

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
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Parish Office

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Office Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Phone	(507) 533-8257
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December 2, 2018

The 1st Sunday of Advent

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Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or visit the parish office.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -2:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10am

Becoming Catholic: Contact Fr. Wilmot or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@gmail.com 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget's Adoration: Mondays 1-10pm. Church doors will be locked at 5pm, so knock to be let in.

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4am-Wednesdays 9pm. Church doors will be locked from 8pm-5am on Tuesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration, use the doorbell on the main entrance doors.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4-4:30pm.
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45-8:15am

Baptism: First-time parents are required to take a Pre Jordan Baptism Class. Contact the office for details.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Fr. Wilmot 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.

Homebound: If you would like a Communion Minister to bring Communion to you or a family member at home, assisted living or the Care Center on Sunday mornings, contact Jan Owen 533-4964

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

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

Health & Wellness: Mondays at St Bridget's rectory from 5:30-6:30pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, December 3

St Bernard 8:00 am Donald Kiefer +

Tuesday, December 4

St Bridget 8:30 am Todd Kujath+

Wednesday, December 5

St Bernard 8:00 am For Jan Fontaine

Thursday, December 6

St Bernard 8:00 am Eric Heinzman+

Friday, December 7 *Vigil of Immaculate Conception*

Care Center 9:15 am Mike Kean+

St Bernard 6:30 pm Kate Towey+

Saturday, December 8 *Immaculate Conception*

St Bridget 8:30 am Harold & Sally Hall+

Saturday, December 8

St Bernard 5:00 pm For our parishes

Sunday, December 9

St Bridget 8:30 am Bud Brown+

St Bernard 10:00 am Mathias Kellner+

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec 8 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Greeters: Dave & Mary Schultz

Rosary: Pauline Fontaine

Servers: needed

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Pauline Fontaine, Emily Kiefer, Patty Miller

Ushers: Warren Hauger, Joe Himmer, Dan Rainey, Joe Rauh

Sunday, Dec 9 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Marianna Miron

Lector: Bernice Casella

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Pam Kuisle, Karen Sheehan

Sunday, Dec 9 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Bryttin Henderson

Lector: Mary Brouillard

EMC: Bayli Henderson, Mychelle Henderson

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Bill Oswald, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

During the season of Advent we are asked to reflect upon the events of God's intervention in human affairs and look with hope, even subdued joy, to the glorious coming of Jesus as savior.

We shall, of course have the birth of Jesus on our minds throughout and on how the divine humbled himself to take on our flesh – not out of divine curiosity but divine care.

We might spend more time in prayer and meditation leading to a healthy confession of our sins before the great event itself. We are set on a course to embrace not just the beautiful child in the manger but the whole Christian mystery, including Jesus' bringing all things to completion. May God bless us all as we journey together through this period of sincere preparation.

Stewardship Reflection

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

St Bernard's & St Bridget's offer parishioners free access to FORMED, a website that has been called a 'Catholic Netflix'. It has inspiring movies, video-based studies, audio talks and e-books from the most compelling speakers and authors. With your free access;

- *Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday readings
- *Engaging children's materials
- *Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program, *Beloved*

... and much, much more. Get started today! Visit sbsbparishes.formed.org and create your own account.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Nov 25

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 4,791.06
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$117,362.54
YTD Budgeted	\$119,514.98
Under Budget	\$ 2,152.44 -

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,227.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 53,068.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 56,481.92
Under Budget	\$ 3,413.67 -



Breakfast with St Nicholas: Remember to join us at St Bernard's for breakfast and fun on Sunday, December 2 after the 10am Mass



Giving Tree: The Social Justice Team of St Bernard and St Bridget is asking for help to provide basic household items for the families cared for by Family Promise. Select an ornament from the tree at the parish. Gifts are to be returned under the tree **unwrapped** with the ornament attached. Gift cards are to be dropped at the **office or in the collection basket** – and please remember to show the amount the gift card is. All items should be brought in by Sunday, December 16, so there is time for Family Promise to distribute them by Christmas.

Advent Penance Service: Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm at St Bernard's. Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

Religious Education

Regular Class: Wednesday, December 5

Confirmed: Remember to pick up your photos.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)

Facebook: @berniesyouthgroup



Babysitting Fundraiser: On Saturday, December 15, the youth group will be available from 1-4:30pm to babysit your children, giving you the opportunity to run errands, Christmas shop, have a lunch date with your spouse, or put your feet up in front of the fire. Funds raised from this event will go directly toward expenses for our summer mission trip. Suggested donation is \$20/child. Contact Neal with any questions.



BYG Christmas Caroling: Anyone who would like singing visitors at your home on Sunday, December 16 between the times of 7-8:30pm, contact the office (533-8257)

St Bridget

Christmas Choir Practice: Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30pm. New voices welcome!



Christmas Program: "Peace On Earth" will be held on Sunday, December 9 after the 8:30am Mass. Plan to attend and stay for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Adoration: Please note there will not be Adoration on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

St Bernard

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 6:30pm in the parish library. All men are invited.



Adult Choir: Music ministry for the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 9 & 16. Meet at 8:50 am for practice.

Around The Area

Tour the Festively Decorated Assisi Heights: Tours begin December 3 and offer several dates following. Preregistration is required 1 day in advance. Call 282-7441, ask for Sister Alice.

Lourdes High School Christmas Concert: Center Street Singers, Lourdes Hi-Lighters & Jazz Band will perform on Tuesday, December 4, 7pm at Pax Christi (4135 -18 Ave NW, Rochester). A free-will offering for the Lourdes Music Department will be accepted.

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