

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CHURCH

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

[Jesus told this parable. "An owner leased out his vineyard to tenants for a share of the crops. At harvest time, he sent his servants to collect the share due him. But the tenants abused and killed them. Then the owner sent other servants, but the tenants did the same thing. Finally, the owner] sent his son... When the tenants saw the son... they grabbed him... and killed him. [The owner then punished the tenants.]

Matthew 21:37-39

In Jesus' parable, the vineyard owner stands for God; the vineyard, Israel; the tenants, the prophets; the son, Jesus. The parable illustrates both God's patience and God's justice. God dealt patiently with Israel's leaders. But when they refused to respond, God passed judgment on them.

In what area of my life, especially, has God dealt very patiently with me?

All of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. Each one will receive what he deserves. (VISION, Mark Link, S.J.)

Spanish Mass

Fr. Harris will have Mass in Spanish this weekend at St. Mary's in Hammond at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8. All are welcome to attend.

St. Bridget Block Party

Plan to join us on Saturday, October 28 for a day of fun and fellowship. Family activities will begin in the morning at St. Bridget School with a 5K "Brat Trot" followed by food and activities for the kids from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Brat Trot is open to everyone and registration forms are available on the parish website (spotlight section), at the information desk, and at both the church and school office. The registration fee is \$25/adult, \$15/children 18 years old and younger and a family maximum price of \$100 which will include a long-sleeved shirt. In the evening we will have music, raffles, bingo, and a variety of food, beer, soda, and water available for purchase. Ernie Koukal will again be selling his famous booya and "to go" orders will start at 2 p.m. Bring your own container. See you there!



DAILY WORD

Mon., 10/9	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tue., 10/10	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wed., 10/11	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thu., 10/12	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Fri., 10/13	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Sat., 10/14	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Sun., 10/15	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

COME JOIN US!

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday and Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website.

Reconciliation

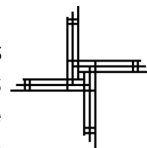
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bridget Catholic Church is a Christian Community which exists to continue the mission of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to working for the coming of God's Kingdom. We accomplish this through worship, community life, Christian education and service to those who are in need.



OUR PARISH FAMILY

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Kristen and Ben Csiacsek
Annemarie, Josie, Jameson

Sarah Robole

Kevin and Sabrina Deiss
Sawyer

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Weston David Waller
son of Lisa and Matthew Waller

Gracelyn Rose Katelhut
daughter of Ashley and John Katelhut

REST IN PEACE

We remember and pray for our deceased parish members and relatives:

Brian Byng
brother of Therese (Andrew) Stacy

John Hanson
father of Larry (Mary) Hanson
and Joyce (David) Connolly

Edith Myers
grandmother of Amy (Mike) Luethmers

Delphine Cooper
sister-in-law of Rosemary Lenzen

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Adult Contributions.....	\$13,000.00
Loose Collection	\$766.66
Debt Retirement (Incl ACH)	\$4,245.00
SCRIP (705Orders)	\$825.36
Priest Emergency Fund	\$720.00
Donuts	\$550.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 9

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, October 10

- 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00 a.m. The Gathering
- 5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Paul Mischler by the Family*
- 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bread for the World
- 7:00 p.m. Signs and Wonders Bible Study
- 8:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 a.m. School Mass
+Int: *Mike Biadasz by Students and Staff of St. Bridget School*
- 10:00 a.m. Signs and Wonders Bible Study
- 3:15-4:30 p.m. Grade 6-8 Faith Formation
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, October 12

- 10:00 a.m. Unleashed Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Friday, October 13

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Anne DesLauriers by Leonard and Family*
- 9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group

Saturday, October 14

- 7:00 a.m. Catholic Watchmen
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Andrew Huppert by his Brothers and Sisters*

Sunday, October 15

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: *LaVerne McAleavey by the Family*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*
- 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More-UWRF Newman Center

PARISH LIFE

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 7 is in loving memory of Living and Deceased Members of the St. Bridget CCW by St. Bridget CCW .

Bread for the World

Announcing a new Bread for the World group at St. Bridget! We will examine current social justice issues, as well as educate and advocate for them. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m., in the church library, beginning October 10. All are welcome! For information, contact Jackie Brux, 715-425-8606, jacqueline.m.brux@uwrf.edu. See you there!

The Gathering (for those 60 +)

Join us Tuesday, October 10 at 11 a.m. for a tour and tasting at Belle Vinez Winery. After the tour, a meal will be served at St. Bridget. Register for The Gathering at the table in the main entry of the church. Meet at Belle Vinez (W10829 875th Ave, River Falls, WI 54022) at 11 a.m. Then join us around noon in the Fellowship Hall at St. Bridget for our meal.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Donation

Knights of Columbus Council 4902 recently donated \$1000 from their 2017 Tootsie Roll Drive to Have a Heart, Inc. The Knights of Columbus have long supported Have a Heart, Inc. whose mission it is to provide support for families with physically and/or developmentally disabled loved ones. The donation will be used for the purchase of adaptive equipment for the gym which was completed in 2016 through generous donations from local citizens, foundations, and the Otto Bremer Trust.



Journey Stamping Make and Take Event

Join Esther Sykora of our church as she leads this fun make and take stamping event on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Lubich Hall. Participants will make 4 festive greeting cards for Christmas and Thanksgiving. Donations will be accepted for the Jail Ministry Clothing Drive at this event. Cost is \$10/person. To register, contact Kristin at 715-725-1870 or recept@stbparish.com. This social event is sponsored by the St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women.

Come As You Are.....Annual Women's Retreat

The St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will host a Self-Care Retreat on Monday, November 13, 2017. Wellness Coach Cami Smalley will explore Self-Care as an essential discipline in Christian Living in a workshop entitled, "AS THYSELF".

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul,
mind and strength and Love your neighbor
AS THYSELF.

The Retreat will be Monday, November 13, 2017 with a morning session from 9-noon with a soup meal at noon, and an evening session from 6-9pm with a soup meal from 5-6 p.m. Kids care will be provided at the morning session. Please RSVP by November 3 by signing up at the Welcome Center, emailing recept@stbparish.com or calling the parish office at 715-425-1870. Please indicate if you will be joining us for the free soup meal and if you will need Kids Care. We are looking for helpers the day of the Retreat. Stop by the Welcome Center and check it out. Questions, contact Carolyn Johnson 715-425-9194.

Do you play drums?

The Praise Team is looking for a drummer to play for the 11 a.m. Mass three Sundays a month. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9 p.m. Can't make every week? No problem, we can work with your schedule. Contact Barrett in the office for more details.

Catholic Watchmen!

All men are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen meeting on Saturday, October 14 from 7- 8:30 a.m. The meeting begins with group organized prayer and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession in the Church and then continues with a light breakfast, a video presentation, small group discussion. For information, contact Tony Jilek at 715-220-7527.

PARISH LIFE (CONTINUED)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
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You can make a difference.

Participate in the 29th Annual Walk to Empower sponsored by Turningpoint of River Falls on Saturday, October 14. Join us at 9:00 a.m. at Glen Park - River Falls for music, sign making, face painting, bubbles, and to make a difference for victims and survivors of violence. The walk begins at 10:00 a.m. and routes along Main Street. Pets on a leash are welcome. There is no registration fee or cost to participate in this awareness event. Donations are gratefully accepted. River Falls domestic violence hotline is: 800-345-5104 answered 24/7 or call 911. If you are not able to speak freely, text to 715-821-8626, 24/7.

FAITH FORMATION

Rake A Difference Day

One activity during this year's "Fall Stretch" for youth will focus on our Rake-A-Difference Day. This program will allow middle and high school youth of our parish along with adult volunteers to assist those in our community who need help with raking leaves. Sign up for this family-friendly volunteer activity will take place in October. We will rake leaves in early November. If you need help with raking leaves this fall, stop by the Information Desk to sign up. If you are able to help with raking leaves, stop by the Information Desk too.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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.

Daniella Carrasco
Gary Cater
Gerald Cernohous
Erica Glover
Dorian Hintz
Ann Holland
Dawn Huberty

Barb Ickler
Rose Marie Ogden
Gwen Paulson
Kelli Schmidt
Florence Simon
Izabella Thompson

JOIN US FOR OUR

Second Annual

St. Bridget

BLOCK PARTY

OCTOBER 28 SATURDAY

10 a.m. Brat Trot 5K (school)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Family fun, food, beverages (school)

2:00 p.m. Booya sales start (church)

6 - 10 p.m. Food, beverages, music (church)

FOOD
DRINK
MUSIC
RAFFLES
BINGO

JOIN US FOR FUN
AND FELLOWSHIP!

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

Grandparents Day – October 26

Our celebration will be held in the church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 1 – 1:30, then bring their grandchildren over to church by 1:30. Grandparents may also meet their grandchildren at church if that is preferred. A reservation form will be sent home with students next week. We are so excited about this opportunity to celebrate with some of our favorite people – our grandparents!

Wreath Sale

Our school has a tradition of selling beautiful ever-green wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and memorial crosses. Orders will be taken October 3 – 16. Orders may be taken in the church Fellowship Hall after weekend Masses on October 6-7 and October 13-14, or placed through any school family.

Direct Ship Wreaths are an alternate sales option that we offer. Family and friends can order wreaths to be directly shipped as a gift – just like sending flowers, but with a holiday twist! Choose one of your favorites to be sent to Great Grandma in Ohio, or consider purchasing one of the exquisite wreath or swag options that are available only by direct ship sales for yourself! Contact Mrs. Hillary Gilles in the school office to learn more or to get the Direct Ship Order Form.

No School – October 9

Students do not have classes on Monday, October 9 due to a teacher inservice.

Basketball Registration

Registration is being taken at this time for St. Bridget Parish School basketball teams. We are in need of coaches for the Boys 4th and 5th Grade team, and possibly for our Middle School boys team. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact our principal, Jeanne McCoy at principal@stbparish.com.



Mrs. Gribble's First Grade students take a tour of our parish church with Mrs. Sue Steckbauer, Parish Administrator.

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Scrip Change

Darden Restaurants scrip gift cards will no longer be redeemable at Red Lobster locations. Cards that have already been purchased (including those still in our inventory) can be still be used at any of the restaurants shown on the card, including Red Lobster.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

Thank you for the amazing response to our CSA campaign! As of October 4, we have collected \$43,761 towards our fair share goal of \$144,368. Credit card donations can be safely made online using the link in our spotlight section of the parish website and envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the church office. Please remember every dollar helps and that we are hoping to hear from everyone.

Sunday Fellowship

Because we have a shortage of donut making teams, there are eight Sundays during "donut season" that will not have donuts for sale. Because we want to encourage fellowship after Mass, there will be different "guest organizations" providing coffee, simple refreshments, and an opportunity to meet and greet people in different ministries and church related positions. This week's fellowship following the 9:30 and 11 AM Masses will be provided by the church staff. Please join us!

AREA EVENTS

Hot Dish Supper at St. Mary's Hammond

The St Mary's Women's Guild will host its annual nationality hot dish supper on Thursday October 19 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be a large assortment of hot dishes, salads, rolls, pies and beverages. All are invited. Free will offering accepted.

RF Community Theatre Presents Shirley Valentine

River Falls Community Theatre presents "Shirley Valentine" featuring St. Bridget parishioner and cantor, Eileen Korenic. The production will take place on October 13/14 and October 20/21 at 7 p.m. at the River Falls Public Library Community Room. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door.

River Falls American Legion Bingo

Back for our 8th year. Next session is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6. Thereafter, the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month through May, and the Saturday of River Falls Days. Please join us. Help us continue to serve the community and Military Veterans and their families in the area.

Fall Fund Fest: October 14

Have a Heart, Inc. is having their First Annual Fall Fund Fest on October 14 from 2 to 8 p.m. on the Have a Heart Farm (W10356 State Road 29, River Falls). It is a fundraising event for the purpose of purchasing adaptive equipment for our gym. There will be live music by the Tommy Bentz Band, a silent auction, food, beer and wine for purchase, face painting, trick or treating, pony rides, pumpkin painting and more. Family tickets - \$25 for a family of four, individual tickets - \$10. Please call 715-425-7754 with questions.

National Marriage Encounter Weekend

A two day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 4 - 5 in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 p.m. For information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, at 715-832-3296, rippsk@charter.net, or through our website at www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm

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