

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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Parish Office

Location	116 4 th Ave SE Stewartville, MN 55976
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**Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016**

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

Monday, Jan 4	St. Bernard 8:00 am Marijane Irlbeck+
Tuesday, Jan 5	St. Bridget 8:30 am Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+
Wednesday, Jan 6	St. Bernard 8:00 am Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+
Thursday, Jan 7	St. Bernard 8:00 am Lucy Tooke+
Friday, Jan 8	St. Bernard 8:00 am Stan & Peg Himmer+
	Care Center 9:15 am For Heitman, Steinmetz & Ancius families
Saturday, Jan 9	St. Bernard 5:00 pm Joe Klann+
Sunday, Jan 10	St. Bridget 8:30 am Agnes Griffin+
	St. Bernard 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Saturday, January 9

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Servers: Sarah & David Watters

Lector: Julie Watters

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Claeys, Bill Rinken

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh,

Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, January 10

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Jackie Galbraith

Lector: Robert Sheehan

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Laura Peters (several needed)

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson,

Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

Today's feast of the Epiphany, traditionally January 6th, comes to us somewhat early. We at St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's will keep Christmas alive a little longer by leaving our decorations in place until next week, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

The Christmas event, the birth of Jesus, is intensified today by our celebration of the Epiphany. The Lord Jesus is for all nations. We might imagine ourselves as travelers seeking the fulfillment of all human longings.

The account of the arrival of the Magi is only found in Matthew. We find great drama in their journey from the "east" and great significance. The gift of Jesus is for all people of goodwill no matter their circumstance or origin. Thanks to the gift of the Word made Flesh, no one is to be considered an outsider. We should therefore feel built up by this event, made all the more alive.

The actual gifts the Magi brought the Christ Child, gold, frankincense and myrrh are prognosticative of the Savior's death. This death will show the glory of God forever as it frees us humans from sin and eternal death. Let us enjoy the great feast then, giving God thanks for his precious gift and all it means to us. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

This day of Epiphany or "revelation", is filled with symbolism; it is filled with stewardship. For us as stewards it is well to take note of two important aspects of this story. Jesus' birth was first revealed to humble and plain shepherds. The revelation for those considered more honorable and learned, namely, the Magi, occurred much later. Another perspective is that Jesus came to the poor first, and then the rich. However, rich or poor these first viewers of the revelation responded well spreading the news of what they had seen.

We are called to respond, through stewardship. We are called to more than just follow the Light of Christ. We are called to act and to do something to show that we are indeed disciples. That would make us as wise as the Magi. Jesus came, and comes to everyone, us included.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received for the week ending Dec 27

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 14,275.33
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$127,163.00
YTD Budgeted	\$131,163.00
Under Budget	\$ 3,691.86 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 7,933.88
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 70,438.83
YTD Budgeted	\$ 53,363.00
Over Budget	\$ 17,075.83 +

The 'Amount Rec'd' figures include Christmas offerings

Our Parishes

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.

First Friday Communion Visits: Because of the first Friday landing on New Year's Day, Father will be doing visits on the second Friday this month, January 8.



St. Bernard

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.

Adult Choir: Sunday, January 10 & 17, practice at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass

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; 5:15-6:15 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm

First Reconciliation Learning Centers: Pick a day that works best for you; Thursday, January 7 from 3:00-7:00 pm or Saturday, January 9 from 10:00 am – noon.

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.

Well Done Hannah Otto: For organizing the youth's 'Joseph King of Dreams' Movie Afternoon on January 2nd. A good initiative! ~ Fr. W

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.

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

Calendar Item: St. Bridget's Parish will celebrate the Feast of Bridget 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. St. Bernard's Mass will be at 4:00 pm on that day. More details to follow.

Around The Area

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

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

Indoor Rock Climbing for RCTC Students: Calling all RCTC Students! Meet other Catholic RCTC students in Rochester and go rock climbing for free. Contact Georges georgesm@rescathroch.org For more information on Young Adult events in the Rochester Area, please visit www.rayoungcatholic.org