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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

This weekend's bulletin covers two weekends: May 28 for the Feast of Ascension and June 4 the Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Ascension is where Jesus returns to heaven. Jesus's work was now complete. On the Feast of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and gave them the power to speak boldly about the gospel, heal people in Jesus' name and witness to the power of God. So what does that look like? A woman saw a little girl in the street playing with filthy trash. The child poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, "Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied, "I did something about it; I created you." That story invites me to ask myself; "How seriously do I take Jesus' command to transform our world into the kind of place God created it to be?" (VISION by Mark

Link) Jesus calls us to witness in anyway possible that is the story of the Ascension. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit changed the disciples' lives. The Cross and the Switchblade describes Rev. David Wilkerson's work with young derelicts in the New York City. One firsthand report from the book comes from a heroin user named Joe. He says; "The Holy Spirit is called the comforter, they told me. When I thought of comfort, I thought of a bottle of wine and a dozen goof balls. But these guys were talking about comfort from heaven where I could feel clean later. I got to wanting this.... I cried to God for help and that's when he [the Holy Spirit] came... I didn't want any more drugs. I loved everybody. For the first time in my life I felt clean." (VISION by Mark Link)

Memorial Day Mass

Family members, friends and neighbors are welcome to Mass on Memorial Day at St. Bridget Cemetery in River Falls at 8:00 a.m. weather permitting. Please bring your own chairs. If it rains Mass will be celebrated at St. Bridget Church. There will be military honors at 8:45 a.m. at the east end of the Cemetery.

Special Collection for Barron County Tornado Relief

We extend our prayers to those impacted by the recent severe weather in Barron County. We will be holding a special collection on June 4 to provide relief for our affected brothers and sisters in the Barron County area. Funds collected will be sent to the Parish Cluster of Barron, Cameron, Chetek and Strickland to be allocated for relief assistance.

DAILY WORD

Mon., 5/29	Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
Tue., 5/30	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Wed., 5/31	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Thu., 6/1	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Fri., 6/2	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Sat., 6/3	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Sun., 6/4	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Mon., 6/5	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Tue., 6/6	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
Wed., 6/7	Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Thu., 6/8	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
Fri., 6/9	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
Sat., 6/10	Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
Sun., 6/11	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

COME JOIN US!

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Weekday and Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website.

Reconciliation

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

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

Lucas Payne Schmitz
son of Natalie and Sammy Schmitz

Kaden Thomas O'Connell
son of Ashley and Kerry O'Connell

REST IN PEACE

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

Myra Krause

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

MAY 21, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$13,066.00
Loose Collection	\$670.47
Debt Retirement	\$761.00
SCRIP (75 orders)	\$749.39
Emergency Fund.....	\$1,250.00
Donuts	\$772.00

2017-2018 Budget Approved

St. Bridget finance and parish pastoral councils have approved the 2017-2018 budget with a net income of \$17,259. Having a positive budget is a great accomplishment and the St. Bridget Staff and finance council members Bob Butler, Scott Lindall, Joe Radlinger, Matt Russell and Tony Jenkins, should be recognized for their tremendous effort and dedication to the process.

PRAYER FOR TROOPS

LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS

IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.

PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.

BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES

FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM

FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.

AND GIVE US PEACE.

I ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS,

OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

AMEN.

Please remember in your prayers family members of Saint Bridget parishioners who are serving in the military, especially:

Mason Woiwode

MARINE CORPS

Specialist Taylor Rose

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Damage Control Fireman Surface

Warfare Claire Deja

NAVY

Ashley Akey

MARINES

Kyle Yeazle

MARINES

C2C Graden Gribble

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bridget Cemetery
+Int: *Deceased Members of the Merriman and Johnson Families by Max and Betty Merriman*

Tuesday, May 30

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

5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Rita Mountain by John and Shirley Hines*

Wednesday, May 31

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Mass
+Int: *Andrew Huppert by Dave and Diane Esterby*
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, June 1

1:30 p.m. Mass at Wellhaven
+Int: *Kristan Janse-Dinkel by the Family*

Friday, June 2

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Vernon Kelly by Knights of Columbus Council 4902*

Saturday, June 3

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Lois Kordosky by Renee Carufel, Ron, Tom, and Dan Weishaar*

Sunday, June 4

8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Rhoda Lubich by Jerry and Regina Yaritz*
11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*
1:00 p.m. Baptism Class
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Study Den

Monday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. - Noon Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 6

8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. - Noon Vacation Bible School
5:15 p.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick
+Int: *Clarence, Florence, Barb, Linda and Joseph Peter Dusek by the Family*

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 a.m. - Noon Vacation Bible School
1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts of Home: Falls
+Int: *Leo "Butch" Rohl by Rosemary Yunker and John Yunker Family*
1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Kinnic Health
6:30 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting

Thursday, June 8

9:00 a.m. - Noon Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 9

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Tom Kromer by Janet Kromer*
9:00 a.m. - Noon Vacation Bible School
9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group
3:00 p.m. Wedding: Schlee/Eklund

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Mass
Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*
11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Corrine Drost by children and grandchildren*
2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Hammond
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Study Den

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 27 is for the Living and Deceased Members of the Steve and Carmen Huppert Family by the Family. The Mass for June 3 is in loving memory of Lois Kordosky by Renee Carufel, Ron, Tom, and Dan Weishaar.

A graphic for a garage sale. It features a white sign with the text "ST. BRIDGET GARAGE SALE" in large, bold, black letters. Below the sign, it says "135 E. Division St. River Falls, WI". The sign is surrounded by various household items like a chair, a table, a lamp, a coffee maker, and a blender. The background is orange.

Thursday, June 15: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, June 16: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 17: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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 church office. Donations can be dropped off at the school gym after Masses the weekends of June 10/11 and June 12/13, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Garage Sale Volunteers Sign Up [HERE](#) or in the fellowship hall.

Lost and Found

Did you leave something behind in the church after coming to Mass or an activity? All items from our Lost and Found are in the Fellowship Hall. Items will be available for the next two weekends, May 27/28 and June 3/4 and then will be donated. Thank you!

Dedication of Memorial Garden

The dedication of the Memorial Garden (garden island in the north parking lot) will be held on Memorial Day, May 29 at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Gabrielle Pechacek and Taylor Rock, recipients of our Knights of Columbus, Council 4902 2017 Scholarships!

Gabrielle, daughter of Chris and Janice Pechacek, plans on attending UW-River Falls as an Art Education major, and would love to teach art to children. Taylor, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Rock, plans on attending UW-Madison for pre-med. Both were presented with \$500 awards at the St. Bridget Senior Graduation Mass, Sunday evening May 21.

Our KC Council 4902 would also like to recognize the 10 scholarship applicants who were not awarded this scholarship. They were all excellent candidates, making the final decision a very tough one. Congratulations to them as well.

Wedding Jubilee Celebration

The Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, July 8, 2017 at Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior. The 11:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Powers will be followed by a catered luncheon. The milestone years include, 65+ years, 65, 60, 50, 40, 25, 10 or 5 years of Marriage. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Rick and Barb Pechacek on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Rick and Barb were married on June 10, 1967. May God bless their family.

St. Bridget CCW Scholarship Winners

The CCW congratulates the winners of the 2017, \$500.00 Scholarships that were recently awarded. The High School senior winners are: Taylor Rock, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Rock and Mackenna Welke, daughter of Melissa and Dan Welke. The fifth grade winner is Jasmine Wilson, daughter of Tim and Julie Wilson. A huge "Thank You" to all applicants. All applications were exceptionally well written and deserve recognition. Congratulations!

Catholic Watchmen!

All men are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen meeting on Saturday, June 10 from 7- 8:30 a.m. The meeting includes breakfast, a video presentation and group discussion. We will begin the morning with prayer in the church and you will also have the opportunity for confession. For more information, contact Tony Jilek at 715-425-8923.



FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

St. Bridget Catholic Cemetery Guidelines

To better serve all families who have entrusted their beloved to our care, the parish pastoral council of St. Bridget Catholic Church has established the following guidelines:

- Decorating the grave with natural flowers is welcomed and preferred. All flowers must be placed in elevated urns in line with the headstones or attached to the monument. Glass/breakable containers are not acceptable.
- Any planting of flowers, plants, shrubs or trees on or near the grave site is not allowed.
- The concrete mowing edge around the base of the monument must remain clear of decorations/objects at all times.
- Free-standing chairs/benches and similar items are not permitted.
- Shepherd hooks must be securely placed in line with the headstone.
- Solar lights must be placed in line with the headstone in an elevated urn and not placed directly in the grass.
- Flowers placed at the time of an interment will be left a minimum of five days. Potted plants left from funerals will be discarded.
- All plants, flowers and decorations that are not maintained, detract from the appearance of the cemetery, or are deemed distasteful or unsafe will be removed by cemetery management.
- All decorations (including flowers, wreaths, stands, holders, etc.) are the responsibility of the family. Any fall/winter items remaining on March 15 will be removed and discarded for spring clean-up.
- St. Bridget Cemetery is not liable for any items which are lost, stolen, or damaged.

St. Bridget Cemetery Plots

As the cost of maintaining our parish cemetery has increased (regular maintenance as well as overall improvements) and the number of cremations has reduced the number of purchased plots, the parish pastoral council has voted to change the price of a plot at St. Bridget Cemetery to \$800. This price increase will take effect July 1, 2017. If you are interested in purchasing a plot at the current price, please contact Al O'Neill, cemetery sexton, at 715-808-1032 or alaneoneill@comcast.net, or the church office for more information.

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

Congratulations St. Bridget School 8th Graders

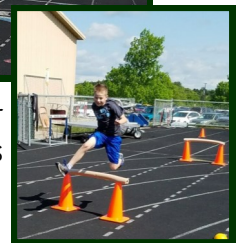
Congratulations to our St. Bridget School 8th grade graduates. May God Bless them as they move on to high school and beyond.



St. Bridget 8th Grade Graduates from Left to Right: Sophia Bastien, Luke Welke, Hayden Rock, Cameron McFarland, Isapela Pupungatoa, Abby Weiss, Brandon Nelson, Peter Wourinen

Track and Field Day

Track and Field Day was held on Monday, May 22 for all St. Bridget school students. It was a beautiful day for all the events! Thank you to our physical education teacher, Mrs. Kujak, for her prep work and the awesome events and THANKS to the parents for showing up to assist at the stations and cheer on your students! We couldn't do this without you!!



Spring Program

A big shout out to our school kids for an amazing musical program last week and to their awesome music teacher, Mrs. Fuller. It was GREAT!!

Last Day

The last day of school for St. Bridget students will be Thursday, June 1.

FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible School: June 5 - 9, 2017, 9 a.m. -12:00

Please pray that our upcoming VBS is both fun and fruitful! Our theme this year is: **Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose!** We'll learn that God made you; God is for you; God is always with you; God will always love you; and God made you for a reason.

Congratulations High School Graduates!

We have many area high schools in our cluster of parishes. Congratulations to all of our graduates. God bless you as you move forward in the world with faith.



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.

Jodi Bjellum	Dorian Hintz
Marguerite Brown	Ann Holland
Daniella Carrasco	Barb Ickler
Gerald Cernohous	Aubert "Bob" Miller
Jim Deiss	Rose Marie Ogden
Samantha Delapp	Gwen Paulson
Marlee Erlandson	Diane Rothamer
Erica Glover	Mike Sutton
David Hake	Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

AGAPE Outdoor Concert

Grab a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy AGAPE (Dave Scherer) as he performs at HOPE Lutheran Church (3337 Kingsbarn Ave., River Falls, WI) on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. AGAPE has inspired youth from Brooklyn to Bosnia with his relational ministry-hip hop outreach. For information, e-mail hopelutheran.rf@gmail.com.

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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.

