

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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From the pastor...

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11

[Jesus told this parable.] "A king...prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests... 'Come to the wedding feast!' but the invited guests...went about their business: one went to his farm, another to his store... [Then the king said to his servants,] 'Now go ... and invite to the feast as many people as you find... ' And Jesus concluded, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:2-5,9,14

The "cast of characters" in Jesus' parable is as follows: the king is God; the wedding feast, God's kingdom; the first guests, God's Chosen People; the latter guests, Gentiles and sinners. Jesus' parable invites me to ask: To what extent am I responding to God's invitation to the wedding feast the way the first guests did: giving priority to my business rather than to the invitation?

(VISION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18

[Some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by asking him if it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Jesus foiled their plot to involve him in a political controversy, saying,] "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

Many professional beekeepers tend their beehives without putting on special veils or clothing. How do they avoid being stung? Their technique is simple. They remain perfectly calm and move slowly and deliberately. This keeps the bees calm and cool. Thus, even when scores of bees land on a keeper's unprotected skin, the keeper does not yield to panic. Jesus also mastered the virtue of staying calm in heated situations. We see him do that in today's reading. To what extent do I try to remain cool and in control when others attack me - even unfairly? Anger is the wind that blows out the lamp of the mind. Robert Ingersoll.

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The Privilege to Vote

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

We as Catholic Americans have the privilege and duty to vote. The Catholic Church never endorses a candidate or political party. The Church provides information to "form our consciences." Official materials from the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) are available on both St. Bridget and St. Mary's websites, emailed as an attachment to the parish bulletins or paper copies are available at the back of both churches which outlines and helps people form their consciences. They can be mailed upon request to your home. If you are unclear where various political candidates stand on various issues, please go to their "official political platform websites" or the League of Women Voters [website](#). There is a catholicvoterguide.com website that compares candidates on a variety of position. The "official political platforms" or the catholicvoterguide.com are not endorsed or sponsored by the Catholic Bishops. Fr. Harris

New Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Phone 715.425.1870

Pastoral Emergency

715.869.6122

www.saintbridgets.org

New Church Building hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Sign-up for Mass

Please remember to sign up to attend weekend Masses. Call the office or go to our [website](#) and scroll to the Spotlight section to reserve a spot.

Daily Word for October 12 - October 18

Monday, October 12	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday, October 13	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday, October 14	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday, October 15	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday, October 16	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday, October 17	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Sunday, October 18	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

Weekly Masses ~ October 11 to October 17

Sunday, October 11	9:30 a.m. +Int: Betty Wengelski 11:00 a.m. +Int: Clarence and Aurelia Schraufnagel
Monday, October 12	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, October 13	5:15 p.m. +Int: Mary Kliszcz
Wednesday, October 14	9:00 a.m. - School Mass +Int: Roger Heinisch and Sylvester Dowiasch
Thursday, October 15	8:00 a.m. +Int: Jeannine Poulin
Friday, October 16	8:00 a.m. +Int: Marlys Smith
Saturday, October 17 <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	5:00 p.m. +Int: Gerald Lawrence Cernohous

Daily Word for October 19 - October 26

Monday, October 19	Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday, October 20	Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday, October 21	Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday, October 22	Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday, October 23	Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday, October 24	Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Sunday, October 25	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c- 10/Mt 22:34-40

Weekly Masses ~ October 18 to October 24

Sunday, October 18	9:30 a.m. +Int: Donna Schommer 11:00 a.m. +Int: Jack Linehan
Monday, October 19	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, October 20	5:15 p.m. +Int: Gene Geifer
Wednesday, October 21	9:00 a.m. +Int: Paul and Delphine Johnson
Thursday, October 22	8:00 a.m. +Int: Francis Timp
Friday, October 23	8:00 a.m. +Int: Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family
Saturday, October 24 <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	5:00 p.m. +Int: Jerry Purfeerst

Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for October 17 is in loving memory of
Gerald Lawrence Cernohous

The Mass for October 24 is in loving memory of
Jerry Purfeerst

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 & OCTOBER 4

Adult Contributions	\$25,494.35
Future Parish Needs	\$1996.96
Loose Collection	\$492.29
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,596.00
On-line Giving	\$2,265.00
Scrip Rebates (36 orders)	\$460.83
Text to Give	\$930.00

PRAYER LIST

- 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 - 220 - 7792.

Laura Bowman	Irene Anderson
Linda Giardina	Rod Cina
Judy Pechacek Harri	Sharon Reese
Ann Holland	Tony Jilek
Barb Ickler	Michelle Swenson
Ray Belisle	Audrey Pfremer
Michelle Radtke	Martha Ciapetta
Izabella Thompson	Karin Jarosch
Sonia Steiner	Ed Knolmayer
Steve Alberg	Ric Parnell
Grace Radtke	Lynwood Meyer
Katy Morris	Judy O'Neil
Gwen Paulson	Marlys Dusek
Linda Radtke	Anita Dusek

PARISH LIFE

New Growth in the Holy Spirit Fall Conference

October 24 at St. Bridget - Lubich Hall

This event will be live streamed from the conference that day. It will be a day filled with faith filled talks, and learning more about the power of our confirmation that we haven't used yet. Capacity is 40 people. Masks must be worn. You can sign up at the information desk or email connections@stbparish.com. You can also contact Mary Joan Sutton maryjoansutton@gmail.com or 715-441-9699.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



Knights of Columbus Council #4902 will be having it's annual Tootsie Roll Drive at the weekend masses on October 10 and 11. Through this project, our council donated \$8,723 to help organizations within the River Falls community that work with and care for people with intellectual disabilities. We appreciate all the support over the years!

Rest in Peace



John Kenefick

Renee Glaubitz

Mother of Ilana (Gerald) Benusa

Dale Buetow

Father of Michelle (Randy) Madsen

Delores McGillis

Donald Croes

Shirley Higgins

Mother of James (Lola) Higgins

Community Prayer Group

The Community Prayer group invites you to join them. A prayer group is a group of faith filled Christians who are traveling on the road of holiness but want to walk with others of faith. We care about each other and support each other and learn from each other.

We meet via Free Conference call each Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We reflect on the days readings, share our insights and pray for the needs of each other, our community, and our country. Consider joining for you will be warmly welcomed. Contact Mary Joan Sutton at 715-441-9699 or maryjoansutton@gmail.com.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Baptisms

Martin James Schiefelbein

Son of Ann and Riley Schiefelbein

Dahviae Alfredo Strong

Son of Rachel Foley and Bryan Strong

Sacrament of Marriage

Joellen Turner and John Garlick

September 28, 2020

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. You are encouraged to wait at least one month, before attending a group. Sessions are free.

The next group begins on Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p. m. Oct. 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and will be held through Zoom technology. If you are not comfortable with Zoom, other arrangements can be made.

Register with email address and phone number by email at julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com or call or text 715-781- 4003 by Friday, October, 23.



DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 17-18 this year. This annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: *"Here I am, send me"* (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called *personally* to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father's own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to "step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor." What will your answer be? *"Here I Am, Send Me"* is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through *prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.*

Through the Pope's own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth – sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Your gifts sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. With them, you answer, *"Here I Am, Send Me."*

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this diocese to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

I remain sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop, Diocese of Superior

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PRO-LIFE CORNER

Following the Development of a Baby

October is Respect Life Month. We are following the development of a child each month from conception to birth.

MONTH #1

During the first amazing month of life the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

- Psalm 139:14-16

Project Rachael

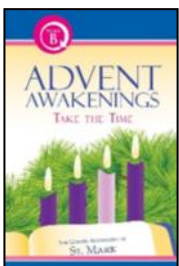
Are you hurting? If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' Retreat is October 30 - November 1.

For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.vineyardmn.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

COMING FOR ADVENT...

Advent Awakenings Take the Time



This will be an individual or small group opportunity. Sign up will begin Monday, October 26. Watch the website, bulletin or Facebook for more information.

Divine Mercy

During this critical point in our history we should not forget the prayer that is a call for the Mercy of God to assist us in the many forms of evil and distress which threaten humanity today. We are facing a global pandemic in the midst of great social and political unrest. We are in dire need of putting our trust in Jesus and asking for God's Mercy through praying the Chaplet. It can be prayed at any time, but it is particularly powerful during the 3:00 p.m. hour. Jesus told us through St. Faustina "this is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion" St. John Paul II dedicated himself to the Divine Mercy. He described it as the answer to the world's problems and a spiritual lifeline to the future. Please consider adding the Chaplet to your prayers as a cry for the Mercy of God for all humanity amid today's chaos.

How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Opening prayer: *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.*

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed For each of the five decades

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (repeat 3 times):
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Jesus I Trust in You. (Repeat 3 times)

Electronic Recycling Event Saturday, Oct. 17

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Garage, 950 Benson St.



For River Falls municipal utilities customers. For more information go to the city website <https://www.rfcity.org/370/Recycling>.

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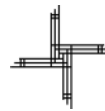
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FALL FOOD FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, **October 17**

12:00 - 4:30

Saint Bridget School
Parking Lot

Beer Garden

Buddy's Bakery

By Swing Bridge

Island Noodles

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