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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

This bulletin covers June 11, the feast of The Holy Trinity and June 18, The Body and Blood of Christ.

On this Feast of the Holy Trinity, John's Gospel Proclaims God's plan as infinitely loving: "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17) We believe that God is three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How that works I have no clue but it does. The closest analogy is this: A woman is a daughter to her mother, a mother to her daughter and a wife to her husband. It is the same woman but three different relationships. All I know is that for me I realize when I pray to this "Triune God" it works. I personally feel connected to God and when I take the time to pray and really listen and reflect on God, things happen in my life. I feel more at peace, there is direction in what I need to do next.

With the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, at the Last Supper Jesus gave us His Body and Blood (Bread and Wine) to feed us on our journey. When we come to Mass, we have to stop what we are doing (work, play, family, friends) and come to the Lord's table. We are fed in two ways: from the Liturgy of the Word (the Bible) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (The Body and Blood). Just as when we eat healthy food we become healthy. When we are open to hearing what the Word of God has to say and are aware that we are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in Communion, we change. Christ lives in us and the person right next to us--be it family or friends.

St. Bridget Parish School Principal

I am pleased to announce that Jeanne McCoy has been named as our new principal. Miss McCoy has over 25 years' experience as a Catholic school principal and served at St. Francis in Ellsworth. She is excited to join the St. Bridget family and share her strong faith and passion for Catholic education. Miss McCoy has been a devoted substitute teacher in our building and has shared her enthusiasm and welcoming smile at several end-of-the-school-year events. I would also like to share my appreciation and gratitude for the teachers, staff and parents that came forward and helped with many duties at our parish school during this transition. This is truly what makes our school so special.



DAILY WORD

Mon., 6/12	2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tue., 6/13	2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
Wed., 6/14	2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thu., 6/15	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
Fri., 6/16	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
Sat., 6/17	2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
Sun., 6/18	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Mon., 6/19	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tue., 6/20	2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wed., 6/21	2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu., 6/22	2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Fri., 6/23	Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Sat., 6/24	Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Sun., 6/25	Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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:

Stevie Anne Genevieve Johnson
daughter of Brittany and Brant Johnson

REST IN PEACE

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

Clarence Schneider
father of Kathy (Tom) Bowman

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Quinn and Teresa Sanford
Gracie, Alden, August, and Helen

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

MAY 28 AND JUNE 4, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$30,339.00
Loose Collection	\$1,121.19
Debt Retirement (incl. ACH)	\$6,473.66
SCRIP (140 orders)	\$1,518.72
Emergency Fund.....	\$590.00
Chetek Collection.....	\$4,178.00

June 18 is Father's Day. It is not a Church Holy Day, but a secular one. On Father's Day we recognize and bless the men of our parishes. Happy Father's Day to all men serving in "fathering roles."

Prayer for Fathers

Almighty God, through the gift of our fathers you reveal your actions and wisdom showing us the glory of your love and care.

Continue to bless and guide these holy men you have given to us in our lives.

Support them in their Christian vocation to lead holy lives of respect and dignity bearing witness to your Son, Jesus Christ.

May their witness of faith and love shine on them and their children giving hope and encouragement.

For those fathers who have lost a child, give them your loving touch of healing, consoling them with your gentle care.

For those fathers who have gone before us, bring them to the joy of your eternal banquet where with your Son and Spirit you bring the fullness of Communion.

Help us always honor our fathers with profound rest and care, and so honor you, who are one God, forever and ever.

---Fr. John Thomas Lane. SSS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 12

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 13

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

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 14

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Health

+Int: Leo "Butch" Rohl by Don Schmitt

Thursday, June 15

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. St. Bridget Garage Sale

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Comforts of Home - Falls

Friday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Clem Huppert by Riemenschneider and Geraets Families

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. St. Bridget Garage Sale

Saturday, June 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

8:00 a.m. Fitness Ministry

8 a.m. - noon St. Bridget Garage Sale

9:30 a.m. Wedding: Reuther/Finnegan

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Buettner/Meyer

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: Ben Dado by Mike and Diane Dado and Family

Sunday, June 18

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: Arnold Pechacek and Deceased Members of the Fisher Family by Delores Pechacek and Family

11:00 a.m. Mass

Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Study Den

Monday, June 19

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 20

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

5 - 6:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Pro-Life for the Unborn: Education and Action Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 21

2:30 p.m. Prayer Service at Comforts of Home - Gardens

Thursday, June 22

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Wellhaven

Friday, June 23

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Marvin Pechacek by Family and Friends

Saturday, June 24

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Schneider/Hudak

4 -4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: Jim and Jo Vanda by Tom and Barb Belongia

Sunday, June 25

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: Mary Alice Peterson by the Family

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Tom Kromer by Janet Kromer

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 June 10 is in loving memory of Bob Miller by Adelle Miller and Family. The Mass for June 17 is in loving memory of Ben Dado by Mike and Diane Dado and Family.

A graphic for a garage sale. The central text reads "ST. BRIDGET GARAGE SALE" in large, bold, black letters. Below it, in smaller text, is "135 E. Division St. River Falls, WI". The sign is surrounded by various household items like a chair, table, lamp, and tools. At the bottom, a black banner contains the schedule: "Thursday, June 15: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.", "Friday, June 16: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.", and "Saturday, June 17: 8:00 a.m. - Noon".

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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 weekend 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.

Fair Trade Sales Coming Up!

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate sales will take place after all Masses the weekend of June 17/18. Quality products are being sold for excellent prices while promoting Fair Trade practices.

Community Soup Supper

A free soup supper is served every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at St. Bridget. This is a non-denominational gathering and everyone is welcome to attend. Gluten-free options are generally available. The next free soup supper will be served on Tuesday, June 20. It's a great opportunity to socialize with others, and to meet new people.

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

Summer News

School is out and summer is in! A packet of information was sent to all families enrolled for the 2017-18 school year – contact the school office if you did not receive one. Many of these forms are also on our website. Summer office hours are posted on the outdoor bulletin board by the front doors, generally 8am-noon Monday-Friday. If your enrollment plans change over the summer, please contact us. We have openings in many grades and would love to welcome new students!

Marker Collection

To date, Miss Hawkins' kindergarten class has collected and sent in 1,284 markers to be recycled! Great job keeping them out of the landfills and recycling them into new markers.

Only One You

During one of our last days of school, the middle school students taught each class the value of one. The book "Only One You", and then every child painted a rock to reflect our uniqueness and value they contribute to our school and community. Parents, teachers and siblings also painted a rock at our end of the year picnic. We plan to kick the year off with another painted rock and add it to our collection. The rocks have found a home in our landscaping at St. Bridget School. We would love to have you add your own painted rock. You too, are part of our St. Bridget family.



FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Strategic Plan Update

We continue to make progress on our strategic plan and are excited to announce that Jodie Rubenzer has been hired as a part time "Coordinator of Discipleship and Spiritual Growth." Jodie will work with church leadership to provide opportunities for those searching to enhance their spiritual life as they grow as disciples in living out their Catholic faith. In addition, Jodie will be helping with marriage prep and the RCIA program.

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.

Photo Directories are In!

Photo directories are available for pick up for all who had their photo taken or submitted a photo in for our most recent directory. The photo directories will be in the Garden View Room after all masses the next two weekends, June 10/11 and June 17/18 and in the church office during the week. Thanks to all who participated!



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 2017

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Our annual National Concern Collection (June 17 & 18, 2017) provides funding for five Catholic initiatives that touch the faithful of Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States. Your generosity and prayers support the following appeals:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, working via the Diocesan Department of Stewardship and Development, provides national grants that make a difference in low income communities to fund programs addressing the very root causes of poverty. The Diocese recently received a \$20,000 technical assistance grant for the Ashland Area Development Corporation. The awarded funding will be used to develop a business plan that will lay the groundwork for a viable cooperative business structure for childcare centers in Ashland County.

The Catholic Communication Campaign focuses on finding new ways to deliver the gospel message to people in today's digital age - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for sharing of the faith. Fifty percent of the collection supports local communications efforts. This past year our 15 Catholic Schools each received \$1,000 to help fund local marketing programs.

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., offers students an excellent education in a faith filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services is a newly funded initiative to grant support for this Church ministry that provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care of almost two million Catholics serving in the armed forces.

The National Retirement Fund for Religious maintains vital funding for our sisters and all religious institutes in need. Today many senior religious continue to manifest God's love and generosity by serving in a wide range of volunteer activities.

Again this year I ask that you consider giving what you can and to pray for a vibrant Church.

Thanking you for your gift of stewardship and faith, I am

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

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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.

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

AREA EVENTS

Moose Lodge Brunch and Bike Blessing

There is a brunch to benefit Legion Riders from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 at the River Falls Moose Lodge. Cost: \$9; Youth 5 and under free.

Natural Family Planning Premenopause Class

The Couple to Couple League will be offering the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning Premenopause class* **here** at St. Bridget. The class will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 9:00 a.m. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. Questions? Call 612-721-3791 or e-mail twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

Pierce County Dairy Breakfast

The Pierce County Dairy Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Huppert Brothers Farm (855 Chapman Drive, River Falls, WI). Cost: \$6/ adults; \$4/children ages 6-12; children 5 and under free. Menu includes Dad's Belgian Waffles, sausage, deep-fried cheese curds, and Flat Pennies Ice Cream. Attractions include a farm tour, hands-on kids' activities, and an antique tractor display.

From the Ashes Documentary Film Invitation

You are invited to a free special screening of the new documentary film *From the Ashes* on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m., at the River Falls United Methodist Church (127 S. 2nd St, River Falls, WI). Popcorn and beverages will be served, and a brief discussion will follow the screening.

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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.

