

Masses/Services

Monday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 18

8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Butch Rohl by Dennis and Margaret Sailor*

Wednesday, October 19

9:00 a.m. School Mass

+Int: *Betty Schoettle by Family and Friends*

1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Health

+Int: *Ted Andrlle by Family and Friends*

2:30 p.m. Prayer Service at Comforts of Home Gardens

Thursday, October 20

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Comforts of Home Falls

Friday, October 21

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family by Pat*

Saturday, October 22

4:00-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Mary Alice Peterson by the Family*

Sunday, October 23

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Marvin and Irene Killian by their daughters*

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Azuna Basilio and Sylvia Talaro by Julie, Sean and Christopher McMahon*

7:00 p.m. Mass at UWRF Newman Center

Events

Monday, October 17

6:00 p.m. Cursillo 4th Day

6:30 p.m. BASE Training

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Tuesday, October 18

11:00 a.m. The Gathering (see bulletin for details)

5 - 6:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal

Wednesday, October 19

9:45 a.m. Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Forgiveness and Redemption Event

7:00 p.m. Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study

Thursday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Resurrection Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Sunday, October 16

9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Mon., 10/17 Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tue., 10/18 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Wed., 10/19 Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thu., 10/20 Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Fri., 10/21 Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Sat., 10/22 Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sun., 10/23 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$14,328.00	Debt Retirement	\$1,130.00	Donut Money	\$475.87
Loose Collection	\$867.85	Scrip (72 orders)	\$933.47	Holiday Happenings	\$550.00

SACRAMENTS

Rest in Peace

+Margaret Gates, the sister of Natalie (Norm) Kusilek
+Larry Smith, husband of Barb (Lenzen) Smith

Baptism

Jayne Mary Pistohl, daughter of Stephanie and Justin Pistohl
Benjamin Paul Doornink, son of Ashley and Curtis Doornink
Alexa Grace Swanson, daughter of Amy and Jeremy Swanson

FROM THE PASTOR

Jubilee Year of Mercy: October 16, 2016 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though Jesus told today's parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn't changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society's perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries" by those who wield power, but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, "pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus' perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, mercy. Thus, when Jesus asks, "Will not God secure the rights of [God's] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?" (18:7). We respond by making God's liberating work for others our own. "[W]hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (18:8). Yes, we respond—and mercy! —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Depending on God

"Getting by with a little help from our friends" is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of "getting by with a little help from God" goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend's scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won't be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass of Remembrance

We will have a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, October 30, at 5 p.m. It is a time when we recall all the deceased who have touched our lives and, in a particular way, those whom we have lost in the past year. The names of those who have died this past year and of whom our parish is aware will be read at this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass.

Those who have lost a loved one in the past year should receive a special invitation to this Mass. If you do not receive an invitation and would like a name read at this liturgy, please contact the church office, or email Fr. Harris at pastor@stbparish.com. We are inviting people to make a small picture of a deceased loved one available for us to place on a poster board that will be located near the entrance of the church. If you would like to do this, please drop off a picture in the church office (or send one) by October 24. Please put the name of your loved one, your name, and your relationship to the person on the back of the picture. At the end of November you will be able to pick up your picture.

At every Mass throughout the year, all of the dead are remembered and entrusted to God. May our deceased loved ones rest in God's peace. AMEN!

World Mission Sunday: October 22/23, 2016



October 13, 2016

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Mercy Changes the World!"

On **World Mission Sunday**, October 22-23, Pope Francis invites each of us to be part of that change for our world of great need, calls us to announce the mercy of God, "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12).

On this 90th World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world who will gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

"Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity."

I echo these words of our Holy Father, asking you to open your hearts as you connect on World Mission Sunday with every corner of the globe...with the *Americas*, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families; with *Europe*, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution; with *Asia*, where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16, 000 Church-run elementary schools; with the *Pacific Islands*, where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood, to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need; with *Africa*, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics.

You can also continue this connection with the Missions all year long, through MISSIO, online at mission.org or on your phone.

Grateful always for your generosity of spirit and heart, and confident of your missionary commitment to share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor, I pray for blessings for you and your families!

Faithfully yours in the Lord, Most Rev. James P. Powers Bishop of Superior

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

CSA Update

Thank you for the amazing outpouring of support for our Catholic Services Appeal goal. As of 10/12/2016, we have collected \$55,064 of our \$136,851 goal! That's 40% in just three weeks. Please continue to use the envelopes provided or donate safely and easily online at <http://catholicdos.org/st-bridget-river-falls-giving>. This link is also on our church website under "Current Events". Did you know that CSA dollars provide the overall infrastructure for all parishes in the diocese? In addition to overseeing all parish insurance needs, the diocese also oversees our school, faith formation and sacramental programs.

Picture Directory News

We have had a tremendous response to our new photo directory, and we are now scheduling photo sessions for November. Please look for the link on our website, click here: [St. Bridget Photo Directory](#), sign up in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses, or call the office to schedule. If unable to make it in for a photo, we are able to accept submitted photos preferably in a horizontal format. Please note: submitting photos does cost the parish an extra fee so we prefer everyone, who can, have their picture taken here.

Facilities Committee

St. Bridget Church is reviving the parish facilities committee and looking for three or four volunteers! The Facilities Committee will provide advice and guidance to the Pastor, the parish administrator and the parish pastoral council for the care and maintenance of all buildings on the St. Bridget campus. Meetings are typically held monthly September through May. A background in architecture, environmental, electrical, mechanical, or structural engineering, construction management, building maintenance, etc. may be beneficial but is not necessary. Please contact the church office for more information.

PARISH LIFE

October 15 Radio/TV Mass Broadcasts

The radio broadcast is aired over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for our sick and shut-ins. Tune to Channel 16 on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for a TV rebroadcast. The Mass for October 15 is in honor of All Living and Deceased Women of St. Bridget by St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women.

The Gathering at St. Bridget Parish (for those 60 +)

Join us on October 18 at 11 a.m. for an Octoberfest Gathering, complete with a tour of Rush River Brewery - River Falls. After the tour, an Octoberfest meal will be served at St. Bridget. There will be music provided by Alvin Pechacek, St. Bridget parishioner. Register for The Gathering at the table in the main entry of the church. Meet at Rush River Brewery (990 Antler Ct, River Falls, WI) at 11 a.m. Then join us around noon in the fellowship hall for the Octoberfest meal.

Ladies Night Out Painting Event

Come join us on Monday, October 24 for a Pallet Painting event hosted by the St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women. The event starts at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$30 for members of St. Bridget, non-members \$35. To register call or e-mail Kristin in the St. Bridget Parish office.



New Books in the Joany Shepard Memorial Library

Checkout new materials:

- Catholic Suspense Books by Therese Heckenkamp's "Frozen Footprints", "After the Thaw" & "Past Suspicion". Also, Red Rock Mysteries. (RED section).
- American Magazine article on "God & the Presidential Candidates" 9-19-16 issue.
- New DVDs "90 Minutes in Heaven" and "Captive".

Fair Trade Sales Next Sunday

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate sales will take place after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses next Sunday, October 23. Quality products are being sold for excellent prices while promoting Fair Trade practices.

Holiday Happenings Craft Sale Vendors Needed

Crafters are needed for our Holiday Happenings craft show, December 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are interested or know of interested crafters contact Doreen Cegielski 715-426-5422 or e-mail HolidayHappenings@stbparish.com to receive registration forms.

Mark Your Calendars: HATtitude



Save the date for the Come As You Are Women's Retreat, featuring Tracey Winn Steivang presenting HATtitude. All women of the community are invited to attend. We offer two separate

sessions. Plan to join us on Monday, November 14 at 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. Childcare provided for the morning session. Soup supper provided at 5 p.m. before evening session. Registration information to follow next weekend

Join Us for an evening of
*Forgiveness
&
Redemption*
as we welcome
Jameel McGee
and Andrew Collins

City of Eschscholtz
Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.,
St. Bridget Catholic Church | River Falls, WI

This will be a time to celebrate the goodness, favor and mercy of God which can powerfully change any impossible situation. Come hear how faith has allowed a former police officer and the man he framed to reconcile and form a friendship.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Remember in Your Prayers

- If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.
- Let us know if someone would like to be prayed for in church or be listed in the bulletin prayer list.
To be included in the prayer line, call Virginia Magner at 715-684-2336.

Marie Amundsen
Jodi Bjellum
Marguerite Brown

Daniella Carrasco
Gerald Cernohous
Erica Glover

David Hake
Ann Holland
Barb Ickler

Barbara Karls
Rita Mountain
Rosemarie Ogden

Ron Pechacek
Mike Sutton
Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

Books Are Fun Sale

The River Falls Hospital Auxiliary will be holding their annual Books Are Fun sale on Friday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the main entrance at the River Falls Area Hospital. Come check out books of all kinds and unique gift items.

Nationality Hot Dish Supper

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hammond, WI is hosting their "Nationality Hot Dish Supper" on Thursday, October 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a large assortment of hot dishes, salads, rolls, pies, and beverages. Free Will Offering.

Fatima's U.S. Tour for Peace

You are invited to experience the blessing of gathering with others devoted to Our Lady, when the Statue visits St. Joseph Church in Rice Lake on October 18 beginning at 6 p.m. until noon October 19. The Statue will be at St. Joseph Church for 16 hours, which will include mass, rosary, litany, confession, and benediction. For information, contact Debbi at 715-234-2032, ext. 6.