

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This weekend is the Feast of the Ascension. Churches celebrate that Jesus returned to the Father in heaven.

[Jesus prayed for his disciples, saying] "While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of the name you gave me... And now I am coming to you and I ...ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One." John 17:12-13, 15

Praying is like plugging a lamp cord into an electrical outlet. Plugging the cord into the outlet does not create the electrical power. It simply makes contact with it. It enables electrical power to flow from the outlet, through the cord, into the lamp. It is the same with praying. Praying does not create divine power. It simply makes contact with it. It enables divine power to flow from God, through us, into the lives of other people.

Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spring of God. Edwin Keith [Mission 2000 Mark Link, S.J.]

Mother's Day

This weekend is Mother's Day. It is a greeting card holiday, but an important time to remember and honor the role of all women who bring life, guide, and lead families and society. God bless your leadership and wisdom.

Confirmation Thanks!

A big thanks to all those who worked so hard for the celebration of Confirmation by Bishop Powers last Sunday. We appreciate the various ministries at Mass, dancers, our Confirmation leaders, sponsors and those who were Confirmed. God bless you all.

Fulfilling the Dream - Retiring the Debt

As I have previously mentioned and with the insert in last week's bulletin, the finance council and I would like to pay off the remaining debt from the church addition of \$295,000 before the end of June. Yes, that's an ambitious goal, but being free from the monthly mortgage and interest payments means we can use those contributions for other areas of ministry and continue to plan for the future of our parish. We are asking for a **one time tithe** over and above your regular contribution. We can do this! I will speak in depth about this goal this weekend. Envelopes will be available or you can make your contribution on our [website](#). God bless you.

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

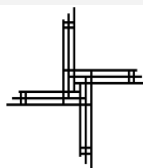
Reconciliation

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

Church Office Hours

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

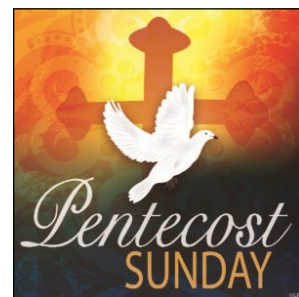
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



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.

Feast of Pentecost - Wear Red!

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost. The color of the day is RED! This is the time when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and those gathered. The church is born. Please wear red next Sunday to the Masses. Red Sports attire is acceptable.



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.

Carmen Anderson	Barb Ickler
Jayson Andrea	Noah Keck
Laura Bowman	Randy Koller
Tom Bowman	Jack Linehan
Robert Butler	Frances Meyer
Jerry Buscher	Kaye McFarland
Gary Cater	Steve Paulick
Gerald Cernohous	Gwen Paulson
Erica Glover	Dorothy Slivicki
Dorian Hintz	Mike Sutton
Ann Holland	Izabella Thompson
Dawn Huberty	

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

MAY 6, 2018

Adult Contributions	\$12,530.43
Loose Collection.....	\$1,205.30
Debt Retirement	\$2,195.00
SCRIP (72 Orders).....	\$906.10
Catholic Home Mission	\$355.00

Tithing Notice

May tithing grants were awarded as follows: \$1,000 to Our Neighbor's Place and \$1,500 to the Priest Emergency Fund.

Each month our parish gives 2% of the adult offerings to further the mission of the Catholic Church. These funds are directed toward charitable and social justice causes: to meet direct human needs, to safeguard human dignity, and to help transform society by reducing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Tithes, which are granted to non-profit organizations working to address these areas of need, may be requested by on their behalf by anyone. Tithing applications are available in the parish office and on the parish website. Applications should be submitted to the Social Justice Committee for review and decision-making.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DAILY WORD

Monday, May 14 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Clarence, Florence, Barb, John, Linda, and Joseph Peter Dusek by the family
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
 6:00 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 - Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Meal
 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. Breath of God Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Education and Action Meeting

Wednesday, May 16 - Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Pat Stafford by Family and Friends
- 9:30 a.m. Breath of God Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Home
+Int: Joshua and Mary Kurer by the family
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Trip Mixer
 6:30 p.m. Mary - A Biblical Study
 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, May 17 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

- 10:00 a.m. Mary - A Biblical Study
 10:45 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 Comforts of Home Assisted Living Unit
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 St. Bridget Church

Friday, May 18 - Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Cletus Koller by the Family

Saturday, May 19 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: John Huppert by family and friends
- 6:00 p.m. Book Fair in Garden View Room

Pentecost Sunday, May 20 - Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
 9:30 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
- 10:30 a.m. Book Fair in Garden View Room
 11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Lorraine Gavin by Michelle Huppert and Gary Standaert
- 12:00 p.m. Book Fair in Garden View Room
 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 May 12th is in honor of the living and deceased members of the Steve and Carmen Huppert family.

St. Bridget Softball

Join us for another great year of St. Bridget softball!! Games are Monday nights and spots are available for anyone 14 years or older. Call or text Joe at 715-808-4207 for more information or to sign up.

Mother's Day Roses

Honor your mother or other loved one with a rose on Mother's Day. Roses will be available after Masses on May 12 and 13 and will cost \$5 each. Proceeds from the sale goes to support Pro-Life activities in Pierce County.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Saturday, July 21, 2018, at Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior. The 11:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Powers will be followed by a catered luncheon. Those couples who are celebrating anniversaries ending in a 0 or 5 are included in this event, but other years will be considered. Call the parish office at 715-392-8511 by Monday, June 4, 2018 to sign up. Those who contact the parish office will receive an invitation from the Diocese around the end of June.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace

Join us on Tuesday, May 15 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.

Rosary Help Wanted

A few prayerful souls are needed to assist leading the Rosary and/or read Sunday scripture at our local nursing homes and care centers. Leading the Rosary is flexible for day and time. Sunday scripture reading should be at/or after 9:00 a.m. We are looking for a total of 6 volunteers. Prayerfully consider this ministry and contact the office if you are interested at recept@stbparish.com or call 715-425-1870.

FAITH FORMATION

Graduation Mass and Baccalaureate

All graduating seniors and their families are invited to the Graduation Mass at St. Bridget Church on May 20, at 11:00 a.m. Also, mark your calendars for the Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the RFHS Auditorium. This is an ecumenical prayer service for all River Falls graduating seniors, and will include student led music, prayers, Scripture Readings, a speaker, a blessing by the pastors of River Falls churches, and cake! Contact Tessa at TeenFF@stbparish.com or 715-425-1879 x106, if you have any questions.

Love Banks

Great job, First Communion families, you raised \$1,002.36 in your Love Banks! This money will be distributed to the top 3 charities that you all chose via the online survey:

- Poor/foodshelf (River Falls Food Pantry)
- Cancer research/treatment (St. Jude's Cancer Research / Children's Hospital)
- Homeless (Our Neighbor's Place)

Thank you for being God's hands and feet and helping the needy! God Bless You!

Garage Sale...Save the Date!

St. Bridget Garage Sale will take place June 21-23. As you do your spring cleaning keep us in mind! We welcome donations of clothes, books, bikes, toys, household items, and furniture such as dressers, chairs, couches, etc. We cannot accept mattresses, large appliances, computers, cribs, infant car seats, or exercise equipment. If you have questions, call Tessa in the parish office. Donations can be dropped off at the school gym after Masses the weekend of June 16-17, as well as June 18-19, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at the Garage Sale by clicking [HERE](#) or on the paper sign-up sheet at the information desk.



The image shows a graphic for a garage sale. It features a central white sign with the text "ST. BRIDGET GARAGE SALE" in large, bold, black letters. Below the main text, it says "135 E. Division St. River Falls, WI". The sign is surrounded by various household items like a couch, chair, table, and kitchenware. At the bottom, there is a black banner with white text listing the dates and times: "Thursday, June 21: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.", "Friday, June 22: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.", and "Saturday, June 23: 8:00 a.m. - Noon".

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

3M Science Wizards

Our middle school students will have a visit from the 3M Science Wizards Monday, May 14 to learn more about "The Science of Clean". Nathan Nelson, employee of 3M and St. Bridget school parent, will make the presentation. Next year we hope to extend this program to each of our grades.

No School

There is no school Friday, May 18 due to a teacher in -service.

School Book Fair

You are invited to shop at our annual book fair following all weekend Masses May 19-20. Books will be available for purchase in the Garden View Room. Students will have the opportunity to shop during school hours and families after school May 16 -17.

YOUTH MINISTRY

It's Not Too Late to Register for Summer Stretch!

Register by this weekend before the registration fee increases! Participant cost is \$125 by May 13. After May 13 it increases to \$140. Teen leader cost is \$50 by May 13. After May 13 it increases to \$75. Participants are students who have completed 5TH - 9TH grade in the spring of 2018. Teen leaders are students who have completed 9th -12th grade in the spring of 2018. Friends are always welcome but they must also be registered! Parent meetings can be set up by contacting Amy Burns, Youth Minister at youthminister@stbparish.com. Registration will close on Monday, May 21. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this awesome service program!

AROUND THE AREA

Our Neighbors' Day

We invite you to stop by Our Neighbors' Place (122 West Johnson Street) on Friday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. for Our Neighbors' Day Open House. Tours of the Day Center and Clothing Closet will be given all day along with:

- Freewill donation yard sale
- Free picnic-style meal (4:00 - 600 p.m.)
- Blender bike smoothies (10:00 a.m. - noon)
- Food Shopping Basics and Food Demo with Samples (noon - 2:00 p.m.)
- Casual family portraits (2:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US!