

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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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 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 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard 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 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

The Holy Family

Monday, Dec 28

St. Bernard 8:00 am
Ollie Fritsche+

Tuesday, Dec 29

St. Bridget 8:30 am
Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+

Wednesday, Dec 30

St. Bernard 8:00 am
Lucille Maccox+

Vigil, Mary, Mother of God y of the Lord

Thursday, Dec 31

St. Bridget 6:00 pm
Wayne & Suzanne Idso+

Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1

St. Bernard 8:00 am
Stan & Syliva Ellringer+

Care Center 9:15 am
Lillian Gehling+

Saturday, Jan 2

St. Bernard 5:00 pm
For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Sunday, Jan 3

St. Bridget 8:30 am
Henry & Ida Ricard+

St. Bernard 10:00 am
For Grant & Penny Kirgis

Saturday, January 2

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Tom Graff

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Lynch, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh,

Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, January 3

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Leo Noser

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Britt Noser

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Kira Nelson

Lector: Needed

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Hustak, Krissy Sullivan,
Kim Yennie

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

Pastor's Corner

I trust you are all still enjoying Christmas – traditionally there are 12 days, remember. It truly is a wonderful time of family love and if you are reading this you are part of our family and gather with us around the most important of all tables each week.

Over Christmas we try to grapple with the great mystery of God entering into human existence. We try to grasp the awesomeness of our savior coming amongst us. A little baby comes to us, the greatest gift of God, with his arms outstretched to embrace us in our sad state of often tattered lives. He will stretch out his hands again when as a man he dies on the cross for our salvation. What love he has for us! We rejoice at that.

Our focus on this feast day devoted to the Holy Family, however, must be on family. The family is where we discover what it is to be human – wonderfully made as children of God but with various weaknesses we need help in overcoming. As a parish, we are a family of children learning together to trust God and love Him and one another. Our faith community is important and the Lord's Supper we share helps our spiritual and emotional well-being. May we be a strong and healthy family, full of thankfulness and rejoice together one day in our heavenly home with our Father and the Mother of our great Church. A continued Merry Christmas to you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The Holy Family is a good model for all of us to follow. Joseph cared for his spouse and foster child with love and strength. Jesus was obedient and appreciative and Mary was a strong and faithful mother dispensing tender love and devotion to her divine Son. Doubtless they all pulled together in difficult times and are a model of stewardship for us. We should all play out our respective roles in good faith and with a generous sense of responsibility.

As we continue to celebrate the Lord's coming at Christmas, we need to consider Mary especially, her total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ's second and final coming and be better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we, as members of the family called Church, are called and chosen.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Dec 20

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,531.83 (\$5.62 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$113,195.81
YTD Budgeted	\$126,118.27
Under Budget	\$ 12,922.46 –

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,944.25 (\$3.00 youth)
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 62,504.95
YTD Budgeted	\$ 51,310.58
Over Budget	\$ 11,194.37 +

Our Parishes

Christmas Thanks: I think you'll agree the churches look splendid, the music is joyous and our Christmas programs were well received by all. There will be more in the way of kudos coming but right now I just want to thank everybody who put so much effort into ensuring these Christmas days were pleasing both to the Lord and His people. ~ Fr.W.

End of the Year Contributions: A reminder - be sure to get your 2015 donations to the office by the end of December.

Special Christmas/ New Year Offer: The Diocesan History books will be on sale over the whole season for the low price of \$20. Pick one up at the back of the churches and leave a check or stop into the office.

Quilting/Sewing Group: Gather on Thursday, January 7 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Christmas Flowers: Those viewing the bulletin online and wishing to see the listing of Christmas flower memorials and donations, please see the Home page and click the 'Donated Flowers' text on the left side to view the listing.

St. Bernard

Big Thanks! Thank you to all who helped with the funeral luncheon last Saturday. Whether it was calling to line-up workers and cakes, baking a cake, setting up, preparing and serving or cleaning up, we appreciate all of you!

~ St. Bernard's Funeral Committee

Building Fund Pledges: Just a reminder, turn in your pledge cards.

Men: The Men's Club hold meetings the first Tuesday of the month in the parish library. All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend to enjoy camaraderie and planning activities for the parish. Join us on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm.

Breakfast: On Sunday, January 10 after the 10:00 am Mass, the Men's Club will be serving a hearty breakfast.

Finance & Pastoral Council Meetings: Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Religious Ed & Youth

Classes Resume: Wednesday, January 6 at regular times.

Grades 6-8: You're invited to "Rise Up" – Middle School Winter Chill at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Saturday, January 30 from 6:30-11:30 pm. Included is music, prayer, service projects, games, food, inflatables and more. Early registration is \$15. Contact Krissy for more info and to register.

St. Bridget's

Yearly Contribution Packets: Your box of envelopes are on the ramp section in the social hall. Please take a moment to pick up your box for the year 2016.

Choir: We will sing for Mass on Sunday, January 3 – meet at 7:45 am.

Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm.

For Your Calendar: St. Bridget's Parish will have a celebration on the evening of Saturday, February 6. A delicious meal and entertainment will be held in the social hall following a 5:15 pm Mass. Mark your calendars! More details to follow.

Around The Area

Stewartville Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive: Monday, January 18 from 7:00-10:30 am and Noon-3:00 pm. Contact Bev Wise at 533-4283 or parishnursezion@gmail.com

St. James Coffee Pilgrimage to Italy: You're invited to join Fr. Tom Loomis for a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Italy from November 2 to 11, 2016. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm at St. James Coffee. Brochures are available at the coffee house. Proceeds from the trip will be donated to St. James Coffee. Reserve your space - contact Ed Ventures, Inc. at 289-3332

