

# 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 20, 2016**

## Christ The King November 20, 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 – 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  
Not on Memorial Day or Labor Day

**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. 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, Nov 21</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Arnie Block+	
<b>Tuesday, Nov 22</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	For Pat & Robert Baker Family	
<b>Wednesday, Nov 23</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For Tina Fontaine	
<b>Thursday, Nov 24</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<i>Thanksgiving</i> Harold Bredesen+	
<b>Friday, Nov 25</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	For John & Verneice Beckel	
	<b>Care Center</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	Veronica Mussell+	
<b>Saturday, Nov 26</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	LaVonne Schoeppner+	
<b>Sunday, Nov 27</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
	Miriam Coleman+	
	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's	

### Saturday, Nov 26

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Servers: Brandon McCrady

Lector: Charlie O'Brien

EMC: Barb Abbott, Judy Bunde, Terri Elsbernd, Emily Kiefer

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Warren Hauger, Ken Trisko,

Alex VandeLoo

### Sunday, Nov 27

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Please volunteer

EMC: Wanda Nienow

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Greeters: Mychelle Henderson, Janet Speltz

Servers: Jamisen Hart, Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson, Patty Miller,

Jan Owen, Janet Speltz, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Jim Otto, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

This weekend we come to the conclusion of Ordinary Time with this feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Christ is given this most exalted title because though He spurned it in His lifetime, as Son of God, it is rightly His. The Kingdom established by Jesus is founded upon forgiveness, redemption and mercy.

In the Gospel today we see Jesus ruling from the instrument of His execution and assuring the contrite criminal at His side "Today you will be with me in Paradise." The other criminal, not contrite, would doubtless receive the justice due him. This king is of the oldest stock of all, that of Adam, and He becomes the New Adam giving to humanity what the forefather lost. May we be contrite as we prepare to celebrate the feast of God taking on human flesh and confess our sins this Advent. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today is The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (more commonly called Christ the King). Clearly the readings all relate to Christ as the King, not just on earth, but throughout the entire universe.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians, our Second Reading, tells us in effect that God has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. This transfer means that everything we have and everything we are belongs to the Lord. How often do we hear similar language when we talk about the idea of stewardship? It all begins with us recognizing that all comes from God, and we are merely caretakers, or stewards, of these gifts while on earth.

**Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction:** Mondays of Advent at 6:30 pm.  
November 28 & Dec 12 at St Bernard  
December 5 & 19 at St. Bridget's

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Nov 13

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,667.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$102,120.79
YTD Budgeted	\$107,630.00
Under Budget	\$ 10,890.71 -

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,470.40
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 39,024.72
YTD Budgeted	\$ 55,340.00
Under Budget	\$ 16,315.28 -

## Our Parishes & Other Notes

**TV Masses:** Last Tuesday, the Diocese filmed four Masses at St. Bernard's to be televised for Christ the King and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of Advent. Thank you to those who attended and filled the pews. Special thanks to; Jan Rowekamp and Jeanette Fortier for providing music, also to Rob Miller, Steve Sturm, Midge Block and Dorothy Hurley for doing the readings. God bless!

**Food Drive:** Bring canned or boxed food items for our annual holiday food drive for the local food shelf, Channel One. Have items at the church by Sunday, Nov 27. Remember, no glass containers and no expired items please.



St Bernard / St. Bridget Social Concerns Team invite you to help provide household supplies and gift cards to homeless families housed with IHN/Family Promise. Next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, a Giving Tree will be in the entrances at both churches. Please select from the paper ornaments, new items to donate. Bring the items and ornaments **unwrapped** and place under the tree. Place all **gift cards in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.** All gifts are due back by Sunday, December 11.

**Widows Support Group:** We meet the first and third Thursday of every month (Dec 1 & 15) at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Next gathering will be Thursday, Dec 1 from 1:00-3:30 pm at St. Bernard's.

**Blessing of Expectant Moms:** December 17/18 at all Masses.

## Religious Ed

**Thanks!** Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen and to those who brought desserts for our FAITH Night. Your ministry is greatly appreciated.

**No Classes Wednesday, November 23:** Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation.

**2nd Grade Parents:** We will be having a parent meeting on Wednesday December 7 at 6:30 pm for both parishes at St. Bernard's in the social hall. I will be handing out materials for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion and going over guidelines. If you have any questions contact Krissy Sullivan.

## St. Bridget

**Cemetery Board Mtg:** Monday, Nov 21 at 6:00 pm in the hall.

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** You are needed for the upcoming weekend. Please check the schedule.



**Christmas Caroling:** St. Bridget's Choir will be caroling to elderly and/or homebound parishioners from both parishes on Saturday afternoon, December 10 (meet at St. Bridget's at noon). They invite everyone from St.

Bridget's and St. Bernard's to join in the singing. If you would like the carolers to visit your home or someone you know, contact Roseann Melby at 696-8760.

## St. Bernard

**Adult Choir:** The next practice will be Sunday, Dec 4 at 8:50 am followed by music ministry at 10 am.



**Breakfast with St. Nicholas:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4! After Mass, The Men's Club will be serving breakfast, there will be games and activities for the kids and St. Nicholas will be visiting. Fun for all ages!

**Christmas Sing-along:** Saturday, December 17 after the 5 pm Mass, come enjoy Christmas carols sung by the Adult Choir, followed by refreshments in Marian Hall.

## Around The Area

**"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" on Canvas at Assisi Heights:** Come and enjoy an Advent afternoon of painting. Enjoy the holiday atmosphere while sipping a relaxing beverage and nibbling Christmas cookies. Join us Saturday, Dec 3 from 1-4pm \$25 pre-register. Visit the website for registration: [www.rochesterfranciscan.org](http://www.rochesterfranciscan.org)

**Surviving the Holidays:** The DivorceCare Ministry at Pax Christi Church is offering a seminar for those who are facing the holidays after a separation or divorce. Join us on Friday, Dec 9 at 6:30 pm at the Youth Center. The cost is \$5. RSVP by Dec 2 Jane Meyer 507-269-1200 or Lesakmj@yahoo.com or register at: [paxchristchurch.org/divorcecare-surviving-the-holidays](http://paxchristchurch.org/divorcecare-surviving-the-holidays)

**Advent Silent Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center:** "Mary is Pentecostal" on Dec 9-11, presented by Fr. Michael Becker. \$175 per person (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a room) Christ the King Retreat Center, please call 763-682-1394 or visit our website at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com). If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at [lpolman@kingshouse.com](mailto:lpolman@kingshouse.com).

**Marriage Retreat Weekend:** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a time for couples to refocus and energize. For more information visit: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact John & Mary Beth at 507-838-8178.

