

St. Bridget

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Weekday and Holy Day Masses:

Please consult the bulletin
or website.

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Thur. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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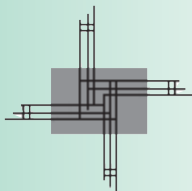
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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Items are due, in writing, at the parish office by Noon on Monday. Email: recept@stbparish.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.

Masses/Services July 25 - July 31

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

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

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Butch Rohl by Dennis and Margaret Sailor*

Wednesday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Ellen Smith by Relatives and Friends*

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

Thursday, July 28

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Lutheran Home

Friday, July 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Laurence Langer by John and Shirley Hines*

Saturday, July 30

2:30 p.m. Wedding: Tauchen/Miller

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Gene Langer by Frank and Doris Holter*

Sunday, July 31

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

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

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Wayne Baird by Tony and Kathy Hines*

Masses/Services August 1 August 7

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

5:15 p.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick

+Int: *Tim Malchow by Carolyn and Dennis Johnson*

Wednesday, August 3

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

+Int: *Roman Pechacek by Don and Connie Bennett Family*

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

Friday, August 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

4:00 p.m. Funeral Mass: Nerissa and Alex Avestruz

Saturday, August 6

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Merce Foster by Family and Friends*

Sunday, August 7

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Stanley and Jessie Kukuska by the Family*

11:00 a.m. Mass

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

Events

Monday, July 25

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
7:00 p.m. Al Anon
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 26

5 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Banquet

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Night

Monday, August 1

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Night

Saturday, August 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

Sunday, August 7

1:00 p.m. Baptism Class

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Mon., 7/25 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Tue., 7/26 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wed., 7/27 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thu., 7/28 Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Fri., 7/29 Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sat., 7/30 Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sun., 7/31 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Mon., 8/1 Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tue., 8/2 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed., 8/3 Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thu., 8/4 Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Fri., 8/5 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Sat., 8/6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sun., 8/7 Wis 18:6-9; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SACRAMENTS

Rest in Peace

+John Lubich, son of Ursula Lubich

Baptism

Elle Marie Chilson, daughter of Rachel and Benjamin Chilson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

JULY 10 AND JULY 17, 2016

Adult Envelopes- incl. monthly ACH	\$42,052.95	Debt Retirement	\$3416	Catch Up	\$10
Loose Collection	\$2530.99	Scrip (127 orders)	\$1404.96	Food Shelf	\$50

FROM THE PASTOR

Parents: did your children ever wear you down? They wanted a new toy or go some place and they used every argument in the book to convince they should have the toy or be allowed to go where they wanted. Sometimes as a parent you caved in to the request. That is persistence. That is the type of prayer that Jesus says we are to have - never to give up.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: July 24, 2016 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep Praying

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: July 31, 2016 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you” (Luke 12:20). Hardly sounds like mercy! Unlike some contemporary rich folks, there is no indication of lying, stealing, or cheating in Jesus’ parable. The rich man made a living, not a killing. Why does Jesus name him “fool”? First, because of presumption. Five times in nine verses, the rich man declares, “I shall.” God’s not in charge here, I am! Second, selfishness—four times, “my/myself.” No God, no neighbor; he talks to himself, about himself: *my* possessions, *my* productivity, *my* plans! So, instead of chasing “treasure for ourselves,” Jesus and Pope Francis’ *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bid us grow “rich in what matters to God” (12:21), namely, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Give food, drink, clothing, and healing; visit the imprisoned; bury the dead. Heal with Jesus’ own gentleness the doubt, ignorance, and sins of others; comfort, forgive, be patient; and pray for the living and dead. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Hitting it Big

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he’d want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It’s exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this “common wisdom” makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH LIFE

July 23 and July 30 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 23 is in loving memory of Earl and Marijane Cernohous by the Family . The Mass for July 30 is in loving memory of Gene Langer by Frank and Doris Holter .

Come work at the KC Fair Booth

Volunteers are needed to work at the KC Fair Booth at the Pierce County Fair August 11 - 14, 2016. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall and on our website under [Current Events](#). Be sure to indicate if you're working for the Parish, School, Youth or KC's. Thank you for volunteering. Questions call Ron, 715-425-1041.

Thank You Fr. Harris!

Fr. Harris said his first Mass here at St. Bridget on June 30/July 1, 1996. He was officially installed on July 24, 1996. We have been blessed by having him as our pastor. Once in a while, there comes someone very special who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who makes their own life a living testimony of Christ's love. Thank you Fr. Harris for your many years of devoted and caring ministry to St. Bridget.

FOCUS This Weekend

80% of Catholics who leave the faith do so between the ages of 18 and 23, college aged years. It is the mission of FOCUS – Fellowship of Catholic University Students, to help students live out their faith and avoid the temptations college students face. As a FOCUS missionary, I work with students on college campuses to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. I lead small group bible studies, one-on-one mentorship, and hold retreats and other events. I am currently putting together a team of financial mission partners. I would love to meet one-on-one to share more about the mission of FOCUS, my job as a missionary, and ways to join my support team. Thank you! I look forward to hearing from you: (715) 338-7186, mckel.heebink@focus.org -McKely Heebink, Ruth Koehler's granddaughter

The Catholic Watchmen is coming soon!

The mission of the Catholic Watchmen is to respond to Bishop Cozzen's call to Catholic men to live up to their duty to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. To accomplish this task, Catholic Watchmen learn and practice 7 Disciplines. Watch for more information over the rest of the summer. Each monthly Catholic Watchmen Second Saturday meeting will run from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with a video presentation, social time, group discussion with plans to provide food and beverage, as well as time for adoration and confession. For information, contact Don Vande Yacht at 920-284-6164 dvandeyacht@gmail.com or Gary Senn 715-781-5523 gsenn@baldwin-telecom.net You can also visit www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.

Welcome to our New Accountant

We would like to welcome Susan Landry to the parish office staff as our new accountant. Please stop in to the office and say hi! She can be reached at accountant@stbparish.com or 715-425-1879 X101. Welcome!

Bi-Weekly Bulletins for Summer

The double bulletin schedule is available for viewing on the current events page of our [website](#).

Music Ministry Alive

Please keep student cantor Rosie Stotmeister and liturgical director Barrett Grove in your prayers as they attend Music Ministry Alive at St. Catherine University in St. Paul July 26-31. Both are able to attend this wonderful workshop, which seeks to fulfill its mission of engaging and empowering young music ministers, through the generosity of the Joany Shepard Fund.

St. Bridget Picture Directory

It's hard to believe but it's already time for a new parish directory: photos for our last directory were taken in 2011. We are once again partnering with Lifetouch for this important project which is at no cost to our church. Plus, every family photographed receives a free directory and a free 8x10 portrait. Portrait sessions will take place at St. Bridget Church in Lubich Hall beginning in August and will run for one week each month through December. However, we cannot schedule in the months of October, November and December until August and September are filled. Please plan ahead for what works for your family – and remember August is a great time before the kids return to school or college. We are also limited to how many sessions we can provide in November and December so don't wait until the last minute. You can sign up early for a portrait session at our church website at www.saintbridgets.org (in the banner) or by calling the parish office at 715-425-1870. We will start paper registration after all Masses starting July 30. Current photography dates: Tuesday - Saturday, August 16-20 and Monday – Saturday, September 19-24 (no sessions on Wednesday). Weekday photo hours are 2:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m. and Saturday hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Lighting Project

You may have noticed some work going on outside St. Bridget Church or that the entrances, courtyard and parking lot now seem brighter. Thanks to some capital improvement funds available, we have been able to replace the older exterior lighting with new, energy efficient LED lights! Some lights have also been moved to different locations to provide better coverage on the east side of the building.

Knight and Family of the Month

The Knight and Family of the Month are awarded by KC Council 4902 for efforts above and beyond the average call of duty. We like to recognize our Brothers, their wives, and families for what they do for all of us in making our parish community healthy and strong. This month, please join us in recognizing Knight of the Month, Terry Knutson, and Family of the Month, the Randy and Roxy Koller Family. Congratulations!

Gather Book Campaign Sponsorship

Here at St. Bridget we are excited to introduce a new Gather Book Third Edition that we are planning to have before the end of summer. This book will replace our existing Gather Comprehensive books that, after 22 years, are beginning to show their age as many pages are torn and covers are in need of repair. The new book includes most of the music from our current book along with a variety of new music - much of which has been published in the years since our current book. As we have done with the replacement of past song books, we are offering an opportunity for parishioners to make a contribution to help with the purchase of the new books in the form of a gift or memorial for a loved one. A special "In honor of" or "In loving memory of" label will be placed in the books you purchase and wish to sponsor. Sponsorship will begin after Masses on August 6/7. If you are able to give a little time to help with this process please contact Barrett in the office. Thank you for your support!

FAITH FORMATION

High School Youth Nights in July/August

- July 27, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- August 3, August 10, and August 24, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Upper Room.

What's on the schedule this month? Adoration, outdoors, fellowship, prayer, games and fun! Come get to know Christ and have fun with other teens.

High School Youth Summer Service Night

July 27, 7 to 9 p.m. We're feeding the hungry here in River Falls during the Year of Mercy! Meet at the Grow to Share Garden (at Hoffman Park just north of First National Bank Baseball Stadium). Bring gardening gloves. See the permission form online. **Parent volunteers needed!**

Thank you from the Totus Tuus Team

Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. Our week at St. Bridget has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much for this wonderful week; we hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

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.

Marie Amundsen
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Marguerite Brown

Daniella Carrasco
Mark Clement
Brenda Dodge

Erica Glover
Ann Holland
Barb Ickler

Rita Mountain
Carol Notto
Rosemarie Ogden

Dodie Sazama
Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

School Supply Night

On Monday, August 8, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, families in the River Falls School District can receive school supplies for the upcoming year through the Free School Supply Event. This year, the event will take place at First Congregational UCC on the corner of 3rd and Elm Streets. In order to help as many children as possible, we need your help.

- Consider donating NEW supplies. Supplies in need include colored pencils, narrow washable markers, dry erase markers, glue sticks, larger boxes of crayons, and plastic folders.
- Cash donations to purchase items not donated.
- Please bring your donated school supplies to the St. Bridget Fellowship Hall by Sunday, August 7.

- Consider volunteering! Please use the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall if you can help.

With your assistance, families with limited financial means will be able to have their children start school on an equal basis with other students.

Peach Fundraiser

It's time to place your order for the delicious Washington State Peaches! This fundraiser benefits First Congregational Church youth. Single layer box: \$18.00 or 2 boxes for \$32.00. To order contact: Caren Prochnow at cjprochnow@sbcglobal.net or call 715-425-6346. Order deadline is August 14. Thank you for your support!

