

## 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)

**November 30, 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](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 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](http://www.rochesterlatinmasssociety.org)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, Dec 1</b>	<b>St. Bernard's 8:00 am</b> For Jan Heitman
<b>Tuesday, Dec 2</b>	<b>St. Bridget's 8:30 am</b> Frank & Peg Roeder+
<b>Wednesday, Dec 3</b>	<b>St. Bernard's 8:00 am</b> For Dave & Judy Bunde
<b>Thursday, Dec 4</b>	<b>St. Bernard's 8:00 am</b> Helen Payton+
<b>Friday, Dec 5</b>	<b>St. Bernard's 8:00 am</b> Alice Hyland+
	<b>Care Center 9:15 am</b> Alex Meir+
<b>Saturday, Dec 6</b>	<b>St. Bernard's 5:00 pm</b> John Giehtbrock+
<b>Sunday, Dec 7</b>	<b>St. Bridget's 8:30 am</b> Pete Flynn+
	<b>St. Bernard's 10:00 am</b> For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's
	<b>St. Bridget's 1:00 pm</b> Latin Mass
<b>Monday, Dec 8</b>	<i>Holy Day – Immaculate Conception</i> <b>St. Bernard's 12:00 pm</b> <b>St. Bridget's 6:00 pm</b>

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday, Dec 6 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's**

Servers: Adam & Samantha Koenigs

Rosary: Dick Koenigs

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Mary Claeys, Cindy Meyerhofer, Rob Miller

Greeters: Mary & Dave Schultz

Ushers: Bill Rinken, Jared Trisko, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo, Sam VandeLoo

**Sunday, Dec 7 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's**

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Marilyn Baker

EMC: Mary Elton, Jim Kuisle, Terry Smith

**Sunday, Dec 7 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's**

Servers: Kevin Christian, Connor McDonald

Rosary: Pauline Fontaine

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Scott Christian, Pauline Fontaine,

Mary Hustak, Pat Robey, Steve Sturm

Greeter: Steve Sturm

Ushers: Brad Kime, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto



## Pastor's Corner

With the lighting of the first candle of our wreath, we begin the holy season of Advent. It is a period of light penance and subdued joy. The Church has always emphasized the three comings of Jesus: in history, in majesty and in mystery. On December 25<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate His coming to Bethlehem. He will come in glory at the end of days and He comes by the power of his grace, each day of our lives.

We then should be people of joy and hope because Christ is presently with us and touches us through the sacraments. This weekend I shall anoint the sick and the elderly and they will actually feel the touch of Christ Himself; healing, comforting, filling with hope and great expectation. This is the same Christ who became one of us in order to draw us to the Father. Take time. Reflect upon this. How close He is! God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to examine our relationship to God as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for us to deepen our connection to the Lord through various opportunities and paths. As sinners we are expected to reconcile with God. In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus advises us to "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord is not speaking about next week, nor even the Christmas for which we prepare. This is something He expects us to do today, this instant. Christ makes reference to a Master who, like God, leaves others in charge of His household. God expects each of us to be stewards of His household.

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**Great Christmas Gift Ideas:** Why not buy a couple of tickets to Matthew Kelly as Christmas gifts this year? The cost is \$39 each and the date for the event is May 16, 2015 at St. Bernard's. Also, our Diocesan History Book is well worth the \$35 price. We have been hearing great reviews. Just call or visit the office.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. Send to Fr. John P. Wilmot, St. Bernard's, 116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Stewartville, MN 55976

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received for November 23

#### St. Bernard's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,055.55
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 82,688.51
YTD Budgeted	\$102,857.19
Under Budget	\$ 20,168.68-

#### St. Bridget's

Weekly Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,100.96
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 43,470.77
YTD Budgeted	\$ 41,845.73
Over Budget	\$ 1,625.04+

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## Our Parishes

**Thank You:** We would like to thank Kyle Ford, parishioner of St. Bernard's, for his great work on *The Beacon*, our first parish newsletter. Great job!

**Quilting / Sewing Group:** Meet on Thursday, December 4 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

**Thank You Note:** "Thank you to St Bridget's & St Bernard's Quilting Group for donating ten beautiful quilts to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Rochester. When the shelter is full, these quilts can warm people who must stay outdoors. We are blessed by your generosity and sincerely thank you." ~ Mary Olson, staff

**First Friday Communion Visits:** The first Friday of the month, Fr. Wilmot makes his rounds. If you would like a visit on Friday, December 5, from 10 am and later, please call the office 533-8257 and leave a message. Otherwise, Pam will call those on the list that we do not hear from.

**Social Concerns Meeting:** Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's in the parish library.



**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



During this season of giving, we are taking donations to assist individuals and families of Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise and Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center Crisis Unit. Items include household goods and food & gas gift cards for Interfaith Hospitality Network. The Crisis Unit is in need of gloves, hats, mittens, socks, sweatshirts and sweat pants. '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. The members of the Social Concerns Team thank you for your past and continued support. Team members are Marilyn Baker, Kathy Baruth, Lynn Brugh, Evie Pochardt, Jan Rowekamp, Ed Rowley and Julie Wiste

## St. Bernard's

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, December 7 at 8:30 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass.

**Children's Christmas Program:** An informational meeting on Sunday, December 7 at 9:00 am in the social hall. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 8:30 am December 14 & 21. Questions, contact Cheryl Terhaar 533-6704



**Breakfast & Saint Nicholas:** The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, December 7. Saint Nicholas will be visiting! Don't miss this!

**Thank You:** To Dick & Pat Koenigs and Adam Koenigs for changing all the new missals, music issues and covers. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated!

**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.

## Religious Ed News

**Regular Class:** Next week on Wednesday, December 3 from 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Adult Catholicism Series:** Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church at St. Bernard's.

**1st Reconciliation, Saturday, December 6:** St. Bernard's at 10:00 am. St. Bridget's students will make their 1st Reconciliation at 9:00 am at St. Bridget's.

**Date Change:** 5th grade will be going to the Care Center for Card Bingo on December 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The calendar states that they are going on the 3rd but we had to change the date!

## St. Bridget's

**Let's Get Cooking!** On Monday, December 1, at 6:30 pm, you're invited to come to the social hall kitchen and help make meals for parishioners Clint & Kristi Hart, who recently welcomed triplets. Questions contact Sandy Woodruff 282-3674 or Marilyn Baker 206-7212.

**Choir Music:** On Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm, we will be choosing music for Christmas.

**Caroling:** On Saturday, December 6, we will meet in the social hall for caroling. Anyone who would like to join us, please do so. Questions, contact Roseann Melby 696-8760

**Caroling Visits:** If you want the carolers to stop by or know of someone who would like a visit on Saturday, December 6, contact Roseann Melby 696-8760.

**Christmas Program Practice:** Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm.

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

**Thank You:** To Jim Kuisle and sons for hauling all the boxes from Stewartville to St. Bridget's. Bless you!

**Kitchen Doors:** We need to keep those doors open during the cold season to be sure there's enough heat so that we do not have any issues with frozen pipes.

**Parents:** Please instruct your children that it is not acceptable to climb upon the heating registers along the wall.