

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

[When Lazarus died, Jesus told his sister Martha,] "Your brother will rise to life." [Then Jesus added,] "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:23,25

Father Walter Cizek spent 23 years in Russian prisons and work camps. Eventually he was released and returned home to America. His book *He Leadeth Me* describes the deep faith in eternal life that burns brightly in the hearts of Russia's ordinary people. All the decades of atheistic propaganda by the media have not altered this faith.

What convinces me from living more in accord with my belief?

If the seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful roses, what might the heart of man become in its long journey to the stars. Gilbert K Chesterton

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

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

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., 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tues., 3/20	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed., 3/21	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs., 3/22	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri., 3/23	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat., 3/24	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun., 3/25	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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.

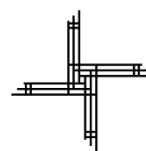
Holy Day Masses

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:

Helen Forest
Aunt of Robb & Kathy Scott

Art Manchester
Father of Geri McKinney

Edith Hinkel
Mother of Sharon (Ray) King

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 Wagner at 715-684-2336.

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

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

MARCH 11, 2018

Adult Contributions	\$11,431.00
Loose Collection	\$734.28
Debt Retirement	\$1,143.00
SCRIP (67 Orders)	\$666.71
Emergency Fund.....	\$200.00
The Catholic Herald.....	\$60.00
Donuts	\$467.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 19

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: St. Bridget Church
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee

Tuesday, March 20

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Supper
- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: St. Bridget Church
- 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace
- 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Education and Action Group

Wednesday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Rita Montgomery by Tim Montgomery
- 1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Home
+Int: Delbert Johnson by family and friends
- 3:15 p.m. Faith Formation Class
- 3:45 p.m. Faith Formation Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Stations of the Cross
- 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 22

- 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Wellhaven
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Friday, March 23

- 7:30 a.m. Individual Confession
- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Nancy Muller by Dave and Doris Trebus
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: Rita Mountain by family and friends

Sunday, March 25

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Barb Pechacek Meier and Arnie Pechacek by Delores and Family
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Mike Huppert by Jim and Arlene Schmits

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 17 is in loving memory of Marion Elliott by the Bob Dusek Family .

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace

Join us on Tuesday, March 20 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.

Holy Thursday Washing of Feet

Women, men, children, singles, families as a group, young, elderly are all invited to be part of the ritual of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. This ritual reenacts what Jesus and the Apostles did at the Last Supper. Warm water is poured over your feet and feet are dried with a clean towel for each. Sign-up at the Information Desk or on our website (under the Holy Week Ministry Sign Up). For information, contact the office.

Holy Week Ministry Help Needed

There are many Masses and Services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Current ministers are encouraged to sign-up on our [website](#) or in the Ushers Room or Sacristy for the following ministries: Greeters, Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you!

The Gathering

Reconciliation will be offered on March 27. Confessions to begin at 11:00 a.m. Immediately after your Confession you may go to the Fellowship Hall for a meal of soup and bread. Register at the Information Desk.

Breath of God - Living a Life Led by the Holy Spirit

A study with videos, group discussion and home preparation about the Holy Spirit and how our lives can be lived as Jesus wanted us to with His Holy Spirit's help. The study will be 6 sessions beginning on Tuesday April 10th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a Wednesday morning session after the school mass. The book that will supplement the videos is *Breath of God* by Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.D. It can be purchased at Amazon, Target, Barnes & Noble and other places. Sign up at Information Desk.

New Liturgical and Music Ministers Needed

We are in great need of help in ALL of our liturgical and music ministries. Most of the ministries take very little extra time than the time you spend here during Mass. 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. Training is provided for each ministry. Contact Barrett bgrove@stbparish.com or call the church office for more information or to sign up. Please consider helping us.

Lift Chair Wanted

A woman is in need of a lift chair to borrow for an upcoming surgery. If you have one please contact Fr. Harris at the church office. 715-425-1870 ext 103 Thanks.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Gala 2018 Results

Thank you to each person who helped to make our Gala a success! The generosity of our school and parish families, as well as area businesses is humbling, and we are deeply grateful.

Our total net proceeds were \$104,031.02. \$40,000 of this amount goes into the 2017-18 budget, \$5,000 was deposited into our Endowment Fund, and the remaining amount of \$59,000 will be used for our pledge projects: technology, curriculum, building upkeep, classroom needs, and staff development.

Save the Date - Spring Musical Mulan

Our Spring Musical, Mulan, will be presented Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in our school gym. You won't want to miss this production! Students have been working hard alongside Mrs. Starla Dixen and Mr. Michael Leary, co-directors, to prepare for their performances. Save the date and plan to join us for an evening of entertainment!

End of Quarter

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

Spring Break

The school offices will be closed for Spring Break March 26-30 and on Easter Monday, April 2.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mary – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Currently there are 5 people who have signed up for the 8 week Bible Study; Mary – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother.

This study will begin 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, Wednesdays are the preferred date. If you would still like to participate in this study please contact Jodie with your preferred times; 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 26 or sign up at the Information Desk.

Committee Members Needed!

How do you like to grow in your faith; in your relationship with God? There are many ways in which people seek to grow and share. Perhaps it's through group studies, prayer experiences, meditation, centering, contemplative prayer, one on one spiritual direction or retreat opportunities. If you have a suggestion or would like to help to discover more opportunities for Spiritual Growth you are invited to be part of the Spiritual Growth Committee. This committee would gather on a monthly basis to discuss and implement ways in which to enliven the spirituality of our parish community. Please contact Jodie Rubenzer at spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com if you are interested.

RCIA Update

At this year's Easter Vigil 8 candidates and 1 Catechumen will be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. These people have participated in weekly study and prayer since September, a day-long retreat and one on one sharing, as well as individual time spent in prayer and immersion into the community faith sharing here in the parish. Please continue to pray for these



candidates and sponsors, and we invite you to join us at the Easter Vigil to witness and welcome them into this wonderful parish community.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Catholic Herald Subscriptions

As a reminder, payment for Catholic Herald subscriptions are included with your regular contribution envelopes and dated March 25. If you do not have an envelope, you can send payment to the church office with a memo listing *Catholic Herald*. Please note: St. Bridget is charged for every parishioner who receives the Catholic Herald which amounts to approximately \$10,000. Please send payment as able so that the parish is not responsible for unpaid subscriptions. If you are receiving this paper and do not wish to continue, please let us know and we can remove you from the mailing list. The Catholic Herald is also available online.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars! Our third annual cemetery cleanup date has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14 (assuming the snow is gone) from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Our goal will be to rake up leaves and pine cones, pick up trash, trim, remove excess grass around flat stones/markers and anything else needed to make our cemetery look beautiful and ready for spring/summer. This is a great opportunity for individuals and families to join together for our parish community.

World Concern Collection

Bishop Powers has asked all Christ's faithful of the Diocese of Superior to respond generously to the annual World Concern collection to provide critical relief services wherever it is needed around the world. Your generosity helps support these five specific initiatives:

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports a wide range of essential and pastoral projects that support the rapidly growing Church in the region.

The Collection for the Holy Father (Peters Pence) enables the Pope to respond to the appeals for vital assistance that come directly to him.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection extends the generosity of Americans to the poor and to victims of disaster across the world.

The Church in Latin America brings assistance to the Church on a continent troubled by poverty, injustice and economic political turmoil.

The Collection to Aid the Catholic Church Eastern Europe helps the Church in its efforts to rebuild its parishes, schools, seminaries, and teach laity through religious education.

Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience. Please note: we are being good stewards and using up envelopes we had in storage so the categories may not match exactly. If your preference for your donation is not listed on the envelope, please write it in.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Back by popular demand!

Summer Stretch is an ongoing middle school service program that meets on Wednesdays during the summer starting June 20 through August 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The day begins with large group activities and praise and worship. Then groups made up of 6-8 student participants, 2 high school teen leaders, and adult volunteers travel (by car with parent drivers) to do a morning service project.

All groups return to Church by noon for lunch and "unpack" their service experience. The afternoon is then spent at various recreational sites: waterparks, bowling, Grand-Slam and Valley Fair. Groups return to St Bridget to end each day with large group activities, closing praise and worship. Pick up is at 4:30 p.m.

SUMMER STRETCH PARTICIPANTS = Students who have finished 5th through 9th grade in the spring of 2018. Participant Cost: \$125 fee by May 13, - after May 13, \$140 fee.

SUMMER STRETCH TEEN LEADERS = Students who have completed 9th-12th grade AND College students. Teen Leader Cost: \$50 fee. This covers afternoon activities, t-shirt, and Valley Fair. Join us this summer and we will help you "stretch" and grow by experiencing the "Grace of Giving"—in the service of others — all while, making great new friendships and expanding old ones. Additional information and registration forms can be found at our Information Desk and on our Parish [website](#). Contact Amy Burns, Youth Minister, with any questions at hleader@stbparish.com.



Don't Forget!

Friendly reminder to fill your mini M&M capsules with quarters, cash or checks before bringing them back to church.




Please return them to the marked bins in the Fellowship Hall or to the parish office during the week. We appreciate your support of our High School Youth Group Mission Trip this summer to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Hold in Prayer


Please keep our high school teens in your prayers this weekend as they will be participating in the "Leap of Faith" retreat at Camp Icaghowan in Amery, Wi.

SAVE THE DATE!

"The situation
isn't hopeless,
and we
are not helpless."



Communities of faith partnering
for a sustainable future.



with meteorologist **Paul Douglas**
Tuesday, April 10th
7:30-8:30pm
River Falls United Methodist Church
127 S. Second St., River Falls, WI

Free childcare provided
Free Admission
Refreshments to follow

Presented by:
HOPE for CREATION Partners:
Ezekiel Lutheran Church
First Congregational United Church of Christ
River Falls United Methodist Church
Saint Bridget's Catholic Church
Servant of the Shepherd

AROUND THE AREA

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. You are encouraged to wait at least one month, before attending a group. Sessions are free.

The group meets Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Bridget Church. The next session dates are April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2018.

To register, rsvp by call or text to Julia at 715-781-4003 or email at: julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com. Visit www.bakken-young.com or join us on www.facebook.com/bakkenyoung for other grief support resources.

Pancake Breakfast

Support the River Falls Optimist Club on Sunday, March 25. Breakfast will be served at the Moose Lodge from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$7, Kids 6-10/Seniors \$6, Kids 5 and under - free. Easter fun for kids while supplies last!

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.

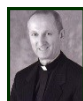
Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St. Mary's in Hammond beginning Wednesday, May 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday for five weeks with final class on Wednesday, May 30. For more information or to register call Jeena Norenberg at 715-796-2241 or via email: JeenaNorenerg@smicparish.org.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

Essay Contest - 2018 TEENS FOR LIFE

Contestant must be between 13 and 19 years old and a resident of Wisconsin. Choose a pro-life issue that you care about (abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, stem cells/cloning, assisted suicide, etc.) and write a persuasive argument. Include a paragraph stating what you have done or would like to do to promote the value of human life. Essay must be 300-600 words, typed and double-spaced. Research/sources must be cited. A cover page with your full name, age, school, home address, email address, and phone number is required. You may include graphics, but they are not necessary. 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$100, 3rd Place: \$50. Entry Deadline: March 28, 2018. For more info, visit wrtl.org/essay-contest/ or call Joleigh at 715-378-4302.

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