

Masses/Services

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Fran Stark by the Family*

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 a.m. School Mass

+Int: *Gene Giefer by the Family*

1:30 p.m. Comforts of Home: Lodge

+Int: *Alice Merta by John and Joyce Matzek*

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Lutheran Home

Friday, October 28

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Darold Pechacek by Mary Ellen Brue*

Saturday, October 29

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Rhoda Lubich by Howard and Pat Kittelson and Andy and Janet Huppert*

Sunday, October 30

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Mary Jane and Eugene (Jack) Swanson by Mike and Vicki Cobian*

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Gene Huppert by Judy Reierson*

5:00 p.m. Mass

Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*

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

Events

Monday, October 24

6:00 p.m. Cursillo 4th Day

6:00 p.m. CCW Pallet Painting Event

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 25

5 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Banquet Community Meal

6:00 p.m. Grief Group

6:30 p.m. Respect Life Meeting

7:00 p.m. CCW Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

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

3:15-4:30p.m. Grade 6-8 Faith Formation

5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes

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

7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, October 27

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Sunday, October 30

9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool

1:30 p.m. Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Session Grade 11

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Mon., 10/24 Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tue., 10/25 Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wed., 10/26 Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thu., 10/27 Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Fri., 10/28 Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Sat., 10/29 Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sun., 10/30 Wis 11:22 — 12:2; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SACRAMENTS

Rest in Peace

+*Hilda Stoetzel*

+*Bud Forster, brother of Bill Forster*

Baptism

Calan James Tiffany, son of Jill and Jeffrey Tiffany

Maximus Julius Mortel, son of Megan and Matthew Mortel

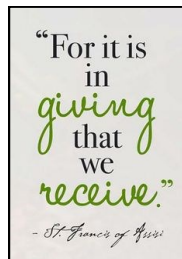
TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

OCTOBER 16, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$14,273.65	Debt Retirement	\$1,282.32	Donut Money	\$414.63
Loose Collection	\$762.00	Scrip (73 orders)	\$774.71	World Mission	\$1,971.00
Holiday Happenings	\$185.00	Fair Trade Coffee	\$88.00		

St. Bridget Catholic Church – Financial Stewardship

Budgeted September collection (adult envelopes)	\$88,076
Actual September collection/ACH received	\$71,501
Monthly Difference	- \$16,575
Budgeted Year to Date (adult envelopes)	\$246,614
Actual Year to Date collection received	\$215,033
Year to Date difference (7/1/16 - present)	- \$31,581



Have you considered using our new ACH form and giving electronically? Electronic giving provides consistent and reliable contributions – even when you forget your envelope at home or leave for the weekend.

FROM THE PASTOR

Jubilee Year of Mercy: October 23, 2016 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel graces us with a prayer that can make every day of our lives a jubilee of mercy: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Religious Israelites despised the tax collector who prayed it, for collaborating with Gentile occupiers and handling currency that bore the "divine" emperor's graven image. But the Pharisee's long-winded self-congratulation, mixed with self-righteous condemnation, was no "prayer" at all. "The Pharisee . . . spoke this prayer *to himself*" (18:11, emphasis added). Praying the tax collector's simple, sincere, succinct cry for mercy acknowledges our own sinfulness, and "welcomes" other sinners as brothers and sisters with whom we can identify, even empathize, echoing Pope Francis' famous comment about not being the one to judge. Indeed, the tax collector "went home justified" (18:14), that is, restored to God's friendship, for God's mercy is not prize achieved but gift received. "Let your prayer be brief: for tax collector, prodigal son, and dying thief were all reconciled to God by a single phrase!" (Saint John Climacus, 7th century). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

This is World Mission Sunday. This day is a reminder that we are to spread the good news of Jesus all over the world. Today we not only pray for missionaries and their ministries and contribute money to their ministry, but are reminded we are missionaries, too, locally. Thanks for your prayers and support.

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

CSA Update

WOW! The amazing support for our Catholic Services Appeal goal continues. As of 10/19/2016, we have collected \$62,196 of our \$136,851 goal! That puts us at 45% in only four weeks. Our goal is to have all pledges and contributions made by January. This eliminates the need for the parish to pay the remaining portion of the goal. 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 our CSA dollars afford Diocesan personnel that provide guidance and supervision on all legal and insurance related questions, issues, forms, etc.?

ACH Form

For those of you who have been using the convenience of electronic giving or for those of you who would like to start, we have a new ACH form which has been updated to include the opportunity to give to the church on Holy Days. New forms and frequently asked questions are available in the parish office or in the Fellowship Hall near the SCRIP table.

Picture Directory News

We have a few remaining openings for November photo sessions. 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. December times will be opening soon. Don't miss your chance to be part of our parish family photo book!

Save the Date

St. Bridget Church has a special parish mission planned for December 4 and 5. Steve Angrisano, well known singer, songwriter and story teller, will be here to share his inspiring message of faith, hope and love. Please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

New Financial Report

One of the goals of our Parish Strategic Plan was to provide more financial communication to parishioners. In this week's bulletin you will see a monthly report that shows our adult contribution totals for last month as well as year to date totals for adult contributions. As you will see, we are currently behind and hope that we can make up the difference in the next few months. Please note: the finance council budgeted for a 3% increase in contributions to offset an expected 3% increase in overall campus-wide expenses (utilities, salaries, supplies, health insurance, etc.). Any additional financial support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH LIFE

October 22 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 22 is in loving memory of Mary Alice Peterson by the Family .

Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

The Knights of Columbus celebrate Corporate Communion on this fifth Sunday (October 30) to bring all Knights together to demonstrate unity for the celebration of the Mass and Eucharist. All Knights, spouses, widows and their families sit together and provide a visible sign for the community of the Knights of Columbus. To learn more about the KC's, contact Doug at 715-425-2355.

October Tithing Notice

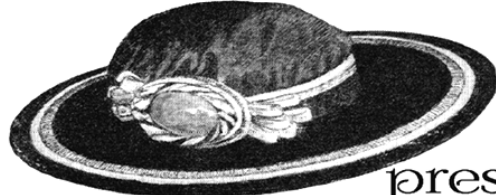
Each month our parish gives 2% of the adult offerings to further the mission of the Catholic Church. These funds are directed toward charitable and social justice causes: to meet direct human needs, to safeguard human dignity, and to help transform society by reducing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Tithes, which are granted to non-profit organizations working to address these areas of need, may be requested on their behalf by anyone. Tithing applications are available in the parish office and on the parish website. Applications should be submitted to the Social Justice Committee for review and decision-making. October tithing grants totaling \$4,750 were awarded to Haiti Relief efforts, Feed My Starving Children and the River Falls Area Food Shelf.

Come as You Are Women's Retreat: HATtitude

As women we are experts at wearing hats not only for fashion and adventure but also for survival. Rarely do we wear just one hat, and this can be exhausting and take its toll. There is more to you than the hats you wear! HATtitude will encourage and inspire you with a new understanding of the hats you wear and how you can nurture your attitude, gratitude and life. Join us on Monday, November 14 at 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. as Tracey Winn Steivang presents HATtitude. All women of the community are invited to attend. To register call the St. Bridget Parish office at 715-425-1870, email recept@stbparish.com or register in the parish hall before Monday, November 7. Childcare is provided for the morning session. Soup supper at 5 p.m. before evening session. Free will offering accepted on behalf of Halos of St. Croix Valley and Breast Cancer Support Group – River Falls.



Come As You Are
Women's Retreat



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HATtitude

featuring

Tracey Winn Steivang

Monday, November 14, 2016
9am to noon or 6pm to 9pm

Fair Trade Sales This Sunday

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

Its Not too Late to Sign up!: Painting Event

Come join us this 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.

Opportunity to Join the Knights of Columbus

The weekend of October 29-30 is your opportunity to learn about the Knights of Columbus. There will be two opportunities for St. Bridget's men to meet and greet our Knights of Columbus members that weekend.

1. Knights will be located at St. Bridget's entrances before each Mass on October 29-30 to provide information cards about the KC's.
2. Immediately following each Mass, our Knights will also be available in the Garden View Room where you will have the ability to take a little more time to ask questions, and discuss the Knights and our mission.

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

Donations Needed

St. Bridget Parish School is in need of religious-themed items for their classrooms: holy cards, saint dolls, religious figurines, rosaries, elementary and middle school-aged saint biographies. The school is also in need of a globe and a CD player. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office or at the school.

Grandparents Day

What an amazing celebration we shared on Friday with nearly 450 people! The school gym was filled with so much love and joy and the students did an awesome job at Mass and at the program. Special thanks to our music teacher, Mrs. Fuller; the Home and School Association; Mr. Flanscha for setting up the tables; to all the parent volunteers; and to Ms. Stacy for coordinating the wonderful meal. The grandparents and special guests were treated to a very special day!

St. Bridget Parish School 2016 Wreath Sale

Believe it or not, it is time to kick off our annual wreath sale! In order to guarantee delivery before the holidays, we are selling wreaths now! Wreaths can be ordered by contacting the school or at weekend masses on October 22-23. Online ordering is also available! Visit the school website (under "Student Life - Fundraisers") for the link to a completely paperless ordering option. Back by popular demand are memorial crosses again this year, which you will see displayed on the school fence. Please be certain that memorial information is completed for these orders – separate forms are included with the order sheet.



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 Wagner at 715-684-2336.

Marie Amundsen
Jodi Bjellum
Marguerite Brown
Daniella Carrasco

Gerald Cernohous
Erica Glover
David Hake
Ann Holland

Barb Ickler
Barbara Karls
Doug Matzek
Rita Mountain

Rosemarie Ogden
Ron Pechacek
Mike Sutton
Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

Hill-Murray Open House

Hill-Murray School invites prospective students and their families to an Open House Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. Opportunities to learn more about co-curricular activities, curriculum, and financial aid will be available. Call 651-748-2406 or email bbelde@hill-murray.org with questions - no RSVP necessary, but appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Quilt Auction and Bazaar

The River Falls United Methodist Church (127 South 2nd Street) will hold its annual quilt auction and bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. The quilt auction will be at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is available starting at 10:30 a.m.