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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

After more than three months of Lent and Easter, we return today to Sundays in Ordinary Time. We will see the "green" color in Church.

The Sunday of June 25 is the Twelfth Sunday of the church year. In the gospel, Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus is telling us "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, or secret that will not be known." A woman's husband died suddenly while on vacation and she had to tell her ten year old son and seven year old daughter that their father had died. It was a horrible experience. But the mother asked friends to record memories of their father along with the children's own memories. They are shared at moments when her children are feeling low as well as happy. In doing so they are facing the fear of their dad's death. Over my years as a pastor I am able to hear and share of the stories of people who have struggled with many painful as well as joyful life experiences. What got them through them was their belief that God was always with them.

The Sunday of July 2 is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel is Matthew 10:38 "[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow in my steps is not fit to be my disciple."

A scene in the film American Anthem shows a young man who can't accept the fact that he lost a leg in an accident. He draws the blinds of his room, lets nobody in, and passes his time in darkness, listening to music. Contrast this scene with another scene reported by Robert Bruce. Walking along a crowded street, Bruce heard someone singing joyfully. When he located the source, he couldn't believe his eyes. It was a legless man, pushing himself along in a wheelchair. One person's rejection of a cross brought sadness; the other's acceptance of it brought joy. What is one cross in my life that I am finding hard to accept?

I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God. Helen Keller
[from VISION, Mark Link, S.J.]

DAILY WORD

Mon., 6/26	Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
Tue., 6/27	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed., 6/28	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thu., 6/29	Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Fri., 6/30	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
Sat., 7/1	Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17
Sun., 7/2	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Mon., 7/3	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Tue., 7/4	Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wed., 7/5	Gn 21:5, 8-20 a / Mt 8:28-34
Thu., 7/6	Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Fri., 7/7	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
Sat., 7/8	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Mt 9:14-17
Sun., 7/9	Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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:

Eleanor Aurelia Faust
daughter of Jen and Shane Faust

Nash James Lubich
son of Jessica and Kevin Lubich

Bella Katherine Bretting
daughter of Natasha Morris and Jacob Bretting

REST IN PEACE

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

Ron Pechacek
son of Alvin and Donna Pechacek
and brother of Cindy (Dennis) Kusilek

Lawrence Lofgren
grandfather of Alisa (Joe) Raehsler

Nancy Muller
daughter of Jeannette Simon
and sister of Judy (Roger) Graetz

Lynn Johnson
brother of Vernon Johnson
and sister to Arlene (Don) Croes

Bob Cooper, Jr.
brother -in-law of Rosemary Lenzen

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Jeff Krear

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

JUNE 11 AND JUNE 18, 2017

Adult Contributions (incl. ACH)	\$42,895.33
Loose Collection.....	\$1,478.92
Debt Retirement (incl. ACH)	\$1,517.00
SCRIP (157 orders)	\$1,484.19
Emergency Fund	\$807.00
Chetek Collection.....	\$775.00
National Concern Collection	\$190.00
School Tuition	\$14,375.21

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Fourth of July

On the Fourth of July we pause to celebrate our "independence" as a nation. The Church and offices at St. Mary's and St. Bridget will be closed that day. I hope it is more than a day to party and relax. It is a day to remind ourselves of all the people who have gone before us to give us freedom. Some men and women gave their lives for freedom. We have struggles right now as a nation but we will figure it out. Please continue to pray for our country. Fr. Harris

Curious about becoming a Catholic?

Would you like to become a Catholic? Each year we have the RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for those joining the Catholic Church. Each week's presentations feature faith-sharing by various parish members who discuss an aspect of the Catholic Christian faith. Your questions are always welcomed and encouraged. This process is open to people who are curious about or interested in joining the Catholic faith. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Harris.

Sexual Abuse

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

Kathy Drinkwine 715-718-1110

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 26

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

7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, June 27

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

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Living and Deceased Members of the Grove and Tiernan Families by Joyce Grove and Family*

Wednesday, June 28

1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts of Home - Lodge

+Int: *Joshua and Mary Kurer by the Kurer Family*

Friday, June 30

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Andrew Huppert by Gene and Donna Andrie*

Saturday, July 1

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Maurice Vorwald by Mary Ellen*

Sunday, July 2

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Delbert Johnson by Family and Friends*

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

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts of Home - Falls
+Int: *Cynthia Murphy by Gerald Murphy and Family*

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

Thursday, July 6

1:30 p.m. Mass at Wellhaven

+Int: *Brett Connolly by Family and Friends*

Friday, July 7

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Donald and Duane Cernohous by Sharlene and Family*

Saturday, July 8

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: *Bill Schmidbauer by the Family*

Sunday, July 9

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Bob Krear by Bernice Krear*

11:00 a.m. Mass

Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*

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 June 24 is in loving memory of Jim and Jo Vanda by Tom and Barb Belongia . The Mass for July 1 is in loving memory of Maurice Vorwald by Mary Ellen.

What is that "Pink Envelope?"

You may have noticed the pink "Council of Catholic Women" dues envelopes in your church packet this month. Your dues help the St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women (CCW) with administrative expenses. All women of our parish are members of the St. Bridget CCW, an organization that volunteers in our parish, provides spiritual and social events for women, and financially supports needs within our parish and community. If you do not receive envelopes (ACH), please use a plain envelope and mark it CCW Dues and drop it in the offertory. We invite you to learn more about the St. Bridget CCW by attending a meeting or following us on Facebook: St. Bridget Catholic Church, River Falls, WI Council of Catholic Women.

Walk with Father in the River Falls Days Parade

St. Bridget will have a float in the River Falls Days Parade on Friday, July 14. Our theme is "Letting Our Light Shine." We want to work together as a church family to create our float and need your help. You can help by stopping by the Fellowship Hall after all masses this weekend (June 24/25) to:

1. Add your handprint to our float.
2. Sign up to walk with us in the River Falls Days Parade.
3. Purchase a t-shirt for \$10 for those in the parade and those wanting to show their support! The deadline to order a t-shirt is July 3.

Question or more information, contact the church office.



Prayer Partners Needed

We are in need of a "prayer partner" for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Bridget. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Tuesday in the chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A prayer partner is in need at the 1 p.m. hour. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the church office to learn more or volunteer.

Fortnight for Freedom 2017: Freedom for Mission

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day. We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day from June 21 - July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. For more information visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website or click [here](#).

Garage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the St. Bridget Garage Sale by bringing donations, volunteering, setting up and taking down tables, spreading the word, shopping, and loading the Easter Seals Truck afterward! The sale raised over \$6800. That money will benefit our St. Bridget youth attending the Mission Trip, the St. B School trip to Wolf Ridge, the Knights of Columbus, and the Church in general.

Come Cheer on the St. Bridget Softball Team!

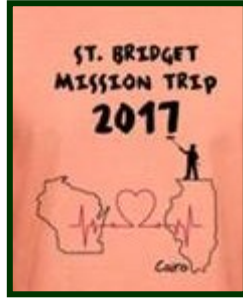
The St. Bridget Softball team's season is underway! Come cheer them on at their upcoming games! Upcoming games are: June 26 at 6:30 p.m. versus Servant of the Shepherd and July 10 at 9:00 p.m. versus Christ Center at Hoffman Park. Go team St. Bridget!

FAITH FORMATION

High School Mission Trip

This week 32 of our youth and adults are in Cairo, Illinois, for a week of service, prayer, fun, and learning. The theme and scripture verse of the week is, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10. Please keep our group in your prayers for safety and for growth in faith and love!

We can't wait to share about our trip and thank you all for your support during the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, July 9. You're all invited to stay after Mass for a few minutes to watch our picture slideshow!



Summer Stretch has Started



Kudos to our 50+ youth involved in the Summer Stretch program this year! Each Tuesday this summer, these youth will be serving in various capacities in the community in the morning, and then enjoying fellowship in the afternoon. Thank you, Youth Minister Amy, for launching this program at St. B's!

Vacation Bible School

We had 92 children participate in our VBS in early June. We met new friends and had a lot of fun as we learned about God's power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a wonderful success! And thank you, parents, for getting your students and volunteers there! We appreciate your efforts and pray that some of our VBS energy and joy spilled over into your families at home!



FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Custodian Needed

St. Brigid Church is seeking a part-time (10 hours per week) custodian responsible for the overall cleanliness of the church building. Duties include - but are not limited to - sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, scrubbing, dusting, shampooing of carpets, windows, and sanitizing all areas of the building: church, bathrooms, hallways, entry ways, kitchen, office areas, meeting rooms and storage areas. Janitorial/cleaning experience preferred. Minimum age 21. Background check required. Please contact Sue in the church office for more information or send resume to parishadmin@stbparish.com

New Welcome Desk

As part of our ongoing strategic plan and efforts to be more welcoming and to improve communication, check out the new beautiful welcome desk in the main church lobby! Thanks to parishioners Susie Simon (designer) and Tim lehl (builder), we have a beautiful new area where we can welcome our guests to St. Brigid Church and provide information about all of our events. The desk will also house the new library return/drop box. This desk was built using repurposed cabinets and drawers from First National Bank as well as handles from our original church doors. It is our goal to have this desk staffed before and after all Masses (starting soon) and possibly on Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation. If you are interested in serving in this ministry and providing information, please contact the church office.



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.
- Bulletin prayer list names will stay for a month and be removed. Call to have a name removed earlier or stay on longer.

Jodi Bjellum
Marguerite Brown
Daniella Carrasco
Gary Cater
Gerald Cernohous
Jim Deiss
Samantha Delapp
Marlee Erlandson
Erica Glover
David Hake

Dorian Hintz
Ann Holland
Tim Iberg
Barb Ickler
Aubert "Bob" Miller
Rose Marie Ogden
Gwen Paulson
Diane Rothamer
Mike Sutton
Izabella Thompson

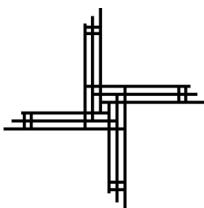
AREA EVENTS

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness or conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Countless couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages have successfully rebuilt loving relationships using this program. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on August 11-13, 2017, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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.



PARISH STAFF

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