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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

Fr. Jim Brinkman is covering our next two weekend Masses while I am on vacation. Fr. Jim was an associate pastor at St. Bridget's during the time the church was being built. Please give him a warm welcome.

This weekend of July 23 is the 16th Week in Ordinary Time. Jesus said, "An enemy sowed weeds in a farmer's field. When the farmer saw the weeds growing amid the wheat, he told his workers, 'Let the two plants grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds...and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn.'" Matthew 13:20.

The wheat stands for good people; the weeds stand for evil people. Jesus' parable reminds me that I should not be disturbed to find "weeds" growing in the "wheat" in Jesus' Church. What is/should be my attitude toward the "weeds" growing amid the wheat in Jesus' Christ?

Be patient with the Church. It is a community of weak and imperfect individuals. Put yourself at the disposal of the Church... The Church needs you.... You are the future of the Church. (Pope John Paul, II speaking to the youth of Switzerland)

The Serenity Prayer says: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. This is a familiar popular prayer which helps us to deal with things we cannot change.

Sunday, July 30 is the 17th Week in Ordinary Time. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field... He goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field." Matthew 13:44

An elderly lady in Scotland was so poor her neighbors had to support her. They were happy to do this, but what bothered some of them was that her son had gone to America and become rich. The mother defended her son, saying "He writes me every week and always sends me a little picture. See," she said, "I keep them in my Bible." Between the pages of her bible were hundreds of U.S. Bank Notes. The woman had a treasure in her Bible but didn't realize it. To what extent do I need to rediscover the treasure in my Bible: Jesus Christ? (Both stories taken from VISION by Mark Link, S.J.)

DAILY WORD

Mon., 7/24	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tue., 7/25	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Wed., 7/26	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thu., 7/27	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17
Fri., 7/28	Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Sat., 7/29	Ex 24:3-8 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sun., 7/30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-4
Mon., 7/31	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tue., 8/1	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ Mt 13:36-43
Wed., 8/2	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thu., 8/3	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Fri., 8/4	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Sat., 8/5	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Sun., 8/6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

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

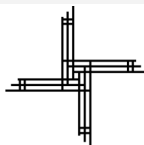
Please consult the bulletin/website.

Reconciliation

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

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.



OUR PARISH FAMILY

REST IN PEACE

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

Art Dolan

Dennis Sailor
father of Pat (Michelle) Sailor

Daniel "Dan" Wayne Silver
father of Cathy (Dan) Wunrow

Marguerite Brown
sister of Donna (Jim) Miller

Madeline McCann

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Jeanne McCoy

Chris Meyer

Stephanie and Benjamin Cold
Christopher

Jillisa and Antonio Rodriguez
Jayleigh, McKenzie, Anthony

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

JULY 9 AND JULY 16, 2017

Adult Contributions (Incl. ACH).....	\$43,830.33
Loose Collection	\$1,903.06
Debt Retirement	\$1,942.00
SCRIP (126 orders).....	\$1,448.05
Emergency Fund.....	\$350.00
School Tuition (ACH).....	\$2,426.70
Cash Gifts.....	\$8,900.00
Proceeds From The Gifts of Stock.....	\$64,095.56

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH – MONTHLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted June collection (adult envelopes).....	\$70,462
Actual June collection/ACH received.....	\$72,532
Monthly Difference.....	\$2,070

Budgeted Year to Date (adult envelopes).....	\$ 916,000
Actual Year to Date collection/ACH received.....	\$957,837
Year to Date difference (7/1/16 – 06/30/17).....	\$41,837

Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 25

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, July 26

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Comforts of Home: Lodge

Friday, July 28

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

Saturday, July 29

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Corrine Drost by Children and Grandchildren*

Sunday, July 30

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Fred Wanzek by KC Council 4902*

11:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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, August 2

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

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

+Int: *Agnes Fogerty by Eileen Marma*

Friday, August 4

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Fr. Bill Matzek by Ron and Jane Matzek*

Saturday, August 5

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Marshall and Mary Johnson and Catherine and
Ray Foley by Don and Phyllis Foley and Family*

Sunday, August 6

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Gladys O'Connell by the Family*

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

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 July 22 is in loving memory of Roman Lubich by Family and Friends. The Mass for July 29 is in loving memory of Corrine Drost by children and grandchildren.

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 July 24 at 7:45 p.m. versus First Covenant and July 31 at 9:00 p.m. versus Hope Lutheran at Hoffman Park. Go team St. Bridget!

Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

The Knights of Columbus celebrate Corporate Communion on this fifth Sunday (July 30) to bring all Knights together to demonstrate unity for the celebration of the Mass and Eucharist. All Knights, spouses, widows and their families sit together and provide a visible sign for the community of the Knights of Columbus. The KC's have sponsored cookies and coffee for fellowship in the parish hall after masses on Sunday, July 30. To learn about the KC's, contact Doug at 715-425-2355.

Prayer Partners Needed

We are in need of "prayer partners" 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. Hours in need of prayer partners include 9 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the parish office to learn more or volunteer.

Upcoming Services at Wellhaven Senior Apartments

Wellhaven will be without an elevator July 17 through the first part of August. There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Service on July 27. Instead, Deacon Gregg will bring communion to as many residents as possible. There will be no mass at Wellhaven on August 3. Instead, Fr. Harris will bring communion to each floor beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the first floor.

Thank You

The family of Art Dolan would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, prayers, food, friendship and love shown to our family with the passing of Art. Special thanks to Father Harris, those who helped prepare the meal, and the St. Bridget Community. - The Dolan Family

Volunteer at the KC Fair Booth

Volunteers are needed to work at the Pierce County Fair August 10 -13, 2017. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website under current events. Please indicate if you're working for the Parish, School, Youth, CCW, or KC's. Thank you for volunteering.

Health Care National Legislation

The Senate is currently debating and proposing changes and/or elimination of the ACA called Affordable Care Act. The correct name of this law is "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." It was intended to "protect" and provide "affordable" health care to all people. Most people realize the current law has flaws that need to be addressed. That is being responsible and good stewards of our economy. According to the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "an acceptable health care system provides access to all, regardless of their means, and at all stages of life. Such a health care system must protect conscience rights, as well as extend to immigrant families. It is precisely the detrimental impact on the poor and vulnerable that makes the Senate draft unacceptable as written." Keeping in mind that all of the proposed Congressional health care 'repeal and replace' bills will cut some 20 million or more low income people from health coverage, including many elderly in nursing homes, you may wish to exercise your Catholic conscience by contacting our Wisconsin Senators: Senator Ron Johnson <https://contactsenators.com/wisconsin/ron-johnson> or 202-224-5323 and Senator Tammy Baldwin <https://contactsenators.com/wisconsin/tammy-baldwin> or 202-224-5653.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from God. Yet God's love is steadfast and ever-present. We have situations in our life that challenge us and cause us to seek a community of faith that can hold us and strengthen us. Whatever your story may be, if you have been attending Mass, but not fully initiated in the Catholic faith or just desire to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus, please accept this invitation to join the RCIA process. Formal preparation will begin in September and culminates with full reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. If you have questions about this process or find yourself ready to enter this journey, please contact Fr. Harris or Jodie Rubenzer.

AREA EVENTS

Grief, Loss and New Beginnings: Relearning the Family Mobile

Bakken-Young funeral home is presenting a special program for the community with Ben Wolfe on Wednesday, August 9 at 7 p.m. at the River Falls Public Library. This program will examine transitions and what brings them about, the wisdom that comes from exploring our "dark emotions," relearning our world, and will provide strategies to help families and friends who try to cope with the opportunities and struggles in the "journeys of transition." To attend, RSVP by August 7, to Julia Rajtar, Cell: 715.781.4003 or julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com.

Hibernian Mass on August 6

You are invited to Immaculate Conception in New Richmond and St. Patrick's in Erin, on Sunday, August 6 for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass. Switchback will lead the music for the Hibernian Mass, which is an Irish Mass they wrote.

School Supply Night

On August 7/8 families in the River Falls School District can receive school supplies and tennis shoes for the upcoming year through the Free School Supply Event. The event will take place at First Congregational UCC (3rd and Elm Street). To help as many children as possible, we need your help by:

- Donating NEW supplies such as washable markers, extra fine Sharpies, scientific calculators, dry erase Markers, plastic folders, glue sticks, and ear buds or headphones. Bring to the St. Bridget Welcome Desk by Sunday, August 6
- Cash donations to purchase items not donated.
- Volunteering! Sign-up at the welcome desk.

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
Daniella Carrasco
Gary Cater
Gerald Cernohous
Jim Deiss
Samantha Delapp
John Dusek
Erica Glover
Tracy Haines
David Hake

Ann Holland
Tim Iberg
Barb Ickler
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