

# 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
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**November 29, 2015**

**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](http://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](mailto:frwilmot@aol.com) 533-8257 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 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:** 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. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

**Marriage:** Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date. You may call earlier than that for availability.

**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?

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

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

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

<b>Monday, Nov 30</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+	
<b>Tuesday, Dec 1</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Dec 2</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Ida Wicks+	
<b>Thursday, Dec 3</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Roy & Helen Smith+	
<b>Friday, Dec 4</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Mr. Novotny+	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	James P. O'Neill+	
<b>Saturday, Dec 5</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	Bill & Patty Schroeder & Hajek families	
<b>Sunday, Dec 6</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Tom & Loretta Kennedy+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

## Liturgical Ministries

### Saturday, Dec 5 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Server: Riley Schild

Lector: Needed

EMC: Pauline Fontaine, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rincken,

Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Dec 6 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Needed

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Bill Kuisle

### Sunday, Dec 6 - 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Kira Nelson

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Scott Christian, Lisa Dodd,

Marilyn Eisen Mary Hustak, Steve Sturm

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Andy Moore,

Dan Pyan

**Liturgical Ministers:** Thank you to those who have shown willingness by signing up on the online program.

## Pastor's Corner

Advent begins this weekend and we change the vestments to purple which represents both penitence and subdued joy. The Christ Child will come but we save our full rejoicing until his actual birthday - as would any mother. Are we worthy of him? I know that I am not and so I will spend some extra time this Advent striving, with His grace, to become more so.

The Advent wreath will be displayed with candles lit, three purple for normal Sundays and one pink for Gaudete Sunday. You can do that at home and create for yourselves a prayer space, perhaps.

I, as with many priests, have the pastoral problem of aiding our congregations in appreciating the great themes of this short season while the world is caught up in a festive season which often lends itself more to distraction than to contemplation. Even we will joyously greet St. Nicholas next Sunday midst much feasting and celebration.

Read those Matthew Kelly books, Rediscover Jesus and others and other appropriate literature, examine your conscience and seek to confess your sins – especially since the Year of Mercy begins on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8). Try to find time to escape from the noise and hyperactivity around you from time to time, in a place “far from the madding crowd”, as it were. A belated Happy Thanksgiving to you and God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today is, of course, the First Sunday of Advent. It reminds us that Christmas is very close, but it also should prompt us to remember what else we need to do to prepare for the coming of Christ, His birth on Christmas.

Advent is a time for us to increase our vigilance; it is a time for us to pray (“Pray always!”), and it is especially a time for us to look for and find ways that help us prepare, which improves and increases our faith and our commitment to Christ. This is a stewardship time.

In one of his homilies given on the First Sunday of Advent in 2013, our Holy Father Pope Francis stated, “The time of Advent that we begin today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! Let us, too, vow to be faithful. Let us make this Advent as fulfilling as possible.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received for the week ending Nov 22

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,673.00(\$5.50 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$ 91,555.00
YTD Budgeted	\$105,939.35
Under Budget	\$ 14,384.35 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,668.75 (\$2.00 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 50,196.20
YTD Budgeted	\$ 43,100.88
Over Budget	\$ 7,095.32 +

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## Our Parishes

**Security:** In the interest of security please inform the pastor or the parish office beforehand if you intend to use the church buildings for any parties, meetings, prayer groups or other event that is not on the parish calendar.

**Day of Fasting and Prayer:** This is a special initiative from the USSB to be entered into on Friday, December 4 by Catholics nationally. We will basically follow the rules for Fasting during Lent and spend more time in prayer. This is in reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect for Human Life. For our parishes, it will begin at St. Bernard's with an 8 am Mass and close with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 p.m. The church is open all day of course.

**Facebook:** Please send any photos of parish interest to [frwilmot@aol.com](mailto:frwilmot@aol.com)

**Notice:** Brother Bertrand Hanf, SDS died November 13 and was buried at the Salvatorian Cemetery in St. Naziaz, Wisconsin. There will be a memorial Mass celebrated at St. Bridget's on Saturday, December 5 at 11:00 am with lunch to follow. Brother Bert was born in 1930 in Stewartville, baptized at St. Bernard's, and attended local schools in rural Rochester. After one year of high school he joined the Salvatorians and after taking his vows in 1953 spent many years working on the African missions using his considerable building and mechanical skills. When he returned to this area he attended St. Bridget's frequently, having family nearby.

**Merry Christmas from Matthew Kelly:** Thank you to Dynamic Catholic for copies of Matthew Kelly's book, 'Rediscover Jesus'. These are free for the taking.

## Our Parishes

**Thank You:** Thanks Diane Hart for your help with the Beacon, our parishes' newsletter. It is very well put together and will be appreciated by all. The publication helps us reach out and greet each of our listed parishioners during this precious time of year. Thanks for your stewardship of Time and Talent. Fr.W.



**Advent Giving Tree:** St Bridget/St Bernard Social Concerns Team invite you to give this Advent season to help families achieve and sustain their independence. The tree ornaments list a gift item or gift card that is needed to help a family through the coming year. Return your ornaments attached with the gifts unwrapped by Sunday, December 13. Gift cards should be placed in the collection or turned in to the parish office.

**Edward Jones Account:** We have an account at Edward Jones in Stewartville which makes it local and convenient for any transfers or gifting to the parishes. Feel free to contact our financial advisor, Troy Knutson at 533-4404.

**Ringing Bells:** If you are interested in ringing the bells this season for the Salvation Army on behalf of our parishes, contact Krissy Sullivan 533-8192. Confirmation students, this is a great service project to keep in mind ☺

**Quilting / Sewing Group:** Thursday, December 3 from 1:00-3:30 pm at St. Bernard's in the Marian Room.

**Social Concerns Mtg:** Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's.

## St. Bernard



**Building Fund Campaign:** Thank you to those who have filled out pledge cards for our final phase of the *Together in Faith* building fund campaign. We are looking for 100% participation from every registered household as far as responding, so please take a moment and fill out a pledge card.

**Men's Club Mtg:** Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 pm in the parish library. All men of the parish are invited.

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** Thursday, December 3, 6:30 pm

**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Friday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

**Adult Choir:** Practices on Sundays, December 6 & 13 8:50 am and music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.



On Sunday, December 6, plan to join us for 10:00 am Mass followed by breakfast and a visit from St. Nicholas. Good food and fun for all ages!



**Catholic Lighthouse CD:** On display in the gathering space is a collection of CDs. Don't forget, at just \$3 each, they make good stuffers.

**Lost & Found:** A silver bracelet was found. Call the office to identify. It appears to be a ladies or girls.

## Religious Ed & Youth

**Classes Wednesday, December 2:** Regular classes 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Sacraments, Part I, Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 pm:** Fr. Wilmot will present on that which is the Source and Summit of our Faith: The Eucharist. All adults are welcome to join him in the church at St. Bernard's. Part I will be continued the following week when Marriage will be the topic.

**Grade 2 Parent Meeting:** There will be a meeting for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30pm. We will be discussing prep for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

## St. Bridget's

**66 Pounds of Food Donated:** Thank you all for your donations for our Food Drive for Channel One.

**Gentle Health and Wellness Exercises:** Our exercise sessions continue, Mondays, November 30 – December 14 at 5:30 pm in the old hall. \$5 per session.

**Caroling:** Anyone interested in joining us, meet in the social hall on Saturday, December 5 at 12:30 pm. Contact Roseann Melby 696-8760 with questions.

**Choir:** We will provide music ministry on Sunday, December 6. Meet at 7:45 am for practice.

**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Friday, December 11 at 6:30 pm.

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