

# 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)

**January 1, 2017**

## Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2017

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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

<b>Monday, Jan 2</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am For the Heitman Families
<b>Tuesday, Jan 3</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am Marie Sorenson+
<b>Wednesday, Jan 4</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Teresa & George Woodward+
<b>Thursday, Jan 5</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Brian Ptacek+
<b>Friday, Jan 6</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 8:00 am Julius & Gladys Claeys+  <b>Care Center</b> 9:15 am Mike Kean+
<b>Saturday, Jan 7</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> 5:00 pm LaVonne Schoeppner+
<b>Sunday, Jan 8</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> 8:30 am Pete Flynn+  <b>St. Bernard</b> 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 7

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Servers: Needed

Lector: Needed

EMC: Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko,

Alex Vandeloo

### Sunday, January 8

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Pam Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: David & Sarah Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Mary Hustak, Rob Miller, Laura Peters, Pat Robey

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

## Pastor's Corner

This weekend we mark again a World Day of Peace – so badly needed in our increasingly violent world. The renaming of this day for Mary, Mother of God came in 1969 as a solemnity. Calling Mary the Mother of God is an act of great Christological significance. The recognition of Mary as the Mother of God was a step in progress toward the solemn definition of the identity of Jesus as one person with divine and human natures, as declared already many centuries ago by the Council of Chalcedon, 451.

Though the Old Testament scripture passage seems to focus on the new civil year, the other readings deal with Jesus' submission to the law. He will fulfill this in love – as fully human and fully divine. Luke in particular refers to Mary's storing up and reflecting in her heart upon all the events in Jesus' life – from His birth onwards. The child will become the adult who will die, and rise, for our salvation. I wish you all a very blessed Feast of Mary and a Happy New Year.

## Stewardship Reflection

While we wish many blessings for the coming year we should remind ourselves that all blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them.

To be kept • by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed keep us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception. During this continued Christmas season, it is well to remember and repeat the classic statement by the character Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol" God bless us, every one, for certainly He does.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support & Christmas Support for the week ending December 25

### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 12,885.79
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$142,881.11
YTD Budgeted	\$139,919.00
Over Budget	\$ 2,962.11

### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 9,930.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 59,292.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 71,942.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,649.75 –



## Other Notes

**Widows Group:** The next gathering will be held Thursday, January 5 at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

*Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
Pray for us*



## Religious Ed

**Classes Resume:** Wednesday, January 4.

**First Reconciliation Learning Centers:** These Learning Centers for students in both parishes who will be celebrating First Reconciliation later in January. Choose the day that works for you; Thursday, Jan 5 from 3:00-7:00 pm or Saturday, January 7 from 10:00 am – noon. One parent needs to attend with your child. It will take about one hour to complete.

**Grade 6-8:** You are invited to the Winter Chill at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Saturday, January 28 from 6:30-11:30 pm. Pizza, DJ & dance party, inflatables, service projects, inspirational speaker, and music with Adoration. Register on or before January 25 and the cost is \$15 if you register or pay at the door the cost is \$20. For more info contact Neal Abbott.

**Grades 7-12 - Mission Trip:** You are invited to join us on our mission trip this summer to St. Louis, Missouri, June 27 – July 2. Registration forms are in the St. Bernard gathering space by the youth board. There is an \$80 deposit due when you register. Contact Neal with questions.

**Grades 8-12:** Students are invited to attend Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester on July 14 -16. Check out the website [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org) Students interested in attending contact Neal Abbott.

## St. Bridget

**Choir Sings:** Sunday, January 15 & 22 – meet at 7:45 am for rehearsal, followed by music ministry at 8:30 am Mass.

**2017 Contribution Envelopes:** Remember to pick up your box in the social hall. Questions, contact Pam at the office.

## St. Bernard

**Men's Club Meeting:** All men of the parish are invited for the monthly gathering on Tuesday, Jan 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

**Words of Thanks:** I want to thank the men and women who helped me move on the coldest day of the year. I can't thank you enough. A special thank you to Scott, Rita and Kevin Christianson who organized, emailed and called the helpers. Also, special thanks to Neal Abbott, Noah Vandelloo, Andrew Simmons and Parker Grotjohn. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless you all. ~ Pauline Fontaine

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, January 8 & 15 at 8:50 am, followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.

If you are reading this bulletin online and wonder about Christmas flower memorials, the listing for those have been in the previous hard copy bulletins at the church.