

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



St. Bernard
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Stewartville, MN



St. Bridget
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Rochester, MN

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Parish Office

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Office Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Rectory	(507) 533-1086 (after hours emergency)

December 16, 2018

The 3rd 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
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 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 17

St Bernard 8:00 am For family

Tuesday, December 18

St Bridget 8:30 am Todd Kujath+

Wednesday, December 19

St Bernard 8:00 am Mike Foster+

Thursday, December 20

St Bernard 8:00 am Marvin Meyer+

Friday, December 21

St Bernard 8:00 am For Alex
Care Center 9:15 am Bob Kuisle+

Saturday, December 22

St Bernard 5:00 pm John Steines+

Sunday, December 23

St Bridget 8:30 am Henry & Ida Ricard+
St Bernard 10:00 am For our parishes

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec 22 St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Cindy Meyerhofer

Server: Carson Janssen

Lector: Cindy Meyerhofer

EMC: Angie Janssen, Emily Kiefer, Jean Peterson

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

Sunday, Dec 23 St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Eli Araoz

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Mary Elton, Pam Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

Sunday, Dec 24 St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Servers: needed

Lector: Patty Miller

EMC: Don & Mary Brouillard, Mary Claeys,

Karen Greenslade, Pat Robey, Sarah Sobczak, Kim Yennie

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

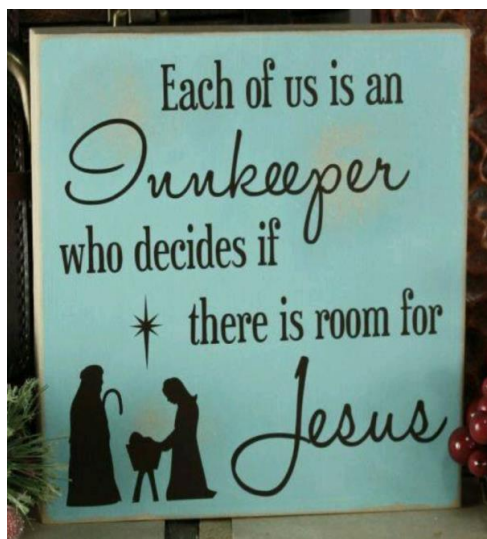
This is "Gaudete" or "Joy" Sunday. God has given us a joy which does not come about through distractions – the distractions of the bright lights and figurines of the Christmas season for instance. It runs deeper. The Father has given us Jesus as our light that dispels all gloom and our model which, if we emulate Him, fulfills us.

The prophet Zephaniah in today's first reading affirms that the Lord is "savior" and is in the midst of His people, whether they perceive His presence or not. St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that the gift of joy showered upon Christians now permits us to practice the kindness of the early Christians and to be fervent in prayer. John the Baptist had the joy of knowing who he was – that he was not the Messiah. It was his joy to proclaim the One mightier than he. Let us all rejoice at this time. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let us avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let us look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.



Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support for the week ending Dec 9

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,226.25
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,574.38
YTD Received	\$134,169.29
YTD Budgeted	\$130,663.74
Over Budget	\$ 3,505.55 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,143.59
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,567.36
YTD Received	\$ 64,604.84
YTD Budgeted	\$ 61,616.64
Over Budget	\$ 2,988.20 +

Our Parishes

Councils Meet: On Tuesday, December 18, at 6:30pm, members of the councils will meet with the Vicar General, Fr. Tom Melvin, in Marian Hall at St Bernard's.

Online Ministry Schedule: Please volunteer yourself and / or your children for the Christmas Masses. We have several slots that need to be filled.

Giving Tree: Wow! Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this sharing project. Please be sure items are returned Sunday, December 16.

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. Must be in the office by Wednesday, Dec 19, 10am to be in the listing.

Evening Prayer & Benediction: Friday, Dec 21, 6:30pm at St Bernard's

Quilting Group: Thursday, December 27, 1-3:30pm

Farewell Breakfast for Fr. Wilmot: All parishioners of St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's are invited to attend a Farewell Breakfast for Fr. Wilmot, compliments of St. Bernard's Men's Club, on Sunday, January 6, after the 10am Mass at St Bernard's.

Religious Education

Regular Class: Wednesday, December 19

Grade 8 Informational Parent Meeting:
Wednesday, Dec 19, 6:30pm. Meet in St Bernard's social hall.

BYG (Bernie & Bridgie's Youth Group)



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



Baptism: Blessings to Lila Marie and Holden Allen, daughter and son of Mark & Megan Theobald, as they receive this holy sacrament.

Choir Practice: Wednesday, December 19, 6:30pm

Thanks! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Program last Sunday. What a wonderful treat for all to enjoy.

St Bernard

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

Word Among Us: Your January issue is ready for pick-up.



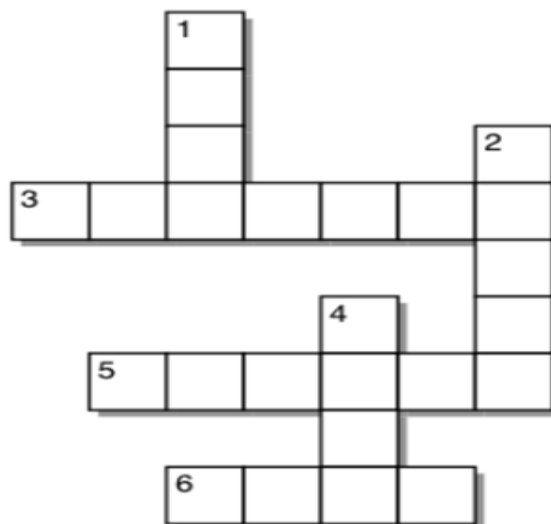
Giving Made Easy: Those who do not carry cash or a check book, this is an easy way to contribute to the parish. Visit the address below or find the link on the home page of our parish website.

St. Bernard's www.osvonlinegiving.com/2910

St. Bridget's www.osvonlinegiving.com/1897

Confession Times: Regular Confession times along with the additional opportunities listed in the December calendar (Advent & Christmas schedule). If you did not pick up the calendar, check the parish website to print a copy for yourself.

Kiddie Corner



Across

3. When we get ready for something we _____ for it!
5. Today is the _____ Sunday of Advent.
6. These are what separate us from God - our _____! John preaches to repent and ask forgiveness for them!

Down

1. The Gospel is the Gospel according to _____.
2. The tetrarch of Galilee in this Gospel.
4. _____ is the son of Zechariah in this Gospel.