

# 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)

**December 4, 2016**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016

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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, Dec 5**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
In thanksgiving for children

**Tuesday, Dec 6**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Miriam Coleman+

**Wednesday, Dec 7**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Marie Bergler+

**Thursday, Dec 8**  
*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Fr. Don Connelly+

**St. Bridget**      **6:30 pm**  
Ed & Frances O'Neill+

**Friday, Dec 9**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Peggy Huggler+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
Kate Towey+

**Saturday, Dec 10**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

**Sunday, Dec 11**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
Jeanette Carlson+

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
Sr. Generose Gervais+

### Saturday, Dec 10

**St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeter: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Dick Koenigs

Servers: Cole Jannsen, Kira Nelson

Lector: Angie Jannsen

EMC: Emily Kiefer, Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Joe Himmer, Dick Koenigs, Bill Rinken,  
Dan Schoeppner

### Sunday, Dec 11

**St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Amy Miron

EMC: Bill Kuisle

**St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Servers: Leland Jeardeau, Annie Welch

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Patty Miller, Pat Robey, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Brian Meyerhofer, Andrew Moore, Dan Pyan

## Pastor's Corner

Today's Isaiah passage is noteworthy since it lays out the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit which are manifested with the coming of Christ and bestowed on us at the time of our Confirmation. Using these we can be God's instruments to bring the world around us nearer God's full embrace. Isaiah also provides an image of what mankind yearns to have; that peaceable kingdom where human beings are not clawing at one another like wild animals but live together harmoniously under God. John the Baptist was certainly filled with the Spirit as he heralded the coming of the Lord and of the Kingdom.

Today we welcome St. Nicholas to St. Bernard's, may his exemplary life be a guide and example to all the young folk he visits. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another. That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of us can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek, and wish to spread as true stewards.

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**Giving Tree:** The Social Concerns Team of St Bernard & St. Bridget invites you to help provide household supplies and gift cards to homeless families housed with IHN/Family Promise. The Christmas trees have paper ornaments written with items that are needed. Bring the gifts and ornaments **unwrapped** and place under the tree. Please place **gift cards in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.** All gifts are due by Sunday, December 11.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Nov 27

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	
Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,431.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$111,556.70
YTD Budgeted	\$118,393.00
Under Budget	\$ 6,836.30 -

<b>St. Bridget's</b>	
Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,609.30
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 42,151.02
YTD Budgeted	\$ 60,874.00
Under Budget	\$ 18,722.98 -

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**Thank You:** St. Bernard's collected 362 pounds of food for Channel One Food Shelf and St. Bridget's collected 94.5 pounds. Thank you to those who donated to this worthy cause and thank you to Ed Rowley and Wanda Nienow for delivering the food to Channel One.

**Thank You:** Many thanks to Diane Hart for helping me again with the newsletter. She makes everything look so presentable. ~ Fr. W.

**Christmas Flower Donations/Memorials:** Use the special envelopes in your packets to donate toward flowers in memory of your loved ones.

**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Mondays of Advent at 6:30 pm. December 5 & 19 will be at St. Bridget's, December 12 will be at St. Bernard's.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This rite will be performed after Mass on the weekend of December 10 & 11.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Next gathering will be Thursday, Dec 15 from 1:00-3:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Widows Support Group:** Meets on Thursday, Dec 15 at 10:00 am at St. Bernard's. This group will have ongoing gatherings every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am, therefore from now on the announcement will be on the first page, left column.

**Penance Service:** Thursday, December 15, 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's. Several priests will be in attendance for confessions.

**Blessing of Expectant Moms:** December 17/18 during all Masses.

## Religious Ed

**Religious Ed Classes:** Wednesday, December 7 at regular time.

**Grade 2 Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm in St. Bernard's Marian Hall.



The Youth Group will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. You are invited to join them on Wednesday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Fareway in Stewartville.

**Grade 8 Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm.

## St. Bridget

**Wedding Blessings:** Best wishes to Joel Nelson & Katherine Sheehan as they entered the holy sacrament of matrimony on Saturday, December 3.

**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm.



**Christmas Caroling:** Meet at St. Bridget's parking lot on Saturday, December 10 at noon. Everyone is welcome to join us. Questions, contact Roseann Melby 696-8760.

**Decorating Ministry:** We are looking for a couple of people willing to share the ministry of Christmas decorating. Contact Bridget O'Neill 281-0387.



**Christmas Program & Breakfast:** Please join us on Sunday, December 18 for the Children's Christmas Program. Lisa Behnken Kuisle is leading this year. Everyone is invited for breakfast afterwards.

## Around The Area

**Radiance:** Radiance is a time for young adults to gather in prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then for social time and a discussion on prayer. Adoration begins at 7:00 pm at St. James Coffee on Friday, December 16 (and every 3rd Friday of the month). Social time and discussion starts at 8:00 pm.

## St. Bernard

**Blessings:** Best wishes to Joseph Lawler & Sara Beskau as they entered the holy sacrament of marriage Nov 19.



**Building Fund Loan Debt:** As of December 1st, we are down to \$88,492.93!! Thank you to those who are helping contribute to this. Now is the time to make year-end donations for your tax deductions. Keep using your gold

Together in Faith envelopes. Also, you can log on to our website and donate directly to the building fund. Remember to toss your spare change into the wooden box next to the office. Every penny counts!

**Adult Choir:** Music ministry at 10 am Sunday Mass on Dec 11. Meet for practice at 8:50 am.

**Welcome:** On Sunday, Dec 11, we welcome our RCIA candidate Prince Singh into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 10:00 am Mass. A reception for all will follow.



**Christmas Pageant:** Students all ages are welcome to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. Practices will be held Sundays, Dec 11 & 18 at 8:30 am. Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704 and Brenda Trisko 533-4808 are the organizers.

**Christmas Sing-along:** Saturday, Dec 17 at 7:00 pm. Come enjoy Christmas carols sung by the Adult Choir, followed by refreshments in Marian Hall. Homemade cookies and juice is welcome!

**Living Faith Daily Devotionals:** The books for January, February & March are available on the table by the windows. Help yourselves. Offering of \$1 per book.

**The Word Among Us:** If you would like to subscribe to the daily meditation booklet, The Word Among Us, the cost is \$20 for the year. Bring your payment to the office by Friday, December 9.