

# 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 8, 2017

## Epiphany January 8, 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 9</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For the Heitman Families	
<b>Tuesday, Jan 10</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	David Miland+	
<b>Wednesday, Jan 11</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Joe Klann+	
<b>Thursday, Jan 12</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Larry Coyne+	
<b>Friday, Jan 13</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Kate Towey+	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Fr. Don Connelly+	
<b>Saturday, Jan 14</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	John Steines+	
<b>Sunday, Jan 15</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Jim Clark+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 14

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Cole Jannsen

Lector: Needed

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Angie Jannsen

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko,  
Alex Vandeloo

### Sunday, January 15

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Luke Borst

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeters: Mychelle Henderson & Janet Speltz

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Needed

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Mary

Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,  
Greg Wellik

## Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Epiphany when three foreign dignitaries came from afar to worship humbly before the Christ Child. This of course demonstrates to us that all people of goodwill are embraced lovingly by God – all are His children. The gifts they brought were significant of course but most importantly it was their doing the Lord homage as the King of the Universe. The Church, and we her members, must be seen as truly Catholic i.e. truly universal

Our bishops have asked us to mark this day as Immigration Sunday. The US is a country formed on immigration and yet so many are fearful of or antagonistic towards people from other lands, especially these days those from Mexico and the Middle East, Jesus' home region.

In this country we have recently witnessed a resurgence of this xenophobia because of the Muslim situation. If our Catholicism means anything we must view the human family as a whole, people made in God's image. We might recognize this even in people who do not express explicitly Christian belief. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

The importance of Epiphany is that the Magi from the East were most definitely Gentiles. Yet, they, representing all of us to a certain extent, recognized, accepted, and acknowledged Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Epiphany brings us all into the fold in terms of Jesus' divinity and saving grace. St. Paul makes it clear in today's reading, as well as in his letter to the Ephesians (who were also Gentiles), that "Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ through the gospel." We must recognize that all peoples are made in the image and likeness of God and live out our lives of stewardship accordingly.

## Stewardship of Treasure

**Church Support & Christmas Support for the week ending January 1, 2017**

### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,787.75
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$150,668.86
YTD Budgeted	\$145,300.50
Over Budget	\$ 5,368.36

### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,858.36
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 63,150.61
YTD Budgeted	\$ 74,709.00
Under Budget	\$ 11,558.39 –

## Other Notes

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Meets on Thursday, January 12 from 1:00-3:30 pm.

**Widows Support Group:** This group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at St. Bernard's in the parish library at 10:00 am.

**Cancer Support Meeting:** Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

### JOINT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**Finance Council:** Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's in the social ha

**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's in the social hall.

**Stewardship:** Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

## Religious Ed

**Classes:** Wednesday, January 11.

**First Reconciliation:** Our students will receive the holy sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday, Jan 28.

**Adult Education:** We continue the Symbolon Sessions on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's with Session 6, The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. More details to follow.

## St. Bernard

**Baptism:** Blessings to Ayla Lucille Johnson, daughter of Joshua & Renee, as she receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

**Council Members:** Take note of the upcoming meetings listed under the "Other Notes" section.



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

**Breakfast:** The Men's Club invite you for breakfast on Sunday, January 15 in Marian Hall after the 10 am Mass.



**She's Baack – Almost:** The Mama Tranchita Spaghetti Dinner will return March 28. Tickets will be ready to pick up after Masses next Sunday (January 14/15). Get yours. Proceeds going to the Parish Campaign (building fund).

## St. Bridget



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

**Council Members:** Take note of the upcoming meetings listed under the "Other Notes" section.



## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU



All good things come to an end and we celebrate this weekend the conclusion of Christmas with the feast of the Epiphany. I thank all who, in both parishes, provided our music and environment (décor) or who performed altar ministries, including serving, and all who participated during the Christmas season in any way. From the children's pageants to the final Mass, I think we praised the Lord well and enjoyed something both fitting and memorable. There were many who worked behind the scenes of course and I thank them also and all who attended our liturgies. Thank you for your stewardship. Fr.W.