

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CHURCH

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

[One day Jesus healed a blind person. When some Pharisees closed their eyes to the healing and its meaning, Jesus said to them,] "I came ...so that the blind should see and those who see should become blind."
John 9:39

Astronaut Ed Aldrin was involved in the first moon landing. He said that he hoped its technical success would not blind us to its deeper meaning. His point was this: Seen from the moon, our earth appears as a tiny spaceship. That perspective of earth, says Aldrin, highlights — for those with eyes to see — that we are one family under God and should start living that way.

What tends to keep me from seeing that we are all one family under God? How might I keep myself from being "blinded" by this difficulty?

(VISION, Praying the Scripture in a Contemporary Way, Mark Link, S.J.)

Communion for the Common Cup

We will return to offering the option of Communion from the Common Cup on the weekend of March 17 and 18 at St. Mary's and St. Bridget. The flu has subsided enough to permit this again. As always, if you are not feeling well, please avoid the communion cup. Fr. Harris

Memorials for 2018 Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one, place your donation in an envelope labeled "Easter Flowers". Be sure to clearly print your name, phone number and the person(s) to be remembered with the memorial. You can also make a donation at the information desk after Mass or stop in the office during the week. Memorials are due to the church office by March 23 to be sure they will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Individual Confessions

Tuesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.
Friday, March 23, 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.
Tuesday, March 27, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

DAILY WORD

Mon., 3/12	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tues., 3/13	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed., 3/14	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs., 3/15	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri., 3/16	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat., 3/17	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun., 3/18	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Monday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	5:15 p.m.

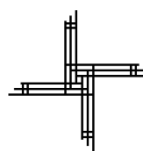
Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website

Reconciliation

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

REST IN PEACE

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

Kelli Schmidt

Goddaughter of Fr. Harris

Rita Montgomery

Aunt of Tim Montgomery

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.

Mandi Allers	Barb Ickler
Jayson Andrea	Dawn Huberty
Laura Bowman	Noah Keck
Robert Butler	Frances Meyer
Gary Cater	Michael Ogden
Gerald Cernohous	Rose Marie Ogden
Erica Glover	Steve Paulick
Dorian Hintz	Gwen Paulson
Ann Holland	Dorothy Slivicki
Delores Herum	Izabella Thompson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

MARCH 4, 2018

Adult Contributions	\$15,015.20
Loose Collection	\$668.71
Debt Retirement	\$4,470.00
SCRIP (63 Orders)	\$687.56
Emergency Fund	\$250.00
Black & Indian Mission Collection	\$45.00
Rice Bowl	\$45.00
Donuts	\$390.40

Monthly Financial Report - January/February

Budgeted Jan/Feb collection (adult envelopes) .	\$153,848
Actual Jan/Feb collection/ACH received	\$181,108
Monthly Difference	\$27,260

Budgeted Year to Date (adult envelopes)	\$673,085
Actual Year to Date collection/ACH received	\$640,877
Year to Date difference (7/1/17 – 02/28/18)	-\$32,208

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00 a.m. The Gathering
- 4:30 p.m. Individual Confession
- 5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: Ron Pechacek by a friend of the Family
- 8:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
- 3:15 p.m. Grade 6-8 Faith Formation
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 15

- 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Comforts of Home - Assisted Living
- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: St. Bridget Church
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 16

- 7:30 a.m. Individual Confession
- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family by Pat Wiskerchen
- 2:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: Marion Elliott by Mary Kliszcz

Sunday, March 18

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Joanne Schultz by East and Carmel O'Shima
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget & St. Mary's

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 March 10 is in loving memory of Pat Stafford by family and friends.

I Have Come Not to Be Served But to Serve

We hear Jesus teach this to his disciples in the Gospels. Each one of us is called to be like Jesus and to serve others. What better way to do so than to serve your fellow parishioners who are on this faith journey with you! We are in great need of help in ALL of our liturgical and music ministries. We have great ministers already, but they and Father need more help to continue our Masses and Services at St. Bridget. We all have gifts to share, and with the proper training and mentorship, can use them for the greater good of our parish. Pick up a brochure that explains each ministry at the information desk or check out our [website](#) for a complete list on our "Opportunities to Serve" page. Contact Barrett bgrove@stbparish.com or call the church office for more information. Please consider helping us.

Think Spring!

The next Gathering will be Tuesday, March 13. The speaker will be Diane Alfuth, UW-Extension Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener. She will present *Preparing for the Growing Season*. Register at the information desk or call the office at 715-425-1870.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Parish Council Nominees Needed

We have 5 great candidates so far but we need 5 additional candidates for the parish council election in April. Per Diocesan policy, a parish must have twice the number of candidates for positions to be filled. If interested in being part of the consultative body of the church and providing support for Father Harris, please contact [Sue Steckbauer](#).

Amazon Smile - An Easy Way to Support St. Bridget

From **March 12-31**, Amazon is **tripling** the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0900508 and Amazon will donate to St. Bridget. And then continue to shop at [Amazon Smile](#) for continued donations. Be sure to select St. Bridget's Congregation as your charitable organization! Your shopping cart, wish list, and other account settings will remain the same. And yes... you can use scrip cards with AmazonSmile!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mary – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

This is an invitation to consider an 8 week Bible Study looking at the life of the Blessed Mother. We look to begin this study the week of April 9th as we acknowledge the Annunciation of the Lord. This study reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. The 8 sessions consist of a video presentation, small group discussion and does encourage some home preparation on your own. Currently, the study will be offered either Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. or Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Please email spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com with your preference by Monday, March 12 or sign up at the information desk.

Committee Members Needed!

As an attempt to enhance the ongoing process of spiritual growth, we are seeking 3 to 4 people interested in coming together to brainstorm and promote ideas and ways in which to enliven the spiritual growth and formation for adult and young adult members of our parish family. This group would meet monthly to help to choose content, times in which to gather, and to help shape the options of spiritual growth opportunities presented for our parish. This committee would work with the Parish Pastoral Council guidance to assure consistency with our Parish mission statement and strategic plan. If this piques your interest, please contact Jodie Rubenzer at 715-307-2524 or spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Education Committee

Our Education Committee will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Before/After Care Room. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.



End of Third Quarter

Our third quarter ends Friday, March 23. Report cards will be sent home after Spring Break.

AROUND THE AREA

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St. Mary's in Hammond beginning Wednesday, May 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday for five weeks with final class on Wednesday, May 30. For more information or to register for the study, call Jeena Norenberg at 715-796-2241 or via email: JeenaNorenberg@smicparish.org. Please register by April 15.

Household Supplies for Nicaragua

The Catholic Church of the Assumption in Ocotol is constructing a shelter much like our Ronald McDonald houses. They are in need of many household items to furnish the shelter. A tote will be placed under the stairs (by the Food Shelf collection) for donations. Please have items returned by March 15. Any questions, contact Tony Jilek at 715-220-7527 or ajilek@comcast.net. These are a few of the items needed: single bed sheets, pillows, bath towels, wash cloths, pots, pans, plates and cups. You can find a complete list on the tote located under the stairs.

American Legion



701 N Main St., River Falls

Blood Drive



Thursday, March 15, 2018

1:00 – 7:00

Friday, March 16, 2018

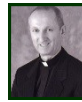
8:30 – 2:30



Appointments: Call Judy at 715-425-7500
or through the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross
or redcrossblood.org

PARISH STAFF

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