

211 E. Division Street, PO Box 86 River Falls, WI 54022

> Phone: 715-425-1870 Fax: 715-425-1871

E-mail address: recept@stbparish.com Web site: www.saintbridgets.org

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



Principal -Office Assistant - Hillary Gilles Fax

Pastor's Residence Prayer Request Line

St. Bridget is clustered with St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church **Phone:** 715-796-2244 **Fax:** 715-796-2244 1265 Ridgeway St., Hammond WI 54015

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

Weekend Mass Times:

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.



	Phone:	Email:
	715-425-1879 ext. 103	pastor@stbparish.com
	651-308-4031	deacon@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 104	parishadmin@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 102	recept@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 101	accountant@stbparish.com
-	715-425-1879 ext. 120	visitation@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 112	maintenance@stbparish.com
ki	715-425-1879 ext. 105	faithform@stbparish.com
er	715-425-1879 ext. 107	youthministry@stbparish.com hsleader@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 121	adminsupport@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 109	liturgy@stbparish.com
	715-425-1879 ext. 114	
	715-425-1879 ext. 116	
	715-425-1872 ext. 201	principal@stbparish.com
	715-425-1872 ext. 201	office@stbparish.com
	715-425-1873	onice@stopansn.com
	715-425-1876 715-684-2336	
	/15-004-2330	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Mas	sses/Services	
Tuesday, Septembe	er 6	Mor
8:30 a.m 8:00 p.m	 Adoration of the Blessed 	0
	Sacrament	Wee
5:15 p.m. Mass	s with Anointing of the Sick	9:
+Int: Marie Huppe	rt by Winnie and John Robertson	6:
Wednesday, Septer	nber 7	7:
	ool Mass	7:
	chette by Mary Louise Lewis	Thu
•	s at Comforts of Home Falls	7:
	Dennis by Stan & May Ramberg	Frid
	gy of the Word with Holy	9:
	munion at Kinnic Health	Sati
Friday, September S	9	7:
7:30 a.m. Rosa	5	9:
8:00 a.m. Mas	-	Sun
	by Family and Friends	5:
•	lding: Novak/Ahvonen	
Saturday, Septembe		
	lding: Amacher/Nelson	
4:00-4:30 p.m. Indiv		
5:00 p.m. Mas	-	
	anda by Tom and Barb Belongia	(
Sunday, September		
8:45 a.m. Rosa		Мс
9:30 a.m. Mas	•	Tu
	by Rosemary Dusek and Family	We
11:00 a.m. Mass	-	
	St. Bridget and St. Mary	Th
7:00 p.m. Mas	s at UWRF Newman Center	
		Fri.

Events nday, September 5 Office Closed dnesday, September 7 :45 a.m. Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study :30 p.m. **Confirmation Meeting** Fr. Dave Pivonka Bible Study ':00 p.m. ':45 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** ursday, September 8 ':00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice day, September 9 :30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group turday, September 10 ':00 a.m. Catholic Watchmen Breakfast :00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry nday, September 11 Faith Formation Catechist :00 p.m. Orientation

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Mon., 9/5 Tue., 9/6	1 Cor 5:1-8Lk 6:6-11 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed., 9/7	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thu., 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Fri., 9/9	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Sat., 9/10	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sun., 9/11	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1- 32 [1-10]

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

AUGUST 21 AND 28, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$24,099.73	Debt Retirement	\$2,205.00	Emergency Fund	\$970.00
Loose Collection	\$1,924.12	Scrip (104 orders)	\$1,096.82	Gift School	\$50.00
Assumption of Mary	\$248.00	Bequest/Memorials	\$60.00		

SACRAMENTS

Rest in Peace

+Marilyn Delander

- +Rosemary Vanda, aunt of Lori Loney and Joni Herum
- +Darold Pechacek
- +Joe Mayer, brother of Mary Ann (Mike) Janse
- +Mother of Dan (Lori) McGinty
- +Edward Grant, uncle of BJ (Barb) Grant and Mary (Chuck) Woiwode
- +Bob Stodola, uncle of Tony Jilek and Joe Jilek
- +Diane Olson

FROM THE PASTOR

Jubilee Year of Mercy: September 4, 2016 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life" (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the Jubilee Year of Mercy? But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel's demands first place. Today's second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the Jubilee Year of Mercy challenge me to "hate"—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love? – Peter Scagnelli, Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Invited

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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 this 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 pastor@stbparish.com or 715-425-1879 ext. 103

PARISH LIFE

September 3 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 3 is in loving memory of Marie, Ray, Tom, and Paul Dusek by the Family.

Fr. Dave Pivonka Fall Bible Study

An 11 week bible study featuring video presentations from Fr. Dave Pivonka along with discussion will be held September 7 - November 16. Two sessions will be offered on Wednesdays: after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m. Each session is stand alone. Individuals can come when their schedule allows. The focus of the study is about one's relationship with God, sacraments, and a fuller life as a Catholic. To register: contact the parish office.

Martha Group Quilters

The Martha Group Quilters will meet on Tuesday, September 6 in Lubich Hall from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come anytime and bring a sack lunch if you like. Everyone is welcome! You need not be a member of St. Bridget. All quilts are donated to charity. Questions: contact Sue Meyer at 715-425-5281 or sue.dmeyer4@gmail.com.

Come Join Us!

The SATB Choir Ministry will start rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The choir provides leadership for congregational singing and enhances the liturgy of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass with its selected hymns and harmonies. If you cannot attend this rehearsal, please come to the next one. The SATB choir looks forward to seeing both former and new members. Questions: call Marlys Mueller at 715-425-9621.

65th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Alvin and Donna Pechacek on celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. They were married here at St. Bridget on September 8, 1951. May God's blessing be upon their family.

Upcoming November Elections

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

The Joany Shepard Endowment Fund

In 2009, Joany Shepard left an endowment fund to St. Bridget Parish as a part of her legacy. The "Joany Fund" can be used to pay for opportunities that inspire spiritual formation in our church and faith. The "Joany Fund" has already helped to fund many projects in our parish. For information about the "Joany Fund," contact the parish office. Request forms are available in the parish office and need to be returned one week prior to the Joany Shepard Endowment Fund Meetings, which will be held on January 9, 2017, April 10, 2017, and July 10, 2017.

Knights of Columbus Fair Food Booth

Thank you parishioners, St B's youth, family members, KC members and those who traveled from afar to work at the KC Fair Booth during the 2016 Pierce County Fair. We appreciate all who stepped in to work a shift or two or more. The KC's especially thank those who came to work for their first time. God Bless You. If you missed out on the wonderful food this year, we look forward to seeing you next year.

Greeter Coordinator Needed

We are currently looking for a greeter coordinator. If you are an existing greeter or someone who is currently not a greeter and would like more information, please contact Barrett in the office. We also would like to thank Michelle Madsen for helping us for the last couple years as the coordinator.

Praise Team Starting Soon, Come Join Us!

The Praise Team leads the music for the 11 a.m. Mass three Sundays a month. We are looking for singers to join our group. High school age and older are encouraged to join. Confirmation candidates can fulfill their service hours through this group. Can't commit to every week....that's OK just come as often as you can. Practices this year will be on Wednesdays right after Faith Formation classes from 7:45-9 p.m. Contact Barrett with questions or to sign up. Our first practice will be September 7. Hope to see you there!

Catholic Watchmen is almost here!

The Catholic Watchmen kickoff meeting is September 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The kickoff meeting includes breakfast, a video presentation, social time, group discussion, adoration, and confession. For information, contact Don Vande Yacht at <u>920-284-6164</u> <u>dvandeyacht@gmail.com</u>, Gary Senn <u>715-781-5523</u> <u>gsenn@baldwin-telecom.net</u> or Fr. Harris. You can also visit <u>www.thecatholicwatchmen.com</u>. Registration will be available after all Masses this weekend.

Faith in Our Future Update

Our parish community recently received a check from the Faith in Our Future: Our Legacy, Our Mission Campaign. This check was for \$16,403.08 and will be used at St. Bridget to pay the principal on the mortgage. Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the campaign. We appreciate your support and payments on your pledge.

Picture Directory News

We have had a tremendous response to our new photo directory, and we are now scheduling photo sessions for October. Please look for the link on our website, click here: St. Bridget Photo Directory, sign up in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses, or call the office to schedule. If unable to make it in for a photo, we are able to accept submitted photos preferably in a horizontal format. Please note: submitting photos does cost the parish an extra fee so we prefer everyone, who can, have their picture taken here. Anyone who is interested in being a greeter for the September photos, please contact Sue in the church 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 amys8082@gmail.com or call 715-222-1467 for more information.

DivorceCare

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Meetings Begin this week!

- Wednesday, September 7 Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- Wednesday, September 14 General Information and Registration Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This meeting will give an overview of our program. Note: If you do not have questions, and you have turned in a registration form, you do not need to attend this meeting.
- Wednesday, September 14 Theology of the Body for Teens Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in Lubich Hall. This meeting is for <u>parents only</u> of youth in grades 7 and 9, as those are the two grades that will be studying Theology of the Body for Teens.
- Sunday, September 18—Sunday Preschool Classes Begin (For 3, 4, and 5-year-olds in the Upper Room during the 9:30 Mass. Register using the standard FF registration form.)
- Wednesday, September 21 Faith Formation Classes Begin
- 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!

Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Amy Burns, our new High School Youth Ministry Leader for St. Bridget Church! She comes to us with 20 years of experience in youth ministry, and a huge love for teens. Keep an eye out for upcoming events as she gets started!

Faith Formation Volunteer Needs

- <u>Faith Formation Teachers:</u> We are still in need of teachers for our 6th and 7th grade classrooms. Curriculum and materials will be provided. Teachers are responsible for preparing lessons and leading the class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. 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 leaders and co-leaders to facilitate discussion, listen, and share faith with a great group of teens.
- <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.
- 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.

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	
Angie Burke	

David Byram Daniella Carrasco Gerald Cernohous Erica Glover Ann Holland Barb Ickler Rita Mountain Rosemarie Ogden Izabella Thompson

AREA EVENTS

Do You Need Your GED?

Chippewa Valley Technical College is joining efforts with Workforce Resource here in River Falls to provide an accelerated GED certification class. This is an EXCELLENT opportunity right here in River Falls. Pre-register by calling Krysta at 715-426-0394 or email at hasbrookk@workforceresource.org. See flyers at both entrances for more details.

Moose Lodge Brunch

Sunday, September 11, at the River Falls Moose Lodge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$9, children 5 and under free. All proceeds benefit senior citizens.

