

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
Office Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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December 7, 2014

Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or you may contact the parish office or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot frwilmot@aol.com 533-8257 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 1:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. 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: (extra confessions – see schedule)
Saturdays at St. Bernard's
4:00 - 4:30 pm
Sundays St. Bridget's
7:45 - 8:15 am
You may call Father to make an appointment.

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 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.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Dec 8	<i>Holy Day – Immaculate Conception</i>	St. Bernard's 12:00 pm Peg Himmer+
		St. Bridget's 6:00 pm Agnes Griffin+
Tuesday, Dec 9		St. Bridget's 8:30 am Mary Griffin+
Wednesday, Dec 10		St. Bernard's 8:00 am Patty Hastings+
Thursday, Dec 11		St. Bernard's 8:00 am In reparation for our sins
Friday, Dec 12		St. Bernard's 8:00 am Fr. Joe Keefe+
		Care Center 9:15 am Helen Payton+
Saturday, Dec 13		St. Bernard's 5:00 pm Luella Elsbernd+
Sunday, Dec 14		St. Bridget's 8:30 am For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's
		St. Bernard's 10:00 am Lawrence Bussman+

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, Dec 13 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's
Servers: Henry & George Gray
Rosary: Mary Lynch
Lector: Tom Graf
EMC: Barb Abbott, Pauline Fontaine, Emily Kiefer, Mary Lynch
Greeter: Sharon Theobald
Ushers: Brayde Faulhaber, Bill Rincken, Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo, Sam VandeLoo, Alex VandeLoo
Sunday, Dec 14 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's
Server: Chelsea Galbraith
Lector: Bernice Casella
EMC: Marilyn Baker, Roger Roeder, Karen Sheehan
Sunday, Dec 14 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's
Servers: Lacy Jewson, Sarah Watters
Rosary: Mary Hustak
Lector: Julie Watters
EMC: Ginny Hanson, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz, Krissy Sullivan
Greeter: Janet Speltz
Ushers: Brad Kime, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

There is an old Jewish story that if everyone were perfect at the same time, the Messiah would come finally. All things had not been made perfect in Christ's first coming but they will be made perfect when He returns in glory. We should change our lives for the better. Let us have that "metanoia", which means "change of mind" or "change of heart" mentioned in today's Gospel. If we really thought that the world would end tomorrow, would we not get our lives in order and turn back to the Lord? Let us live then in daily awareness that Jesus will come soon and let us prepare in the desert of our souls a straight and smooth way for Him. God bless you all as you continue your Advent journey towards the joy of Christmas.

Stewardship Reflection

Today, John the Baptist might be calling you or me to a complete change of heart or mind. We are on the way to our final days. What will Christ expect of us? He will expect each of us to fulfill our role in His Kingdom. Stewardship invites every one of us to participate and to contribute to the good of the whole, our faith community — not next week, not just at Christmas, but now. "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at St. Bernard's at noon and it will be held at St. Bridget's at 6:00 pm

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Matthew Kelly Contest, Sponsored by St. Bernard's Men's Club: Contestants (must be registered parishioners) are asked to send in a short essay, maximum of 1,000 words, on "What it Means to be Catholic". It is open to all college students, part time and full time. One entry per family, please. First five acceptable papers are for two tickets each, the next five are for one ticket. Deadline is January 1st 2015. Send to Fr. John P. Wilmot, St. Bernard's, 116 4th Ave SE, Stewartville, MN 55976

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for November 30

St. Bernard's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,459.05
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 86,147.56
YTD Budgeted	\$107,755.15
Under Budget	\$ 21,607.59-

St. Bridget's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,368.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 44,838.77
YTD Budgeted	\$ 43,838.38
Over Budget	\$ 1,000.39+

Our Parishes

Cancer Support Group Meeting - Note Schedule Change:

The Cancer Support Group will be meeting on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 pm in the Church library. We invite all who deal with cancer or another terminal disease, active or in remission, and care givers past and present to join us in support of one another on our journeys'. For questions or more information call Chet Daniel 533-8191.

Benediction & Confessions at St. Bernard's: Friday, December 12 & 19 at 6:30 pm.

Word Among Us Daily Devotionals: If you would like to purchase a year subscription, write your check (\$20) to St. Bernard's with Word Among Us in the memo and put in a clearly marked envelope and place in the collection or at the parish office by Friday, December 12. Questions contact Mary mkbrouill@aol.com or 533-6596.



St. Bridget's and St. Bernard's is taking donations to assist individuals and families of Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise and Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center Crisis Unit. 'Giving Trees' at each church will have ornaments listing the items needed. Return unwrapped items by Sunday, December 14. Gift cards should indicate the dollar value and be placed in the collection or bring them to the church office.

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Thank You: Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed our community by donating to the food shelves. Thank you also to Ed Rowley and granddaughter for delivering the food from St. Bernard's to Channel One. A total of 367 pounds was collected at St. Bernard's. A total of 172 pounds was collected at St. Bridget's. Thank you to Wanda Nienow for delivering St. Bridget's donations to Channel One food shelves in Rochester.

Christmas Flowers: Those wanting to donate a Christmas flower in memory of a loved one or in honor of loved ones, use the special envelopes in your donation packets or clearly mark on an envelope who the flowers are in memory/in honor of.

St. Bernard's

Men Needed Saturday, December 13, 9:00 am – Noon: We would like to put up our Christmas trees and some lighting. All the help we can get would be appreciated. Confirmation students can earn service hours for this. Give Jesus a warm welcome. Thank you. Fr.W.

Children's Christmas Program: Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 8:30 am December 14 & 21. Questions, contact Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704

Adult Choir: Practice on Sunday, December 14 and 21 at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass. New voices always welcome. Practice is held on the school side of the building.

Building Fund Balance: \$395,479 ~ we still have much to pay down on the loan. Please consider making a pledge or a donation to help pay for our beautiful church.

Thanks! Thank you, Kathy Quandt, for the Christmas lights and decorations. We are using them in the office, the rectory and the faith formation office.

Religious Ed News

Regular Class: Next week on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

Grade 5: 5th grade will be going to the Care Center for Card Bingo on December 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

St. Bridget's

Adorers Needed: We need a second adorer for 2:00 - 3:00 pm and 9:00 – 10:00 pm on Mondays. Let Kathy Baruth know if you can help 269-8065. If you are unable to start until January, that will work.

Christmas Choir Practice: Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm. New voices always welcome!

Christmas Program Practice: Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. All students are encouraged and invited to participate in the Christmas Play, which will take place on Sunday, December 14 following 8:30 am Mass. Breakfast will be served that day as well.

Christmas Play & Breakfast: Plan to join stay after Mass on Sunday, December 14 for the Children's Christmas Play followed by breakfast and fellowship for everyone.

2015 Calendars: Thank you to Macken Funeral Home for donating and sponsoring calendars for our parish.

Kitchen Doors: We need to keep the doors open during the cold season. We do not want issues with frozen pipes.

Parents: Please instruct your children that it is not acceptable to climb upon the heat registers in the social hall.

Around the Area

Reflections on the Season of Advent: Bishop Quinn will give a talk on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at St. James Coffee in Rochester.

Adults (20s & 30s): Want to find information on Catholic events in the Rochester area? Check out rayoungcatholics.org (Rochester Area Young Catholics) "Our mission is to invite young adults into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by: engaging in the sacramental life of the Church, further study/catechesis and fostering authentic friendships rooted in holiness"