

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

[A woman was drawing water at a well outside of a town. Jesus confronted her about her sins. She was so moved by what he said that she] went back to the town and said to the people there, "Come see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?" So they left the town and went to see Jesus. John 4:28-30

A 1980s study showed that an average of 600 Catholics per parish were inactive in their faith. It also showed that most Catholics who return after being active did so because someone invited them back. Lastly, the study showed that the best recruiters of inactive Church members were those who had once been inactive themselves. In other words, they were people like the woman in today's reading.

Who is one person I know to be inactive and whom I might invite back? How?

If at first you don't succeed, you are running about average. M.H. Alderson (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

### Do You Want to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

I will be offering another class for those adults who have not yet been Confirmed in the Catholic Church. The three sacraments for full initiation into the Catholic faith are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This class will take place on Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at St. Bridget Church, River Falls. These candidates will be confirmed by Bishop James Powers on Sunday, May 6, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bridget in River Falls OR Sunday, May 6 at the 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond Please contact Fr. Harris for more information at 715-425-1870 ext. 103 or at [pastor@stbparish.com](mailto:pastor@stbparish.com).

### 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., 3/5	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tues., 3/6	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Wed., 3/7	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs., 3/8	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri., 3/9	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat., 3/10	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun., 3/11	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## 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.

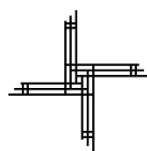
### Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website

### Reconciliation

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

## 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:

**Rita Marty**

Sister of Karen Rickard

## 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	Noah Keck
Laura Bowman	Frances Meyer
Robert Butler	Michael Ogden
Gary Cater	Rose Marie Ogden
Gerald Cernohous	Steve Paulick
Erica Glover	Gwen Paulson
Dorian Hintz	Kelli Schmidt
Ann Holland	Dorothy Slivicki
Delores Herum	Izabella Thompson
Dawn Huberty	

## TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Adult Contributions .....	\$10,902.00
Loose Collection.....	\$617.91
Debt Retirement .....	\$611.00
SCRIP (53 Orders) .....	\$617.60
Emergency Fund .....	\$250.00
Black & Indian Mission Collection .....	\$787.00
Donuts (two weekends) .....	\$845.00

### Volunteer Drivers Needed

Two men living just south of River Falls are in need a ride to mass on weekends. It can be either Saturday night or Sunday masses. They are completely ambulatory and need very little assistance. Please contact Deacon Gregg at [visitation@stbparish.com](mailto:visitation@stbparish.com) or leave a voice mail at 715-425-1879 Ext110.

### Saturday Night Radio Sponsors

We are in desperate need of sponsors for our Saturday night radio Masses. Please contact the office at 715-425-1870 or [recept@stbparish.com](mailto:recept@stbparish.com) if you are interested. Cost for each Mass is \$75 which covers the Mass stipend and the radio expenses.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, March 5

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

### Tuesday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:30 a.m. Martha Quilter Group
- 5:15 p.m. Mass  
*+Int: Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer  
by the Family*

### Wednesday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Joshua and Mary Kurer by the family*
- 1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts of Home - Falls  
*+Int: Dorothy Baschnagel by Brian and  
Judy Baschnagel*
- 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 8

- 9:00 a.m. Marta Quilter Group
- 3:30 p.m. First Communion Learning Centers
- 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 9

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Mary Geifer by the Family*
- 9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group
- 2:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 10

- 7:30 a.m. Catholic Watchmen
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass  
*+Int: Pat Stafford by Family and Friends*

### Sunday, March 11

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Samantha Trebus by Grandparents  
Dave and Doris Trebus and Family*
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass  
*Int: Churches of St. Bridget & St. Mary's*
- 1:00 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. Mary's in Hammond
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

## 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 3 is in loving memory of John Huppert by John and Becky Huppert and family.

### The Martha Group Quilters

The Martha Group (quilters) will meet on Tuesday, March 6 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Come any time and, if you like, bring a sack lunch. We meet in Lubich Hall. You need not be a member of St. Bridget to participate.

### 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, check out our [website](#) for a complete list on our "Opportunities to Serve" page and contact Barrett by calling the office or by emailing [bgrove@stbparish.com](mailto:bgrove@stbparish.com), 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

### First Communion Learning Centers

Sunday, March 4 (1:00-4:00 ) or  
Thursday, March 8 (3:30-6:30)

Parents and children are invited to work together to complete various activities that reinforce the key concepts of the sacrament of Eucharist. You are welcome to work at your own pace, but please plan to spend at least an hour so that your child does not feel hurried. Please attend one of the Learning Center sessions.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### Committee Members Sought!

"We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road, we are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load". This verse is shared from the song The Servant Song. Our faith journeys continue; they change as we change. We may reach destinations, which become resting points, but we re-focus and move on again. As an attempt to enhance the ongoing process of this continued journey, 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 help to choose content, times in which to gather, and help to shape the options of spiritual growth opportunities presented for our parish. This committee would work with the Parish Pastoral Council 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](mailto:spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com).

### Bible Study Invitation

This is an invitation to consider an 8 week Bible Study entitled: *Mary A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. We look to begin this study the week of April 9 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 I am looking to offer this study either Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 or Thursday Mornings from 10:00 to 11:15. Please email [spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com](mailto:spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com) with your preference by Monday, March 12.

## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

### Yearbook Orders

We are currently taking orders for the 2017-18 school yearbook. The order deadline is Friday, March 16.



Fairtrade coffee and other items will be available next weekend after Masses in the Garden View Room.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### High School Weekend Retreat In March

There's still room for the high school retreat in March. Make a "Leap of Faith" and join us for the retreat at Camp Icahowan starting Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18, 2018. Mark your calendars and **ASK OFF FROM WORK NOW** so that you'll be able to make this time to unplug, laugh with friends, share in your faith, challenge yourself, and to have fun! More information and registration forms can be found on the parish [website](#).

## 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](mailto:JeenaNorenberg@smicparish.org). Please register by April 15.

### Pancake Brunch

There is a pancake brunch to benefit the St. Croix Valley Collectors Association from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at the River Falls Moose Lodge. Cost: \$9; Youth 5 & under free. Presale tickets are available. Contact Ron DeCoux at (715) 425-1041 or Pete Lubich (715) 821-7800 to purchase.

### Household Supplies for Nicaragua

The Catholic Church of the Assumption in Ocotal 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](mailto: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.

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