

## The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard  
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Stewartville, MN



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)

**December 9, 2018**

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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  
Additional confession times are listed in the Advent Calendar

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10

St Bernard 8:00 am Todd Kujath+

### Tuesday, December 11

St Bridget 8:30 am Carroll Baruth+

### Wednesday, December 12

St Bernard 8:00 am Lois Nosbisch Belden+

### Thursday, December 13

St Bernard 8:00 am Jon Fontaine+

### Friday, December 14

St Bernard 8:00 am Virginia Hoffman+

Care Center 9:15 am Dorothy Hoehn+

### Saturday, December 15

St Bernard 5:00 pm Joe Waugh+

### Sunday, December 16

St Bridget 8:30 am Jeanette Carlson+

St Bernard 10:00 am For our parishes

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Dec 15 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: May Lynch

Servers: needed

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Dorothy Hurley, Mary Lynch, Jean Peterson, Rose Steinman

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

### Sunday, Dec 16 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Daniel Araoz

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Bill Kuisle, Wanda Nienow, Jeannette Sheehan

### Sunday, Dec 16 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: Jamisen Hart

Lector: Amy Edholm

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Mary Hustak, Pat Robey, Sarah Sobczak

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

## Pastor's Corner

Today we are called upon to ask what is of real value in life, what really matters. Surely a life of inner peace is the greatest reward for the faithful person. We never forget that the devil is called "Liar" by Jesus and so we who wish to be numbered among the faithful should really work on our truthfulness. Liars usually carry their sinfulness on their faces and no known cream will change that. It takes true repentance.

John proclaims repentance in the desert as a precursor to the lifting of the burden of sin and being washed and set free by baptism. St. Luke goes to great pains to identify the moment when John the Baptist appears on behalf of the truth and proclaims this liberation from sin. He creates, for all nations a straight path to the Son of God who is about to manifest Himself. We welcome the mercy that will be poured out later in the sacrifice of Jesus. God bless you all as we journey together through this season of subdued joy.

## Stewardship Reflection

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. This Advent, let us turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about, moving ever closer in our relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.



**ST. NICHOLAS** was given a hearty welcome when he visited St. Bernard's on Sunday. The event gets bigger and better each year. Many thanks go out to Rose and Kevin Steinman, Jane Himmer, Karen Volkart and all who did so much to make the event a success and the Men's Club for providing a delicious breakfast. Of course we thank St. Nicholas (aka real Santa) for the visit. ☺ Fr.W.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Church Support for the week ending Dec 2

#### St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 8,804.50
November auto	\$ 2,776.00
Total	\$ 11,580.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$128,943.04
YTD Budgeted	\$125,089.36
Over Budget	\$ 3,853.68 +

#### St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,775.00
November auto	\$ 3,618.00
Total	\$ 9,393.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 62,461.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 59,049.28
Over Budget	\$ 3,411.97 +

### A Reminder About The Annual Catholic Ministries

**Appeal:** The 2018 Appeal will end on Dec 31. Donations should be postmarked by December 31st to receive the tax benefit for 2018. Extra envelopes are on the tables in the gathering space /entryway.

**Quilting Group:** Thursday, December 13 from 1-3:30pm in the Marian Room at St Bernard.

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

**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** The weekend of December 15/16, Fr. Wilmot will bestow a special blessing upon these ladies.

**Flowers:** If you would like to donate toward Christmas flowers or in memory of a loved one, fill out the Christmas Flower envelope found in your donation packet. Print clearly, please.

**Giving Tree:** Please return items unwrapped with the ornament attached. Gift cards can be dropped at the office or in the collection basket – and please remember to show the amount of the gift card. All items should be brought in by Sunday, December 16, so there is time for Family Promise to distribute them by Christmas.

## Religious Education

**Regular Class:** Wednesday, December 12

**Grade 5:** You will be playing BINGO with the residents at the Care Center. Parents please bring your child to the Care Center at 6:30pm.

**Grade 8 Informational Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, Dec 12, 6:30pm. Meet in St Bernard's social hall.

## BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)



**Change of Plans for BYG Christmas Caroling:** We will be out and about a week earlier than initially planned. We will be caroling Sunday, December 9 between the times of 7-8:30pm. Contact Neal if you would like the carolers to stop by.



**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, or put your feet up. 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.



**Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army:** We plan on being at Fareway in Stewartville on Monday, Dec 17 from 4-5pm. Stop by and see us!

## St Bridget

**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.



**Thank You:** Thank you to Macken Funeral Home and Byron Funeral Home for sponsoring the 2019 Catholic calendars for our parish.

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

## St Bernard



**Adult Choir Christmas Sing-Along:** Saturday, Dec 15 at 7pm in the church. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments follow.

**Adult Choir:** Music ministry for the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 16 & 23. Meet at 8:50 am for practice.



## Other Tidbits

**Thanks!** Thank you to those who helped change the missals and music books. Many hands make light work. You are appreciated!

**Giving Made Easy:** This is a convenient way to contribute for those who do not carry cash or a check book. Visit the address below or find the link on the home page of our parish website.

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

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

## Kiddie Corner

John the Baptist baptized people so they were ready to see God. He said, "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

