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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

	Masses/Services
Monday, Septe	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, Sept	ember 27
8:30 a.m 8:0	0 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 p.m.	Mass
	th (Betty) Johnson by Vernon Johnson
and Fa	
Wednesday, S	2
9:00 a.m.	School Mass
+Int: Charles	R. Bastien by Lorraine Bastien
1:30 p.m.	Mass at Comforts of Home Lodge
	tt by the Family
	Prayer Service at Lutheran Home
Friday, Septen	
7:30 a.m.	
8:00 a.m.	Mass
	' Hartung by the Family
2:00 p.m.	Wedding: Herum/Zess
Saturday, Octo	ober 1
	Wedding: Gunderson/Hagar
	. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass
	drle by Family and Friends
Sunday, Octob	ber 2
8:45 a.m.	
9:30 a.m.	Mass
	ne Deiss Pitcock by Alvin Pechacek
11:00 a.m.	
	es of St. Bridget and St. Mary
7:00 p.m.	Mass at UWRF Newman Center

Events

Monday, Septe	ember 26
	Cursillo 4th Day
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Al Anon
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, Sept	ember 27
5 - 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday Banquet
7:00 p.m.	CCW Meeting
Wednesday, S	eptember 28
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
Thursday, Sep	tember 29
9:30 a.m.	Resurrection Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice
Saturday, Octo	ober 1
7:30 a.m.	
	Van Leaves St. Bridget for LIFELINE
Sunday, Octob	ber 2
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Preschool
1:00 p.m.	Baptism Class

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings Mon., 9/26 Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50 Tue., 9/27 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56 Wed., 9/28 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62 Thu., 9/29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51 Fri., 9/30 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16 Sat., 10/1 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24 Sun., 10/2 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk

17:5-10

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Adult Envelopes (Includes ACH)	\$31,729.65	Debt Retirement	\$935.00	Holiday Happenings	\$405.00
Loose Collection	\$763.27	Scrip (68 orders)	\$1,030.36	Donut Money	\$369.88
School Tuition (Includes ACH)	\$20,139.79	Faith Formation Tuition	\$2,230.00		

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Rest in Peace

+Antoine Steier, brother of Toni (Don) Fuller

Kendall Lea Carley, daughter of Brian and Kae Carley Piper Rae Hanson, daughter of Jaclyn and Lars Hanson Kinsley Ann Wirth, daughter of Amber and Jason Wirth

FROM THE PASTOR

Jubilee Year of Mercy: September 25, 2016 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos castigates religious people who, "comfortably complacent" (6:1, 5), ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation, religion (6:6). In Jesus' parable, such complacency becomes the rich man's undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither denied him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus' devastating point. The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by "a great chasm" (Luke 16:26), could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man's "five brothers still in my father's house" (16:27–28), we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door—and time to do something. Who, specifically, concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this Jubilee Year of Mercy? —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Treasures from Our Tradition

We've been thinking about names lately, and there is hardly any tradition older than changing one's name when accepting a new vocation in life. In the time of Jesus, people would normally wait until the eighth day after birth for the naming of a child, partly because of the fragility of infant life, when the eighth day would mark the end of a survival crisis, and also because the elders would look for some clues as to the child's identity. In Jew-ish life then as now, it was not the custom to name a child after a living parent; notice there are no "juniors" in the genealogy of Jesus. Remember also how the relatives complained to Zachary and Elizabeth that no one in their family was ever named John. Then there are the changed names, Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. This spills over into Western culture in many ways, such as British royalty taking new names at coronation. It's anybody's guess, for example, whether the Prince of Wales intends to be King Charles II, or become Henry, or Edward, or George if he wishes.

Members of religious orders have until recent years swapped baptismal names for new ones, and the latest pope made a switch as well. Secular life has many parallels, and movie stars like Cary Grant, Judy Garland, and John Wayne might not have shone so brightly as Archie Leach, Frances Gumm, and Marion Morrison. There are some compelling reasons in our tradition for taking a new name when undertaking a new mission, yet also a clear preference for choosing the right baptismal name from the start! <u>—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</u>

Want to become a Catholic Christian through RCIA?

The mission of the Catholic Church is to preach the gospel as Jesus commanded us. If you would like to join the Catholic Church or know of someone who would like to join the Church, please contact St. Bridget's or St. Mary's Church offices. The process to join the Church is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). These sessions meet about once a week with presentations and discussions on various aspects about the Catholic Faith. Questions are always welcome at these sessions. We do have people at both parishes who have asked to join the Catholic Faith. If you are interested, call or email the church offices or myself, and we will get you started. Thanks. Fr. Harris

CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) this weekend

The Catholic Services Appeal or CSA begins this weekend. It is our opportunity to stand with everyone in our Diocese of Superior as we care for God's Kingdom in this part of the world. Some people think this CSA is a tax on our parish. It is not. It is our Stewardship to the Greater Church. Every dime contributed directly or indirectly benefits our local Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's Immaculate Conception. The CSA contributions provide the framework for our parish operations, programs, and for the future generations of Catholic Christians. Our CSA goal is our gift to the current and future Church.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear the story of the "Rich Man and Lazarus." Lazarus begged at the Rich Man's gate but was given nothing. Both men died and Lazarus rested in the bosom of Abraham while the rich man was tormented in what would be termed hell.

The Rich Man did nothing to harm Lazarus. That is the point: he did nothing! He just ignored him. We may not change the entire world by our contributions but we can say to God: "We notice the needs and we did what we could." That is all God asks: That we notice the needs of those around us and do what we can.

At St. Bridget and/or at St. Mary's, here are some things that we do to live the gospel:

We Preach The Gospel (Matthew 28:19 "go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.")

Masses, women's retreats, men's bible study and support group, active faith formation for youth, youth mission trips, parish school, Totus Tuus (youth retreats), monthly Lifeline masses at St. Paul Net Center, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Vacation Bible School (VBS), Communion brought to area care centers and assisted living centers weekly by volunteers, parish retreats and gifted speakers brought in to make the

Gospel of Jesus real to daily life, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer line, prayer groups, liturgical ministries, prayer shawl ministry and a number of other care ministries.

We Wash Feet... (At the Last Supper Jesus washed feet and commanded us to do likewise.)

Tuesday Banquets are hosted at St. Bridget; St. Mary's helps at Community Supper at Gethsemane Lutheran in Baldwin; supporting Our Neighbor's Place shelter and housing services; GRACE PLACE Shelter in New Richmond; Good Samaritan Fund; contributing to Assistance and Resource Center (ARC) to help those who need assistance with rent, utilities and gas cards; Good Samaritan Fund; St. Bridget's emergency fund to help parishioners when emergencies arise; jail ministry; hosting support groups such as divorce care, breast cancer, Alzheimer's support group, AA and Al-Anon; providing rides to those who need it; support Pro-Life; Senior Gatherings; participating in the Ecumenical Christmas Giving Tree to give families gifts and food; offering community meals; and working with community leaders to meet our community needs.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this year's Catholic Services Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your support. - Fr. Jerry Harris

Introducing Amy Burns our new High School Ministry Leader!



We are glad to have Amy Burns join St. Bridget's Parish part-time in Youth Ministry. Amy comes to us with 20+ years of passionate youth ministry. Her background includes membership and leadership in school and community organizations and faith based youth groups. Amy Burns is very energetic, purposeful, and engaged. She is extremely empathetic and sensitive to the special needs of a wide range of families. Amy uses a proactive approach that recognizes the changing needs and interests of children through young adults and her programs are designed to provide continuity and expanded opportunities as student growth occurs. She is creative both with her personal interactions and with her program activities – often promoting her kids to go well beyond their comfort zones by following her examples.

Amy will be here after all Masses next weekend to meet and greet. Please welcome Amy!

PARISH LIFE

September 24 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 24 is in loving memory of Gene Huppert by Bess Knott.

Are you a Crafter?

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.

Join the Praise Team as a Part Time Drummer

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.

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.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner help needed!

Volunteers are needed to help co-coordinate the Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by St. Bridget Church. Please contact the church office if you would like to help.

Help Create a Warm Welcome to Mass

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.

U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops

According to our Catholic bishops, "We are called in a special way to serve the poor and vulnerable; to build bridges of solidarity among peoples of differing races and nations, language and ability, gender and culture." US Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light.* We can respond to this call by contacting our legislators immediately to encourage them to support generous funding of U.S. domestic and international policies that reduce poverty and bring food aid to those in need. Contact our legislators by going to Senate.gov and House.gov.

Directory Pictures are In!

If you had your picture taken in August 2016 for the picture directory and did not order any prints, your free 8 by 10 is available for pick up in the church office. Thanks!

Fair Trade Volunteer Opportunity

The Council of Catholic Women is looking for a chairperson to lead the Fair Trade project. We hope to be selling fair trade products this fall. Fair Trade provides us with the opportunity to integrate our Catholic Social Teaching principles with our purchasing patterns. By purchasing fairly traded items, we make a conscious choice to buy from impoverished people in a way that promises to help lift them out of poverty. Contact the parish office for more information.

Welcome to Our New Accompanist

We would like to welcome Garret Ross as our new accompanist here at St. Bridget. He and Keith Brux will continue to share the responsibility of playing at weekend masses. We thank him for sharing his gift with us.

FAITH FORMATION

Lifeline starting October 1

All youth in grades 8-12 are encouraged to sign up for this first Lifeline of the year! It's a Catholic Youth Mass and event at the NET Center in West St. Paul, with a great band and great speakers! The theme on Oct. 1 is "The Four Levels of Happiness," with Father Robert Spitzer, SJ, from Garden Grove, CA! Contact Tessa or Amy in the church office to sign up. We'll meet at church at 4:30 p.m. and carpool to the NET Center. We'll return to River Falls around 10:30 p.m. and go out for pizza!

Faith Formation Classes Have Begun!

• It's not too late to sign up! Contact Diane or Tessa in the Church office.

Faith Formation Volunteer Needs

Contact Diane or Tessa in the parish office if you are able to volunteer in these areas;

- <u>Confirmation Small Group Leaders:</u> We are still in need of 2 small group leaders for a 10th grade group of youth. This role involves listening, more listening, and asking reflective questions of our youth as they share their thoughts and experiences of God. The teaching will be done through a large group format.
- <u>Preschool Aides:</u> Help out with Sunday school class. No prep necessary, just a love for kids!

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 Barbara Karls Rita Mountain Rosemarie Ogden Mike Sutton Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

Join St. Bridget's Team for RF Run with the Cops

Want to show your support for our parish, our local law enforcement, and our Wisconsin Special Olympics organization? Join the "St. Bridget's Finest" team for the first ever River Falls Run With the Cops October 11 at UWRF. 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.

