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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

I had a wonderful vacation and was able to visit friends and catchup with my two god daughters, lots of walking, sleep and exercising filled my days. I am refreshed and glad to be back at our churches.

This bulletin covers the weekends of August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration and August 13, the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time where Jesus tells Peter to walk on water which didn't turn out too good for Peter.

The Feast of the Transfiguration gives the disciples an experience of who Jesus is as the Son of God. "[Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Matthew 17:1-9 What is or are your mountain top experiences that are sacred and give you deep insight into what God and life is all about? The birth of a child, marriage, divorce, death of a loved one, graduation from high school, college or technical college, finally retiring after many years of work, feeling forgiven after a terrible sin—all of these are sacred moments that call us to the sacredness of life and God's presence with us.

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time has Matthew 14:22-33 "When [Peter] saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord save me!' Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'" The reason why Peter began to sink while he was doing the impossible is that he had taken his focus off of Jesus. A nurse returned from a month-long stint serving as a volunteer in a mobile in Haiti. Once back home, she asked to meet with her parish's pastoral council. She talked excitedly about her trip and passionately about the needs of the Haitian people. She showed pictures of the people she met and served—including a small church where the clinic had set up shop. "Do you think we could adopt the church?" she proposed. Everyone thought it was a wonderful thing to do—but the parish's budget was already tight, numbers were down, and what did any of them know about Haiti? But three members of the council offered to work with her to see what they could do. And before long, the little Haitian mission became their sister parish, bringing a new sense of meaning and fulfillment to both communities. Why did you doubt? As Jesus said. Fr. Jerry Harris

DAILY WORD

Mon., 8/7	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-2
Tue., 8/8	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed., 8/9	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thu., 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Fri., 8/11	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Sat., 8/12	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sun., 8/13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Mon., 8/14	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tue., 8/15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wed., 8/16	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thu., 8/17	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/ Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri., 8/18	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Sat., 8/19	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Sun., 8/20	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

REST IN PEACE

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

Phyllis Grotjahn
Mother of Edna (Dennis) Early

Reverend Sherman Iverson
Father of Lynn (Steve) Jenkins

Jodi Bjellum
Niece of David and Jo Ann Woeste

Bruce Larson
Son of Esther Andersen

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Dave and Judy Steine

Cynthia and Joseph Schufman
Marybeth

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Anthony James Rodriguez
son of Jillisa and Antonio Rodriguez

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.

Daniella Carrasco	Tim Iberg
Gary Cater	Barb Ickler
Gerald Cernohous	Don Kjeliberg
Jim Deiss	Lorraine Koller
Samantha Delapp	Rose Marie Ogden
John Dusek	Katie Pace
Erica Glover	Gwen Paulson
Tracy Haines	Diane Rothamer
David Hake	Kelli Schmidt
Dorian Hintz	Mike Sutton
Ann Holland	Izabella Thompson

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Scrip News

It's been another great year for the Scrip program! We received **\$43,767.65** in total rebates for the various designation areas. In addition to providing financial support to church debt retirement, school tuition and tuition assistance, faith formation, youth ministry, and the school endowment fund, the scrip program has provided funding for several unbudgeted/unplanned parish items: a hot water heater for the rectory, weed trimmer for the cemetery, darkening window film above the projection screen, vacuum cleaner for school, elevator kick panels, hearing assisted devices, wireless microphone for the sanctuary, and a lockable media cart for the upper youth room. We are truly blessed!

Thanks to all of our volunteers who keep the Scrip program running smoothly and all who use scrip to provide this extra revenue for our parish. A special thanks to Steve and Patsy Linehan and Ed Whitman for the countless hours of service they have provided as the Scrip coordinators for many years. Unfortunately for us, Ed has announced that he will be stepping down from his role. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful ministry and have a few hours each week to dedicate to the program, please step forward. Ed is willing to train!

We are currently in the process of updating everyone's scrip information to make sure we have the right information on file. Please watch for an email and reply as needed. If you do not have email, you may receive a call from the church office. If you are interested in learning more about Scrip and/or the mobile options, please contact the church office.

No Parking Areas

A big thank you to the Summer Stretch 10th grade youth who painted the "no parking" areas around the church and school. The curbs look great and will serve as a gentle reminder for everyone that certain areas of our parking lot must remain free of cars to allow safety personnel access in an emergency. What a great way to provide service to your home parish!

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

JULY 23 AND JULY 30, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$21,836.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,569.27
Debt Retirement (Incl. ACH)	\$5,255.00
SCRIP (89 orders)	\$1,169.50
School Tuition (Pay in Full Option)	\$115,293.33

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

5:15 p.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick
+Int: *Robert Schellhaas by Ron and Michelle Reuther*

Friday, August 11

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Joan Richie by Chuck O'Connell*

Saturday, August 12

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: *Ed and Marie Weishaar by the Family*

Sunday, August 13

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Lawrence "Larry" Langer by Dave and Doris Trebus*

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

Monday, August 14

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

6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

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. Mass: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
+Int: *Clarence, Florence, Barb, Linda and Joseph Peter Dusek by the Family*

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

Wednesday, August 16

1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Health
+Int: *Ambrose Meyer by the Family*

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

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Eric Pechacek by Tilly and Dennis Riemenschneider*

Saturday, August 19

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

2:30 p.m. Wedding: Wallin/Rupp

4 -4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: *Marvin Pechacek by Family and Friends*

Sunday, August 20

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass
Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary*

11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: *Michael Drost by Children and Grandchildren*

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

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 August 5 is in loving memory of Marshall and Mary Johnson and Catherine and Ray Foley by Don and Phyllis Foley and Family. The Mass for August 12 is in loving memory of Ed and Marie Weishaar by the Family.

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 August 7 at 6:30 p.m. versus Servant of the Shepherd and August 14 at 7:45 p.m. versus Christ Center at Hoffman Park. Go team St. Bridget!

Prayer Partners Needed

We are in need of "prayer partners" for the 9 a.m. hour 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. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the church office.

Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers and cards for our family with the loss of our son Ron (Ronnie) Pechacek. Thank you to Keith & George for the wonderful music and to those who prepared and served the meal. A special thank you to Fr. Jerry and the staff at St. Bridget's for making the Memorial Mass a special healing time for all.
-Alvin and Donna Pechacek

Donut Season is Coming!

Donut season is quickly approaching! Thank you to all current and past volunteers who have helped to keep this longstanding ministry alive at St. Bridget! We are finding it more challenging to get volunteers and keep a consistent schedule. In order for us to have donuts each week, we need more people to help. Without new volunteers, we may only be able to offer donuts every other week. If you can help, please call the church office. All current volunteers will receive their schedules in the next few weeks. Thank you!

Pick Up Funeral Dishes

Thanks to all who have donated food for funerals held here at St. Bridget. We have an overabundance of dishes to be picked up. All dishes remaining after August 14 will be donated. Please pick up in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

It's Not to Late to Volunteer at the KC Fair Booth

Volunteers are still needed for the Knights of Columbus Pierce County food booth. Stop by and sign-up in the Fellowship Hall after mass today. All food booth volunteers receive a fair entry ticket and will receive a food ticket to use at the end of your shift. Please stop by the food booth when you attend the fair.

Catholic Watchmen!

All men are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen meeting on Saturday, August 12 from 7- 8:30 a.m. The meeting includes breakfast, a presentation and group discussion. We will begin the morning with prayer in the church and you will also have the opportunity for confession. For more information, contact Tony Jilek at 715-220-7527.

Signs and Wonders: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth



A new bible study that will focus on the book "Signs and Wonders: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth" will be held on September 19 through October 24 on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at St. Bridget. The study will focus on some of the most dramatic Gospel episodes (the wedding at Cana, Jesus walking on water) and aims to encourage everyone to have a personal encounter with Jesus in Scripture. Through discussion, participants will be able to come to a deeper understanding of Jesus—and why people choose to follow him. To register, contact the church office. (Note: Participants need to purchase the book listed above on their own prior to the start of the study. It is available on Amazon.)

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Fall Raffle

The St Bridget CCW is asking parishioners for donations for it's Fall Raffle. In past years, parishioners have generously donated raffle prizes of handcrafted items, gift cards, and wonderful small appliances and electronics! The Fall Raffle is our largest fundraiser, which allows our organization to provide support to groups and people in our parish and community. Please contact Patti LaPorte by August 15 at 715-425-7982 or prelaporte@att.net with questions or to make donation arrangements. Thank you!

PARISH LIFE (CONTINUED)

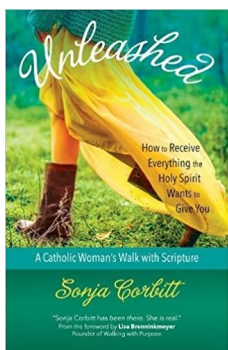
RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is a journey of faith:

- ≈ Through the initial stages of asking and seeking
- ≈ Through beginning involvement with the parish community
- ≈ Through the study of the Gospels, reflection and prayer
- ≈ Through study about Catholic teaching and way of life
- ≈ Through doubts and hesitations
- ≈ Through the desire to serve
- ≈ Through the discernment of God's call
- ≈ Through the steps of commitment
- ≈ Through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Communion and Confirmation

You do not do this journey alone. We, as the parish family of St. Bridget, grow with you renewing and strengthening our own journey of faith as we journey with you. Formal preparation begins on September 21 and meets weekly with the culmination of reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, and recognizing that this is not the end only the beginning. If the Holy Spirit is nudging your heart please prayerfully consider the invitation. Email Jodie Rubenzer, jrubenzer@stbparish.com with any questions you might have. We'd love to have you join us.

Women's Book Study



Are you interested in gathering on a weekly basis to read, discuss and share? There is a 9 week study beginning this fall for all women of the parish. If this is something that piques your interest, please call or email Jodie with your preference of day and time to meet. We are looking for your input and if there is enough interest we may be able to conduct two studies. This study

would meet at the church unlike the in home monthly study which will begin here also this fall. The first book of this study will be

unleashed, by, Sonja Corbitt, How to receive everything the Holy Spirit wants to give you.

Please email Jodie, spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com or call the church office by, August 22, to indicate the day you'd prefer to meet and the time of day; morning, afternoon, or evening.

FAITH FORMATION

Schwan's Fundraiser for NCYC!

Our 21 youth and adults going to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November are raising funds through a Schwan's campaign. When you order from Schwan's, 40% of eGift Card sales, and 20% of product sales will come back to us! **TO ORDER ONLINE:** Visit www.schwans-cares.com/c/33670. Click "Shop to Give" and start shopping! You can also **ORDER BY PHONE:** Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 33670. We are so grateful for your support in helping us to be able to attend NCYC!



FUNDRAISING

ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

The new school year is just around the corner! The smiles on the children as families stop in to pay tuition are reminders of the enthusiasm and loveliness they bring to our school!

We are especially grateful to our school custodian, Mr. John Johnson, for his many hours of work cleaning and preparing floors for their brilliant finish. Also, thanks to Mrs. Hillary Gilles for her great office organization, ordering textbooks and supplies, preparing class lists, and updating Sycamore, our school management system.

We are in the process of hiring people for those staff not returning to St. Bridget. These hires will be announced as soon as positions are finalized.

I am grateful to all who have welcomed me to our school and parish community! I ask each of you to keep our school in your prayers, asking God to lead and guide us in the important work that we have been given to do.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns: 715-425-1872 or principal@stbparish.com

- Jeanne McCoy, Principal

AREA EVENTS

32nd Annual Threshing Bee: Sunday, August 20

The 32nd Annual St. Croix Valley Collectors Association Threshing Bee will be held on August 20 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Norm and Shirlee Feyereisen farm (429 Townsvalley Road, Hudson). Free admission. "Bring a dish to pass and a story to tell." Questions? – call Ron DeCoux at 715-425-1041.

Moose Lodge Brunch: Sunday, August 13

There is a brunch to benefit Children at Mooseheart from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. on August 13 at the River Falls Moose Lodge. Cost: \$9; Youth 5 and under free.

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 715-425-6346. Order deadline is August 15. Thanks!

Brunch for Believers: Thursday, August 17

Ezekiel Lutheran Church is hosting an Ecumenical gathering for Women on August 17, 10 -11:30 a.m. The program is titled "Biblical Mountain Encounters." All are welcome. Please make reservations by calling Ezekiel Lutheran Church (715-425-8294) by Tuesday, August 15.

Natural Family Planning Classes

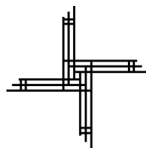
The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning at Hudson Physicians (405 Stageline Rd., Hudson, WI) beginning Saturday, August 19. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. For information, call 612.721.3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

Free School Supply Event

On August 7 (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) and August 8 (10 a.m. to noon) 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).

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.



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