

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This week's bulletin covers the weekends of July 1 and July 8. This week we celebrate the 4th of July. The beginning of the United States of America. Freedom should never be taken for granted. As Catholic Christians, it is our duty to take our faith and influence the marketplace. I hope you have a great celebration.

The Church celebrates the 13th and 14th Sundays in Ordinary Time these two weekends.

On July 1 the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time [A woman with a 12 year long ailment came up behind Jesus and said] to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well." She touched his cloak, and ... was healed. Mark 5:28-29 Sandra Hook, a Canadian teacher, was doing volunteer summer work for Mother Teresa in the slums of India. One day she was asked to bathe a woman covered with sores. She shuddered at the thought. Then she recalled what Mother Teresa had said: "When you touch the poor, touch them as though you are touching the loving Jesus." "At that moment Sandra saw the woman through the eyes of faith and had no difficulty bathing her. It was this kind of childlike faith, also, that healed the woman in today's gospel. What is a childlike faith? How is it acquired and deepened? What keeps me from being more childlike in my faith?

On July 8 the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Jesus went to his home in Nazareth, only to be rejected by many people.] Jesus said to them, "A prophet is respected everywhere except in his own home town and by his relatives and his family." Mark 6:4

The Olympics date from the Greek games held on the plains of Olympia in 776 B. C. Ancient towns often honored victors by erecting a statue in their honor. A Greek story concerns a town that honored such a local hero. The hero's rival was so envious that one night he rocked the statue back and forth and toppled it. It fell at an odd angle, crushing him. That story dramatizes the boomerang effect envy can have. The cancer of envy is often a factor in why prophets are not respected in their hometowns. To what extent is envy a factor in my life and work? What might I do to lessen its impact?

(Mark Link, S.J. Mission 2000)

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.

HAPPY

FOURTH OF JULY

The church office of
St. Bridget Church will be
closed on July 4th.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

REST IN PEACE

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

Judith Todd
Katherine Pace
Diane Mulhollam
Father Jack Frerker

BAPTISMS

Welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Ethan Wesley Blake
Son of Amanda Jo Sabelko and Miguel Blake
Josephine Marie Shaver
Daughter of Jennifer and Eric Shaver

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Julie and Scott Andrzejczak and Family
Katie Thoreson
Richard Jorgensen

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.

Laura Bowman	Noah Keck
Tom Bowman	Diane Latterl
Robert Butler	Rosemary Lenzen
Jerry Buscher	Jack Linehan
Gary Carter	Frances Meyer
Gerald Cernohous	Steve Paulick
Shirley Clements	Dan Powalisz
Jo Dusek	Dick Ritger
Dorian Hintz	Dorothy Slivicki
Ann Holland	Christy Simon
Barb Ickler	Mike Sutton
	Izabella Thompson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

JUNE 3 & JUNE 10, 2018

Adult Contributions	\$24,052.00
Adult Contributions ACH	\$20,628.33
Loose Collection	\$3,002.12
SCRIP (127 Orders)	\$1,460.60
School Tuition Monthly ACH	\$13,666.75
Mission Priest Collection	\$2,630.00
National Concerns Collection	\$1,370.00

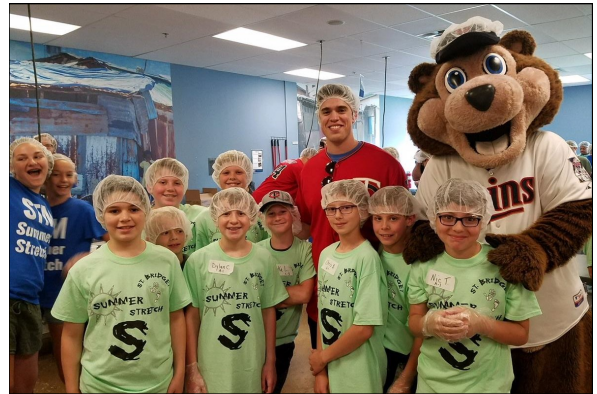
FAITH FORMATION

Garage Sale Thank You!

The St. Bridget Garage sale raised over \$7300! That money will benefit our St. Bridget youth attending the Mission Trip, St. Bridget School, and the parish. Thank you to all who helped by bringing donations, volunteering, setting up and taking down tables, spreading the word, shopping, and packing up the left over items! A special thanks to RCD for the donation of the dumpster.

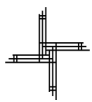
YOUTH MINISTRY

The Summer Stretch Program kicked off on June 20 with 56 youth and leaders venturing to Feed My Starving Children. They were surprised when they arrived to see members of the Minnesota Twins volunteering too!



SUMMER STRETCH!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY

Monday, July 2 - Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

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

Tuesday, July 3 - Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:30 p.m. Mass at Comforts of Home - Falls
+Int: Lorraine Deiss Pitcock by Janet Huppert

5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: JoAnn Lunney by Friends

Wednesday, July 4 - Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 5 - Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

1:30 p.m. Mass at Wellhaven
+Int: Dennis Sailor by friends and family

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

Friday, July 6 - Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Marion Elliott by Vern and Betsy Kusilek

Saturday, July 7 - Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

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 Vorwald

Sunday, July 8 - Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Art Dolan by Barb Dolan

11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's

2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. Mary's - Hammond

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, July 9 - Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

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

6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, July 10 - Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: Lydia Pechacek by Doris Pechacek and family

Wednesday, July 11 - Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Summer Stretch Program

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday, July 12 - Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15

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

Friday, July 13 - Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family by Pat

9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group

Saturday, July 14 - Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

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 15 - Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Ron Pechacek by Bob and Marlys Smith

11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

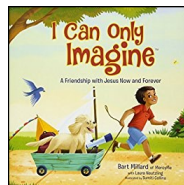
Radio/TV Mass Broadcasts

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 30 is in loving memory of Art Dolan by family and friends. The Mass for July 7 is in loving memory of Maurice Vorwald by Mary Ellen Vorwald.

St. Bridget Joany Shepard Memorial Library

Checkout the new materials:

Books: *The Joy of Love* by Pope Francis
I Can Only Imagine: A Memoir
I Can Only Imagine for Children



DVDs: *KidVid Stories*

Castaway Sing & Play Music
Rescued by Jesus

I Can Only Imagine by Bart Millard of the musical group MercyMe

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 at 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.

Catholic Watchmen

All men are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen meeting on Saturday, July 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. The meeting begins with group organized prayer and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession in the Church and then continues with a light breakfast, a video presentation, and small group discussion. For more information, contact Tony Jilek at 715-220-7527.

CCW Dues

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) annual dues envelopes are in your church envelopes this month, with a suggested contribution amount of \$5.00. All women of the Parish are members of the CCW and are encouraged to pay these dues which assist with organization and administrative expenses. Extra pink envelopes will be available in the pink basket at the Information Desk. Thank you for your support of the St. Bridget CCW!

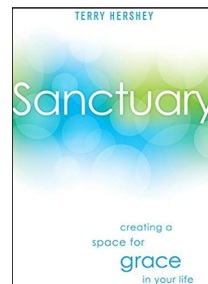
St. Bridget Women's Retreat

Finding Your Sanctuary - presented by Terry Hershey

Saturday, September 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Set aside this date on your calendar now to join with other women in claiming, nurturing and protecting your own sanctuary space. There will be more information as we get closer to the date. But claim this day for you.



Accompanist Needed

St. Bridget Catholic Parish is seeking a part-time accompanist to provide for the music needs of our parish. Duties include, but not limited to, playing for three weekend Masses on a rotating basis with our existing accompanist, rehearsing with cantors, choirs and other musicians as needed for the Masses you are scheduled for and playing for special Masses, services or events on an as needed basis. Approximate hours for a scheduled week include: 4.5 hours/week plus 3 Masses (Memorial Day-Labor Day) and 8 hours/week plus Masses (Labor Day-Memorial Day). Proficiency on piano and organ is required, along with experience in accompanying. Sight reading ability is preferred. Salary is a combination of hourly and stipend and is commensurate with experience. To apply please send resume and references to:

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Ministry Help Needed

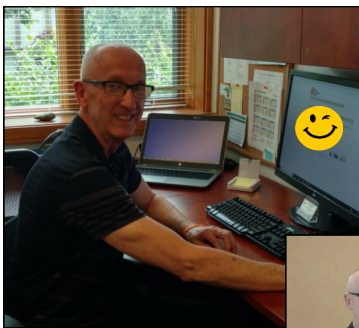
"I have come not to be served, but to serve": We hear Jesus teach this to his disciples in the Gospels. Each one of us is called to be like Jesus and to serve others. What better way to do so than to serve your fellow parishioners who you are on this faith journey with! We are in great need of help in 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 or contact Barrett in the office. Please consider helping us.

Fulfilling the Dream – Debt Retirement

On May 12/13, I announced my hope of paying off the remaining amount owed on the loan for the building expansion project completed in 2006. At that time, we estimated the payoff amount to be around \$295,000. By the grace of God and the generosity of many, we reached our goal in less than six weeks. In fact, we have received \$337,232.56! I made the final online payment on June 21 and the mortgage satisfaction papers were delivered on Wednesday, June 27. We are DEBT FREE! Folks, that is truly amazing and absolutely humbling for a pastor. We are blessed beyond measure.

Many of you have been contributing to the debt retirement for years using contribution envelopes or via automatic withdrawal (ACH). We plan to rename that account "Future Parish Needs" (or similar) and hope that you will continue donating as you have been. Those funds – plus any received above and beyond the amount needed to pay off the loan – will be placed in a money market account to be used for larger parish improvement projects such as parking lots, windows, LED lighting, roof maintenance, boiler systems, etc. If you wish to change your ACH contribution, please contact the office to complete the request form. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are fine continuing with the new account.

Thank you for this amazing gift to our parish family. I am honored to be your leader. Fr. Harris



Father Harris hitting the "submit button" to make the final online payment!



Father Harris receiving the mortgage satisfaction papers from 1st National Bank VP of Commercial Loans, Melissa Godden. Also pictured: parish trustees Bob Casey and Linda Romberg.

Welcome Father Rich!

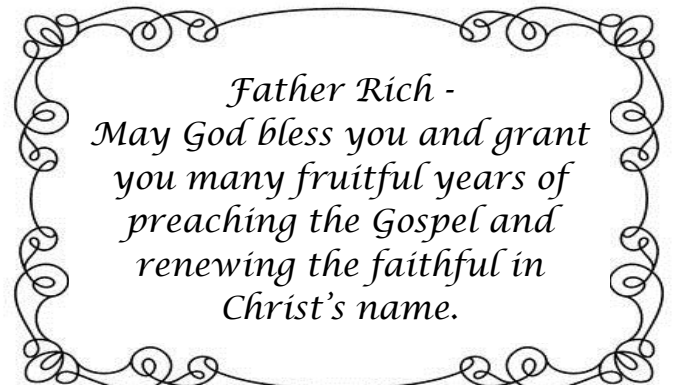
Father Richard Rhinehart was ordained Sunday, June 24 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior and celebrated his first Mass on Monday, June 25 also at the Cathedral. He will be joining us as associate pastor serving St. Bridget, St. Mary's Immaculate Conception (Hammond) and the St. Thomas More Newman Center at UW- River Falls. As an associate pastor he will use his time with us to learn, grow as a faithful leader, and prepare for having his own parish in the future.

The details of Fr. Rich's schedule have not yet been worked out, but his first official day will be Thursday, July 5. Once a schedule is in place and Fr. Rich has had time to adjust to his new environments, we will plan a parish welcoming and provide an opportunity for all to meet him. Fr. Rich will be living at St. Mary's in Hammond.

In the meantime, please keep Father Rich in your prayers as he begins his ministry.



(Catholic Herald photo by Jenny Snarski)



✦ SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer group will gather now every Wednesday Morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Garden View room. If this is a new way of praying for you, it would be helpful to email me ahead of time so that I can share with you the simple steps of this prayer. Again, you are not asked to pray aloud, this is your personal time to come together with others in silent prayer. Please also know that you may enter this time of prayer as your schedule allows. If you have questions, please email jrubenzer@stbparish.com All are welcome to join!

✦ AROUND THE AREA

River Falls Day Parade

Come visit the food stand on the Division Street side of St. Bridget Parish School during the River Falls Day Parade, Friday, July 13! Our parish school Home & School Committee will be selling burgers, hot dogs, nachos & cheese, chips, and pop/water. We will begin selling at approximately 4:15 p.m.. Hope to see you there!

Moose Brunch

There will be a brunch on Sunday, July 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the River Falls Moose Lodge, 620 N. Clark Street. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, potatoes, coffee, juice, and milk. Cost is \$9.00 for adults; children 5 years old and under are free. Proceeds will benefit Alanon.

Third of July Sing Fest

Singing is a wonderful gift we all enjoy - a gift that we'll offer Tuesday, July 3 at 1:30 p.m. to participants in Among Friends, the community adult social respite at First Congregational Church, 110 North Third Street, River Falls. We hope that you might join us for this patriotic celebration with our neighbors and their families impacted by dementia. Ice cream sundaes will be served after the sing along. For more information call 715-293-2561.

Summer Blood Drive

The Red Cross will have a blood drive at the American Legion on Thursday, July 19, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For appointments call Judy at 715-425-7500 or through the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or redcrossblood.org.

**Save the Date -
Parish Block Party & Mortgage Burning!
September 29, 2018!**

✦ PARISH STAFF

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