Thank you Breakfast Committee as well, and your kind patience in letting the children perform before serving all a delicious hot breakfast. Together they filled the social hall with a true warmth of the Christmas Spirit. ~ Cecilia & Lisa

## Around the Area

**Blood Drive:** Zion Lutheran Church is partnering with Stewartville area churches and Mayo Clinic to hold a Blood Drive on Monday, January 8. Please call the Zion church office to schedule your donation 533-4283.

**Widowed, Divorced or Permanently Separated:** "Coping with Life Alone" is being offered by Beginning Experience of Rochester, beginning Monday, January 29, weekly, from 6:30-8:30pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester. For more information call [507-261-8248](tel:507-261-8248) or email [beminnnesota@gmail.com](mailto:beminnnesota@gmail.com)

