

# 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
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**January 24, 2016**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2016

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**Parish Registration:** 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 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 [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 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 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?

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

**Catholic Cancer Support Group:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Monday, Jan 25</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Colin Casella+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan 26</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> Alex Meir+	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan 27</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Vernon J. Diehthelm+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan 28</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> George & Lillian Gehling+	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, Jan 29</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> Margaret Wagner Case+	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>Care Center</b> Bea Raygor+	<b>9:15 am</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan 30</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 31</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> Ed & Frances O'Neill+	<b>8:30 am</b>
	<b>St. Bernard</b> Joe Klann+	<b>10:00 am</b>

### Saturday, January 30

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeter: Sharon Theobald

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Arianna Blohm, Brandon McCrady

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Mary Lynch, Bill Rincken

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Brad Kime, Joe Rauh, Alex VandeLoo

### Sunday, January 31

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Donovan Buss

Lector: Rebecca Buss

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Roger Roeder, Terry Smith

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Servers: Ellah Dodd, Emily Lamb

Lector: Needed

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Marilyn Eisen, Mychelle Henderson,

Jan Owen, Laura Peters, Steve Sturm, Karen Volkart

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

## Pastor's Corner

In his great works, the Gospel and Acts, St. Luke pleads the cause of the persecuted Christian to people of influence. He wants to show the words and works of Jesus, and of those who will later follow Him, in a good light and the message they bring as being vital to all people of goodwill.

Luke addresses his Gospel to Theophilus which means, "Lover of God" and so this could have been written to a sympathetic and influential Roman or perhaps just to encourage those of faith. We are all called to read or listen to the words of the Gospel and eagerly follow the events within, the ministry of the Son of God among us. It might remind some of us also that when we proclaim a passage from scripture in church we should be well prepared and show that we take seriously what we are reading.

As members of the body of Christ we rejoice in the divine wisdom that has brought us together. The Torah was proclaimed in synagogues each Sabbath and Jesus takes a passage and proclaims it as it has never been proclaimed before – he embodies the scripture passage. We are left hanging a bit this week but next week we will see the people's response to Jesus' words "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

We might focus a little on today's second reading from St. Paul: Through Baptism we are called to be a part of the Body, and that calling includes our willingness and preparation to play our role, our vocation, in relation to the entire Body. St. Paul, by using the comparison to a body, points out that there is great diversity in the Body of Christ, the Church. However, each part of the Body, each of us as a member, has a function within our common goal. For Paul diversity is not just acceptable; it is essential. Each of us has different gifts, but working together the Body itself is strong. Every part is necessary. Each of us is necessary for the Body, the Church, to function completely. This is what stewardship is all about.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support Received for the week ending Jan 17

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,360.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$147,394.96
YTD Budgeted	\$146,297.19
Over Budget	\$ 1,097.77 +

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,188.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$ 77,839.03
YTD Budgeted	\$ 59,520.27
Over Budget	\$ 18,318.76 +

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## Our Parishes



Has your number or email recently changed? Have you disconnected your home phone? We like to keep our records up to date. Please call or email the office with any changes you may have.



**Keyboardists Needed:** Both of our parishes are in need of people to play at weddings and funerals from time to time. Stipends are given for these. If you wish to be on our list, please contact the office.

**"Like" us on Facebook:** Search: St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's

**Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Greeters:** February and March schedules online are open for the taking!

**The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016** (formerly known as diocesan annual) will kick off the weekend of April 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Gifts for the CMA2015 campaign will still be applied until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## St. Bernard

**Stewardship Meeting:** Thursday, Jan 28 at 7:00 pm

**Adult Choir:** Sunday, January 31 and February 7, practice at 8:50 am and sing at 10:00 am Mass.

**Men's Club Meeting:** The first Tuesday evening of the month (February 2) at 6:30 pm in the parish library. All men of St. Bernard's are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Mass Time:** Please note and mark your calendar – the Saturday Mass on February 6 will be held an hour earlier than usual so that St. Bridget's can have a Mass prior to their big celebration feast. Plan on Mass at 4:00 pm.



**Breakfast:** St. Bernard's Men's Club will be serving a delicious breakfast on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14.

## Religious Ed & Youth

**St. Bernard & St. Bridget Summer Mission Trip for Grades 9-12:** All students in these grades have the opportunity to participate in a parish Mission Trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin July 12-17. Along with service projects, this trip promises to pack in workshops, witness talks, praise and worship and team building. The cost per person is \$370, which includes transportation, housing and meals. Adult chaperones ages 21 and older will be needed so if any parents or older siblings are interested in going, let Krissy know. Contact Krissy with additional questions and to register. There is an \$80 deposit required when registering.

**Classes:** Wednesday, January 27 at regular times; 5:15-6:15 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm. **Grade 4 & Parent:** Meet at the Care Center from 6:30-7:30 pm for Card Bingo.

**St. Bernard's FAITH Night:** All members, all ages are welcome to join your parish family on Wednesday, February 3 for FAITH Night. A taco supper will be served from 5:45-6:30 pm. The students will have regular class from 5:15-6:15 pm or after supper, 6:30-7:30 pm. Fr. Wilmot will hold an adult session in the church entitled, 'Heaven, Hell or Purgatory'.

**St. Bridget's Family Night:** Wednesday, February 3 at 6:00 pm in the social hall. All parishioners are welcome to come join us for food, family, faith and fun. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by learning about our Patron Saint, St. Bridget.

## St. Bridget's

**Eagle Scout Project Appreciated:** Congratulations go to Nicholas Poss who fashioned the two chest-like seats which are to be found in the entryway of the new hall at St. Bridget's. This was an Eagle Scout project. These along with the colorful windows above the doors were donated by the Jim Kuisle family from the memorials received to honor Patrick Kuisle - R.I.P. On behalf of our parish, I thank all concerned. Fr.W.

**Choir Sings:** We will sing for the Feast of St. Bridget Mass on Saturday, February 6. Meet at 4:45 pm that day for rehearsal.



**Feast of Bridget:** Leave the kids at home and join us for an evening of wining, dining, fellowship and fun on Saturday, February 6 at St. Bridget's. We will begin with Mass at 5:15 pm. Social time and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm followed by entertainment and a roast beef and chicken dinner with roasted baby reds, green beans, cole slaw, pie and ice cream and beverages. Tickets are \$20 per person sold after the weekend Masses at both parishes and in the office in Stewartville.

## Around The Area

**Annual Community 500 Card Parties:** Sponsored by Court St. Charles Catholic Daughters, everyone is welcome to attend beginning on Sunday, January 24 at the St. Charles Senior Center (city hall). There will be six Sunday sessions with the last on February 28. Card playing will start at 1:30 pm and a lunch will conclude the afternoon around 4:00 pm. Cost is \$5 per person.

**Resurrection Church Annual Mardi Gras Party:** Sunday, Feb 7 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come enjoy the famous Filippino Association's delicious home cooked meals, live music, fun and games for all ages, ending with a balloon drop filled with gift cards and other prizes.

**St. James Coffee Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Loomis:** To date there are 30 people signed up for the trip. The maximum will be 42. If you are planning on going on, secure your spot with a deposit. There are brochures at St. James Coffee or contact Ed Ventures directly at 507-289-3332. **Venice Extension:** Due to interest from those signed up for the Italy pilgrimage there will be an optional extension to Venice following the time in Rome and Assisi.