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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor....

This bulletin covers the 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time and the last Sunday of the Church year called Christ the King.

The first Sunday we hear [A master gave money to some servants to invest. He praised those who made a profit, saying,] "You have made faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts." Matthew 25:21

Booker T. Washington was an American slave. At the age of sixteen, he walked almost five hundred miles from his slave home to Hampton Institute in Virginia. When he got there he was told that classes were filled. Undaunted, he took a job at the school doing menial jobs: sweeping floors and making beds. He did these so well that the faculty found room for him as a student. He worked his way up at the school, became a famed teacher, and eventually founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

What were some small jobs I did well, before I was given larger jobs?

Do Not let what you can't do interfere with what you can do. Basketball Coach John Wooden.

(VISION Mark Link, S.J.)

On the last Sunday of the church year, the feast of Christ the King, we hear [At the last Judgment the King will say,] "'I was a stranger and you received me...' the righteous will answer... 'When, Lord, did we...welcome you...?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important... you did it for me!'" Matthew 25:35,37-38, 40

Two young people were canoeing in the Canadian wilds and were weary. Suddenly they spotted a trapper's cabin. It was unlocked and clean. In it was an open Bible, with this note: "Your cabin saved my life. I was seriously ill and needed shelter. Your cabin provided it. I can't repay you with money, only with God's blessing. Read Matthew 25:31 (today's reading). Later, one of the young people said, "I'd read that passage often, but I never understood it until that day."

Lay hold of the Bible until the Bible lays hold of you." William H. Houghton (cont. page 2)

DAILY WORD

Mon., 11/20 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tue., 11/21 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wed., 11/22 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thu., 11/23 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Fri., 11/24 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Sat., 11/25 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Sun., 11/26 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Mon., 11/27 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tue., 11/28 Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wed., 11/29 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thu., 11/30 Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Fri., 12/1 Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Sat., 12/2 Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sun., 12/3 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

COME JOIN US!

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (during school year)
Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website

Reconciliation

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

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS, CONT.

I pray all reading this have a blessed Thanksgiving. We are going through very difficult times in the world and in our nation. If don't have gratitude with what do have, we will always bemoan what we don't have.

In gratitude, Fr. Jerry Harris

Thanksgiving: Be Thankful

Be thankful that we don't already have everything we desire,

If we did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when we don't know something

For it gives us the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times we grow.

Be thankful for our limitations

Because, they give us opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for our mistakes

They will teach us valuable lessons.

Be thankful when we are tired and weary. Because, it means we've made a difference. It is easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for our troubles and they can become our blessings.

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Adult Contributions (Incl. ACH).....	\$35,861.33
Loose Collection	\$986.00
Debt Retirement	\$1,216.00
SCRIP (66 Orders)	\$849.59
Priest Emergency Fund	\$200.00
Donuts	\$432.00
Gift of Stock	\$1,000.00
School Tuition (ACH).....	\$15,058.54

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: John Dusek by Deacon Tom & Mary Weiss

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

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

5:00 p.m. Community Soup & Bread Meal

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Grief Group

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Hour of Peace

7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Ed. & Action Group

Wednesday, November 22

1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts Lodge

+Int: Ron Pechacek by a friend of the family

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day ~ Office Closed

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Patrick Baumgartner by the family

11:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Meal

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy

Communion at Comforts of Home - Falls

Friday, November 24

No Mass ~ Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: Peter & Agnes Fisher & deceased members of the Fisher Family by Berneita Wienke and Delores Pechacek

Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: Lorraine Gavin by Ron Buss

11:00 a.m. Mass

Int: Don, Evelyn and Gerry Johnson by Dennis and Carolyn Johnson

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More-UWRF Newman Center

Soup and Substance

Monday, Dec. 11 join us for an Advent night of prayer and reflection and a warm bowl of soup. It begins at 5:45PM with a soup supper in the Hall and then we move into church at 6:30PM for an evening of prayer and reflection entitled "My Soul in Stillness Waits". The evening will end around 7:45PM. Please sign-up at the information desk so we make sure we have enough soup. All are welcome to meet in church at 6:30 PM even if you can't come and eat with us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 27

- 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
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 28

- 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson by Vernon Johnson & family*
6:00 p.m. Grief Group
7:00 p.m. Communal Penance
7:00 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00 a.m. School Mass
Int: *Ray & Rose Kobylinske by Ruth & Dave O'Malley*
2:30 p.m. Prayer Service at Comforts of Home Gardens
3:15-4:30 p.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
6:30 p.m. Advent Lectio Divina

Thursday, November 30

- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Friday, Decemeber 1

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Art Dolan by Peg McKintosh*
9:00 a.m. Advent Lectio Divina

Saturday, December 2

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Living & deceased members of the Steve & Carmen Huppert Family*

Sunday, December 3

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool
9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Walter Wienke by Berneita & Family*
11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary
12:30 p.m. CCW Raffle
1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More-UWRF Newman Center

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Scrip Coordinator Needed - ASAP

Nearly eleven months ago, one of our dedicated (and comical) scrip coordinators gave notice that he would be hanging up his scrip hat at the end of the year to focus on other hobbies. Yes, Mr. Ed Whitman gave us one year to find his replacement and December 31 is approaching quickly. Although no one can truly ever replace Ed, we are still looking for someone who help us manage at least some of the tasks that Ed oversaw: scheduling the weekday volunteers, overseeing and helping with the local card pick up (River Falls and Hudson), acting as back up for data entry, and contributing to scrip management decisions. By policy, the scrip program MUST be primarily managed by volunteers so it is critical that we get people to help. If needed, the tasks can be separated and shared by a team. If you are interested in being part of this amazing program that benefits our parish in so many ways, please contact Sue Steckbauer in the church office.

Thanksgiving Office Hours

St. Bridget Church office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

End of Year Contributions

As we near the end of 2017, this is a great time to remind all parishioners of ways they can save on taxes and help St. Bridget Church. If you have stocks or bonds that have appreciated in value consider donating them to St. Bridget. You get to deduct the value at the time of donation even though you paid less (far less in some cases) for the investment in the past. Also, the IRS requires individuals that have reached the age of 70 1/2 to take a minimum distribution from their IRA or 401K. If you are not in need of these funds, consider donating it to St. Bridget because you can deduct the donation and it doesn't count as income to you.

See your financial advisor for details before making the transfer.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

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

Grace Esther Carow
daughter of Nicholas & Cassandra Carow

REST IN PEACE

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

Ed Jenkins

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.

Gary Cater	Rose Marie Ogden
Gerald Cernohous	Steve Paulick
Erica Glover	Gwen Paulson
Dorian Hintz	Mike Reis
Ann Holland	Kelli Schmidt
Dawn Huberty	Florence Simon
Barb Ickler	Dorothy Slivicki
Noah Keck	Izabella Thompson

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

Middle School Information Night – Nov. 30:

We are offering an Information Night on Thurs., Nov. 30 for all families, but **especially for our families with students in Grades 3, 4, and 5.** The main presentation will happen in the school gym from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, with an opportunity to visit classrooms before (5:30 – 6:30) and after (7:00 – 8:00). In addition to our teachers, parents and graduates will be on hand to give their perspective on why St. Bridget's is an **excellent choice** for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Child care will be provided. Please enter through the gym doors.

Home & School Meeting – Dec. 4: Our Home & School Association will meet Mon., Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm in the Before/After Care room. All school parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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 November 18 is in loving memory of Ambrose Meyer by the Family. The Mass for November 25 is in loving memory Peter & Agnes Fisher and deceased members of the Fisher family by Berneita Wienke and Delores Pechacek.

Communal Penance at St. Bridget

There will be a communal penance service on Tuesday, November 28 at St. Bridget in River Falls at 7:00 p.m. This will be the Penance Service for the Season of Advent. There are scheduled confessions each Saturday afternoon at St. Bridget from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and at St. Mary's each Sunday morning at 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. or anytime by appointment.

Advent Wreath Lighting

We are looking for people to help with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass during Advent. Singles, couples or families are encouraged to help us out. Sign up is at the information desk or on our website. Advent begins Dec. 2/3.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace

Join us on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace. This Holy Hour will end adoration at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. The Holy Hour for Peace occurs on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us as we pray for peace in our nation and our world.

Grieving through the Holidays

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Silent Nights; grieving well through the Holidays is sponsored by Adoray Home Health & Hospice. Free and open to the public. Pre-register at 715-629-1888. See the flyer on the bulletin boards.

St. Bridget's Joany Shepard Memorial Library:

Checkout new materials:

~Books "Power of Silence", "Praying as if Your Life Depends on It", "God or Nothing", and "Redeemed".

~DVDs "Grace Card", and new "Veggie Tales". Also, new childrens' books, a book on "The Gift of Years- Growing Older Gracefully" and two more Will Wilder books by Raymond Arroyo.

Listen! – An Advent offering of Lectio Divina for the Gospels of Advent

What is Lectio Divina? This is Latin for "sacred reading". It is simply a way of encountering God in Scripture, a way of sitting and listening. There are four easy steps for lectio which take the form of prayerful questions. First, ask, "What does the text say", second, "What does this text say to me", third, "What would I like to say to God about this text", and fourth, "What difference will this text make in my life?"

As we prepare our homes, I would invite you to also indulge yourself an opportunity to prepare your heart during this holy time of Advent. We will gatheng both Wednesday evenings; November 29, December 6, 13, 20 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. or Friday mornings December 1, 8, 15, 22 to share the Gospels of Advent using Lectio Divina. Please prayerfully consider joining in 1 or all 4 sessions. Please bring your Bible and you may email or call Jodie with questions. Joy and Peace!!

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

St Bridget will host this year's non-denominational, community wide event. We would like to invite you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We also deliver to River Falls addresses for those unable to attend. Free or free-will offering accepted. Delivery request forms available at in the church office or by calling Esther 715-425-6282. Volunteers are needed for set-up, kitchen, serving, delivery, and clean up. Sign up online through our website or click [HERE](#). Need help call Esther 715-425-6282. All are welcome!

Holiday Happenings Craft Show

The annual Holiday Happenings Craft show will be December 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We have over 70 vendors selling hand crafted items. This year we will have door prizes every hour. Lunch is also being served by our 8th grade families to help fund graduation events. We hope that you all can come and do some early Christmas shopping. This is a parish-wide fundraiser.

Right now we are looking for a handful of people to help with the event, mainly to work at an admissions table. It is a very easy job. Sign-up sheet will be at the Information Desk.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Shopko and Family Fresh will be starting Friday, November 24th thru Saturday, December 23rd.

Sign up for two hour shifts in the Parish Hall or contact Deanna at pcsakettlecoordinator@gmail.com or 612-987-9584 for available times You are welcome to ring any day of the week except Sundays. Please notify Deanna by email or phone if you will be ringing times that are not listed on the signup. We are asking this year to have an adult chaperone so our youth are not ringing alone. Make it an annual event for your family, friends or organizations. The more the merrier!

Thank you for your generous gift of time! Happy Holidays and God Bless!

Christmas Giving Tree Program

The Ecumenical Giving Tree Program is back but with a new name: *Angels on Earth Giving Tree Program*. It has been renamed to honor Rita Mountain, who was the heart and soul of this program for the past 17 years. Rita passed away last January after her fierce battle with cancer. Through her journey she would often refer to people that have helped, supported and loved her as her *Angels on Earth*. We renamed the Program in memory of Rita and to honor her dedication to this program

Help local families this Christmas by taking an ornament from the tree, shop and bring the gift back, unwrapped, with ornament attached to St. Bridget by **Sunday Dec. 10th**. Scrip cards are a quick and easy way to help also. Cash and checks are always welcome to help purchase fuel and grocery cards.

Questions? See Terry and Tammy at the tree in the entryway or call the church office.

AREA EVENTS

Job Fair

Open to anyone, no registration required, just show up. WITC at 1019 S Knowles Ave., New Richmond, WI. Date: Tuesday November 26; noon until 3PM. Bring multiple copies of your resume.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

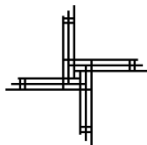
You are invited to attend the River Falls Area Hospital Auxiliary's annual "HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE" on Thursday, November 30th and Friday, December 1st from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturday, December 2nd from 7:00 to 12:00 pm. There will be unique holiday gifts and decorations for all seasons. Refreshments will be served. YOU WILL RECEIVE 25% OFF ANY ONE ITEM at the Holiday Boutique by bringing in a copy of your church bulletin with this announcement, or by showing the bulletin from your smart phone. This discount expires on December 30, 2017. We guarantee an enjoyable shopping experience!

Christmas Spanish Mass

A Spanish Mass for Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Hammond. Following Mass, a customary celebration will be held in the Church basement. Please welcome Fr. Jim Brinkman to St. Bridget on Saturday, December 16 at the 5 p.m. Mass.

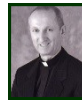
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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