

## 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)

**January 29, 2017**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

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**Parish Registration:** Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's 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 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 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.

**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?

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

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

**Widows Support Group:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the library at St. Bernard's.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday, Jan 30**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Jan Heitman+

**Tuesday, Jan 31**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For Frances Kuisle

**Wednesday, Feb 1**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Roy & Helen Smith+

**Thursday, Feb 2**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Stan & Sylvia Ellringer+

**Friday, Feb 3**      **St. Bernard**      **8:00 am**  
Linda Pellerin+

**Care Center**      **9:15 am**  
For Eileen Finn

**Saturday, Feb 4**      **St. Bernard**      **5:00 pm**  
Harold Ivey+

**Sunday, Feb 5**      **St. Bridget**      **8:30 am**  
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

**St. Bernard**      **10:00 am**  
Joe Klann+

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 4

#### **St. Bernard – 5:00 pm**

Greeter: Pat Koenigs

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Servers: Needed

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Terri Elsbernd, Cindy Meyerhofer, Jim Nosbisch, Rose Steinman

Ushers: Dave Bunde, Darrel Elsbernd, Warren Hauger, Bill Rincken

### Sunday, February 5

#### **St. Bridget – 8:30 am**

Server: Cameron McCarrick

Lector: Terry Smith

EMC: Mary Elton

#### **St. Bernard – 10:00 am**

Servers: Needed

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Don Brouillard, Graham Mueller, Jan Owen, Karen Volkart

Ushers: Jad Mayer, Brian Meyerhofer, Bill Oswald, Wayne Volkart

## Pastor's Corner

Basically in the beatitudes which we heard read in today's Gospel Jesus is saying, "You will find happiness where you least expect it." The hope is that we will find this happiness in abiding by the spirit of these instructions given to his disciples. However, to paraphrase Pope Francis, "...if we do not have an open heart and if we have not experienced the consolation of the Holy Spirit, which is salvation, we cannot understand these. They belong to the law of the free, within the freedom of the Holy Spirit."

Being "poor in spirit" we will be humble and open to learning more about Christ and the way He commands us to follow. To be a peacemaker we must realize is not necessarily an external thing but supposes peace of heart and disposition. We are encouraged to feel blessed in this way and to spread our blessings to others. We could comment on each of the beatitudes, of course, but it is worth pointing out that these are traits the Lord calls us to. We must listen to and reflect upon them all and change our lives accordingly. God bless you all.

## Stewardship Reflection

Today's first reading touches on the traits upon which we will be judged. It emphasizes the importance of humility, justice, and being lowly. However, Pope Francis indicated in a recent homily on the Beatitudes, that these are not traits many people in our world seek. Yet, these are exactly the kinds of attributes needed for lives of stewardship. That is why it is not easy.

He reminds us also that the reward for living in these ways may well be persecution. Why? Because the world thinks differently regarding these traits and values. The question we are called to answer through our lives is, "Are these Beatitudes reflective of our lives?" They need to be.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending January 22

### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 3,690.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,381.50
YTD Received	\$167,431.62
YTD Budgeted	\$161,445.00
Over Budget	\$ 5,986.62

### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,569.02
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,767.00
YTD Received	\$ 74,840.57
YTD Budgeted	\$ 83,010.00
Under Budget	\$ 8,169.43 –

Electronically donate to our parishes by copying the link below the parish you wish to support. First time users, 'Create New Account' and then follow the directions. User-friendly to set up and it's convenient for those who do not carry cash or a checkbook.

St. Bernard's [www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910)

St. Bridget's [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897)

## Our Parishes

**Quilting/Sewing Group:** Meets on Thursday, January 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning how to quilt, you're more than welcome to join us.

**Joint Pastoral Council Mtg:** Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm.

**Widow Support Group:** Thursday, Feb 2, 10 am at St. Bernard's.

**Traditional Saint Blaise Blessing of the Throats:** After all the Masses February 4/5

**Finance Council Mtgs:** Rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb 7, held at St. Bridget's – 6 pm for St. Bernard's and 7 pm for St. Bridget's.

**Adorers:** Notification for cancelations can be found at [KTTC.com](http://KTTC.com) under the 'weather' tab 'Storm Center Closings' or viewed on KTTC News Station, (channel 12).



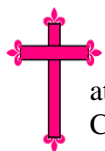
## Religious Ed

**Classes:** Wednesday, February 1.

**First Reconciliation:** Blessings to our students who received the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation: Aubrey Apland, Jacob Billings, Carter Cloutier, Greta Frost, Mary Griffin, Dayton Hayes, Morgan Huber, Grant Jeardeau, Dale Johnson, Rylee Lilly, Mathew Matejka, Braeden Milz, Maryclaire Miron, Katie Nelson, James O'Neill, Julian Peterson, Hailee Schmitz, Corrina Tonn

**Adult Education:** Symbolon Sessions on Monday, January 30 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's with Session VII, The Holy Spirit and The Life of Grace.

## St. Bernard



**Baptism:** Blessings to Claire Grace Leier, daughter of Craig & Sara, who though baptized at St. Mary's Hospital, was received into the Church on Saturday.

**Adult Choir:** Practice on Sunday, January 29 and February 5 at 8:50 am, followed by music ministry at 10:00 am Mass.



**Scout Sunday is February 5:** We acknowledge Scouts and Adult Leaders who are St. Bernard parishioners. Scouts: Allen Bredesen, Jacob & Nathan Edholm, Leland Jeardeau, Dayton Hayes, Brandon & Logan McCrady, Zach Spitzer, Ethan Stone, David, Christopher & Matthew Watters. Congratulations to Dayton Hayes for recently earning the *Light of Christ* emblem for Cub Scouts.

**Adult Leaders:** Dennis & Amy Edholm, Teresa Jeardeau, Krystal Hayes, Matt Spitzer & Shelly McCrady Spitzer, and Matt Stone

**Men's Club Meeting:** Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the parish library. All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Breakfast:** The Men's Club will serve breakfast on Sunday, February 12 after 10:00 am Mass.

**Adorers Needed:** Please join us as we need more adorers. Tuesday 5-6pm; Wednesdays 2-3am; 4-5am; 7-8am; 9-10am; 12N-1pm. Interested adorers or questions, call Pam Mueller at 507-254-9478



**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**

**Men of St. Bernard's Looking for an Adventure:** Please stop by the table in the back of the church and sign up for the

Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner. We need workers who are willing to have fun for the Lord. If you have done this in the past, we need you. If you have never done this, we need you. If you are young, or not so young, we need you. If you are too old to work, get tickets and bring your extended family and friends. Let's see all the parish and their friends come to the Spaghetti Dinner!

## St. Bridget

**Choir:** Music ministry February 12 & 19. Meet at 7:45 am for practice prior to singing at 8:30 am Mass.

**Contribution Envelopes:** It is a good practice to clearly write your last name as well as the amount enclosed. Thank you ☺



**Save the Date:** Breakfast Sunday, February 19, after the 8:30 am Mass.

## Around the Area & Other Notes

**REACH:** Is a program for Stewartville High School and Middle School students who might be in need. Basic necessities are welcome such as: school supplies, toiletries, winter apparel, shoes and socks and other clothing. Reach out through REACH and help fill the shelves. Jim Parry of St. Bernard's heads up this worthy endeavor. His contact info is [jparry@ssd.k12.mn.us](mailto:jparry@ssd.k12.mn.us) or [reachjimperry@gmail.com](mailto:reachjimperry@gmail.com) or check out REACH Facebook page [www.facebook.com/reachstewartville](http://www.facebook.com/reachstewartville)

**World Day of Consecrated Life:** Join Rochester Serrans as we pray for the many men and women in Consecrated Life in our Diocese and worldwide. We pray that these men and women renew their knowledge and love of God and respond with generosity and courage. We invite young Catholics to open their hearts and listen to their call to consider a religious vocation. As we celebrate Consecrated Life in our Church on February 4/5, please offer a prayer of thanks for a special religious in your life for their service.