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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

#### **Church Contacts**



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## St. Bridget is clustered with St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 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

715-684-2336

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.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **SEPTEMBER 18, 2016**

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	Monday, September	19					
	6:00 p.m.	Cursillo 4th Day					
6:30 p.m.		DivorceCare					
	7:00 p.m.	Al Anon					
	Tuesday, September 20						
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Soup and Bread					
	7:00 p.m.	Health Care Directive Class					
	Wednesday, Septem						
	9:45 a.m.	Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study					
	3:15-4:30p.m.	Grade 6-8 Faith Formation					
	5:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal					
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice					
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes					
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study					
	7:45 p.m.	Praise Team Practice					
		Thursday, September 22					
	9:30 a.m.	Resurrection Choir Practice					
	7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice					
	Sunday, September 25						
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Preschool					
	1:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation					
		Registration Meeting					
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		pture Readings					
	www.usccb.org/bible/readings						
	Mon., 9/19 Prv 3:2	7-34; Lk 8:16-18					
	Tue., 9/20 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21						
	Wed., 9/21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13						
	Thu., 9/22 Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9						
	Fri., 9/23 Eccl 3:	I-11; LK 9:18-22					

Sat., 9/24 Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

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Sun., 9/25 Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-

## **SACRAMENTS**

## Rest in Peace

+Sophy Hauschild, grandmother of Becky (John) Hayden. +David Coonen, father of Mary (Jeff) Linehan

TITHES AND FI	NANCIAL	September 11, 2016			
Adult Envelopes	\$14,080.00	Debt Retirement	\$1,475.00	Emergency Fund	\$600.00
				School Tuition	
Loose Collection	\$812.35	Scrip (89 orders)	\$1,138.92	(7/1-9/12)	\$213,955.65
Faith Formation		Assumption			
Tuition (7/1-9/12)	\$5350.00	of Mary	\$10.00		

## FROM THE PASTOR

## Jubilee Year of Mercy: September 18, 2016 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy is one thing, malpractice quite another. Why, then, does the defrauded master in Jesus' parable praise the devious steward? Jesus shows by example how to sanctify material goods: by placing all our resources, indeed our very selves, at the service of others. No matter how costly such service, or how minimal the return, such charity is the wisest investment, yielding a reward that is literally out of this world. For Amos and Jesus, authentic worship of God demands practical charity toward our neighbor. Paul, too, declares that the only worship acceptable to God is offered by a community rich in charity. Liturgy must be matched to life, "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" (1 Timothy 2:8). This Jubilee Year of Mercy challenges us to live as "children of light," as devoted to self-sacrificing service as "the children of this world" (Luke 16:8) are to serving themselves, as enthusiastic for God's kingdom of justice as we are about less-enduring treasures. \_\_Peter Scagnell, Copyright @ J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## **Our Responsibility for Others**

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money. Copyright@J.S. Paluch Co.

### **Treasures from Our Tradition**

Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named "Toussaint" (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain is it likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today's rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life's journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### Catholic Services Appeal

Today the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal officially begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Superior. Because of Father Harris' absence, the diocesan video will be played next week at all Masses. The CSA is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese to share our blessings and to show our support for one another. Your gift is important. Please assist our parish and our diocese in providing a wide variety of religious, educational, pastoral and charitable services throughout all fourteen counties of our diocese. Many of you have already received a mailing from Bishop James Powers explaining the appeal and its goals. Envelopes should be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection plate. Additional envelopes are available in the vou may contribute safely. quickly, and securely online pews or at http://catholicdos.org/st-bridget-river-falls-giving. This link is also available on the website. Thank you in advance for your commitment and generosity.

#### Donut Ministry

As we begin our favorite season — donut season — we are finding it more and more challenging to get volunteers and to keep a consistent schedule. In order for us to have donuts each week, we need more people to help. Without new volunteers, we will only be able to have donuts every other week. If you can help, please call the church office. It's a great opportunity to be part of something wonderful!

## PARISH LIFE

## September 17 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 September 17 is in loving memory of John Dretsch by Brenda Dretsch and Family .

### 90th Birthday Celebration

To celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the children of Robert Karras, Sr. are hosting an open house on Sunday, September 18 from 1-5 p.m. at Johnnies Bar. No gifts.

#### 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. hour. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the parish office to learn more or volunteer.

### Holiday Happenings

Vendors are needed for our annual Holiday Happenings craft show, December 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are interested or know of interested crafters contact Doreen Cegielski 715-426-5422 or e-mail <u>HolidayHappenings@stbparish.com</u> to receive registration forms.

#### Save the Date for HATtitude

Save the date for the Come As You Are Women's Retreat featuring Tracey Winn Steivang presenting HATtitude on Monday, November 14 at 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. See upcoming bulletins for more details!

#### **Health Directive Seminar**

A document every adult should have on file with their doctor and hospital. Attorney Jennifer O'Neill will conduct the program on Tuesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. in the West View Room. Registration is at the table in the entry. Please take one information sheet for each person attending.

## Part-Time Drummer Needed

The Praise Team is looking for a drummer to play 1-2 times per month for the 11 a.m. Mass. If you are High School age or older and have experience playing with an ensemble please consider joining our group. Contact Barrett in the office for more information.

## **Greeter Coordinator Needed**

We are currently looking for a Greeter coordinator. If you are an existing Greeter or someone that is currently not a Greeter and would like more information, please contact Barrett in the office.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Have you considered joining this Ministry? As a Eucharistic Minister you will serve the people of our Parish by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ. Your commitment would be once every 3 weeks. Training is provided. Please prayerfully consider joining this fulfilling Ministry. If you are interested please contact Amy Sabelko at <u>amys8082@gmail.com</u> or call 715-222-1467 for more information.

### DivorceCare starts this Week!

DivorceCare is a 14-week, non-denominational, biblically-based support group seminar open to anyone recovering from separation or divorce. Individuals can join at any time. The next group will run from September 19 through December 19 on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Bridget Church. The fee is \$15 but can be waived if unable to pay. Childcare is provided at no cost. For more information and to join, e-mail Barb and Jerry Liddell at divorcecare.ic.stb@hotmail.com or call the St. Bridget Parish Office.

## Want to become a Catholic Christian through RCIA?

If you would like to join the Catholic Church or know of someone, please contact St. Bridget's or St. Mary's Church offices or Fr. Harris. The process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). St. Bridget's first meeting is Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at church.

## 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 Magner at 715-684-2336.

Marie Amundsen Jodi Bjellum Marguerite Brown Daniella Carrasco Gerald Cernohous Erica Glover

David Hake Ann Holland Barb Ickler Rita Mountain Rosemarie Ogden Izabella Thompson

## FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Classes Start this Week!

- •<u>Sunday, September 18—Sunday Preschool Classes Begin (For 3, 4, and 5-year-olds in the Upper Room</u> during the 9:30 Mass. Register using the standard FF registration form.)
- •<u>Wednesday, September 21 Faith Formation Classes Begin</u> Please pray for our Faith Formation students, teachers, and staff as we prepare for a year of growing in our faith and in our love for God!

## Faith Formation Volunteer Needs

- <u>Faith Formation Teachers:</u> We are still in need of a teacher for our 7th grade classroom. Curriculum and materials will be provided. The teacher is responsible for preparing lessons and leading the class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. This is a paid position. Contact Tessa if interested.
- <u>Confirmation Small Group Leaders:</u> Our grade 10 and 11 youth preparing for Confirmation will meet each Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 p.m. We are in need of small group leader for our 10th grade youth.
- <u>Tech Support</u>: We are looking for a high school senior, college student, parent, or other adult in the parish to run the laptop, video, and music for our Confirmation class each Wednesday night. This role involves arriving by 6:15, following notes/cues throughout class for starting and stopping DVD segments, running PowerPoint when necessary, and putting away the laptop after class. It does not require more than a basic knowledge of running a laptop. Please contact Tessa if interested.
- Preschool Aides: Help out with Sunday school class. No prep necessary, just a love for kids!
- Hospitality Team: Prepare and serve the meal each Wednesday from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

After nearly two years of dedicated hard work by many volunteers, the parish council and Father Harris unanimously approved our parish strategic plan last spring. After taking a break this summer, we now begin to implement the action steps identified in the plan — specifically those identified as needing first priority. The first items on the list include creating and implementing a parish wide survey to gauge our current parish needs; reviewing our parish mission statement; better communicating of parish finances; creating a staffed welcome area for our Sunday experience; and conducting a parish wide event to help foster a sense of community (and celebrate Father Harris' 20 year anniversary).

If you are interested in helping with any of the items listed above or have specific questions regarding the plan, please contact the parish office for more information.

More information and strategic plan updates will be shared regularly.

## **AREA EVENTS**

## **River Falls Run with the Cops**

Join CVTC Criminal Justice Club, UWRF and local law enforcement departments for the first ever River Falls Run With the Cops October 11 at UWRF to benefit Special Olympics Wisconsin. The night will include a glow run (5K and 1 mile run/walk), law enforcement vehicle display, and kids' obstacle course/dash. Onsite registration begins at 5 p.m. with the glow run starting at 7:45 p.m. To register in advance, visit www.runwithcops.org.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for October 15/16 in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. For information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter at 715-832-3296 or rippsk@charter.net.

## **Colleen Raye Concert**

Joy Lutheran Church Proudly Announces the Music of Rosie Conway, Colleen Raye and Norton Lawellin. A concert will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church, (1435 St. Croix St., Prescott, WI) Come for uplifting, spiritual music and fellowship! A free will monetary donation or a non-perishable food item will be accepted for the Prescott Food Shelf.

## **October Respect Life Month Event**

Join us as Chad Judice, International Speaker and award winning author and Barbara Sella, Associate Director of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference; Faithful Citizenship, speak on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Medford, WI. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Lieberg, Chancellor, Diocese of Superior: 715-394-0240; <u>dlieberg@catholicdos.org</u>

