

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
2021



From the pastor...

November 21 is the 34th Sunday of the church year. Pilate interrogated Jesus, saying, "Are you the king of the Jews?"... Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." John 18:33,36

The people of Israel were looking for a "great earthly king" that would lead them. Jesus was the King but his kingdom was serving one another, trusting and believing in the one true God. This is the last Sunday of the church year. Next Sunday is the beginning of a new Church year with Cycle C. We tell the story of our salvation all over again.

November 28 is the First Sunday of Advent for the Cycle C Year. Jesus said, "Be careful... Be on watch and pray." Luke 21:34,36

Farmers hope for lots of rain right after they plant their corn. Once it sprouts and gets a good start, they hope for a "dry period." The reason is to force the corn's roots to grow downward in search of water, rather than stay on the surface. Unless the tap root of the corn grows downward to the water level, the corn will wither and dry when the heat of summer sets in—it will have no way to draw up water. Our prayer life is like that. God usually gives us a good start. Then God lets a "dry period: set in to force our prayer roots to grow downward to the faith level, rather than stay on the surface at the feeling level. (ACTION 2000, Mark Link. S.J.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Times

Individual opportunities for Confession for both parishes will occur at the following times:

St. Bridget in River Falls

- Tuesday, December 14, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 14, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 17, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Every Saturday, from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary's in Hammond

- Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 17 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
- Sundays from 7:15 to 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions are available at any time by appointment.

Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion

A Service that is a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is provided to enable the Faithful, in the absence of a priest, to offer praise and worship and to be nourished by the Eucharist. The liturgy does not take the place of Mass but usually follows the scripture readings of the day. St. Bridget schedules Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. NOTE: if a Funeral Mass occurs on one of those days, the service will be cancelled and people are encouraged to attend the Mass with the funeral. Fr. Harris

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

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

WEEKLY MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 21 - NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 21	9:30 a.m. <i>Lila Merriman Clay +</i> 11:00 a.m. <i>Jim and Bob Schmidt +</i> 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas More-Newman Ctr. UWRF
Monday, November 22	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, November 23	5:15 p.m. <i>Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family +</i>
Thursday, November 25	8:00 a.m. <i>Marlys DeSmith +</i>
Friday, November 26	3:00 p.m. Jane Ritzinger Funeral
*Saturday, November 27	12:00 p.m. Brian Weiss Funeral 4:00-4:30 p.m. Confession (or by appointment) 5:00 p.m. <i>Agnes Fisher +</i>
Saturday's Radio Mass is aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM	
*Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. Links can be found on our Facebook page and website.	

WEEKLY MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4

Sunday, November 28	9:30 a.m. <i>Jim Deiss +</i> 11:00 a.m. <i>Renee and Kurt Glaubitz +</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday, November 29	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, November 30	5:15 p.m. Bernard & Edna Meyer +
*Wednesday December 1	9:00 a.m. <i>Jim Schmidt +</i>
Thursday, December 2	5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, December 3	8:00 a.m. <i>Jim Jackman +</i>
*Saturday, December 4	4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Confession (or by appointment) 5:00 p.m. <i>Dennis A. Johnson</i>
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DAILY WORD FOR NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28

Monday, Nov. 22	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, Nov. 23	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, Nov. 24	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, Nov. 25	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday, Nov. 26	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, Nov. 27	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday, Nov. 28 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12— 4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

DAILY WORD FOR NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 4

Monday, Nov. 29	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, Nov. 30	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, Dec. 2	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, Dec. 3	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, Dec. 4	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, Dec. 5 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

TITHES AND OFFERING

November 7 & November 14, 2021

Adult Contributions	\$42,288
Future Parish Needs	\$1,277
Loose Collection	\$1,499
Scrip Rebates (51 orders)	\$1,043
Priest Emergency Fund	\$2,500
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$23,546
All Saints' Day	\$275

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, contact Pat Purfeerst, 715-222-9533 or pjpurfeerst@gmail.com.

Laura Bowman	Edna Early
Linda Giardina	Linda Jourdeans
Judy Pechacek Harri	Jerry Madsen
Barb Ickler	Walter Domeracki
Michelle Radtke	Bernadine Bechel
Izabella Thompson	Pat Pollard
Sonia Steiner	Boyd Huppert
Grace Radtke	Cherie Kelly
Katy Morris	Meg Byram
Gwen Paulson	Jeff Raethke
Linda Radtke	Dawn Huberty
Tony Jilek	Karen Engel
Irene Anderson	Tim Engel
Rod Cina	Dorie Deiss
Eric King	Tom Hines
Julie Wilson	Leo Kvapil
Ellen Heiman	Betty Sue Wolf
Tricia Hanson	

PARISH LIFE

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Bridget's Holiday Happenings Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Planning is underway for the annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show! Save the date! We are accepting registrations from craft vendors of homemade products. If you are interested in participating, call the church office (715-425-1870) to leave your name and phone number. The coordinator will call you to answer your questions and send required registration documents.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Looking to enhance your Prayer life? Spend an hour with Jesus. We need people during these times: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call or email Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com.

Rest In Peace

Jane Ritzinger

Dick Halley

Uncle of Donna (Steve) Licht

Margaret Roache

Aunt of Bob (Dena) Casey

Roberta Dusek Drewiske

Sister of Elaine (Larry) Baumann
and Aunt of Paul (Barb) Kliszcz

Brian DeCoux

Son of Ron and Sandy DeCoux

Edward Thyen

Brother-in-law of Gene (Donna) Andrie
Uncle of Mark (Laure) Andrie
and Tammy (Brad) Pitzen

Jimmy Birnbaum

Brother of Rosemary Lenzen

Jean Lee

Sister of Jan Perizzo

Sign of Peace Returning

The Sign of Peace is coming back beginning the first Sunday of Advent. Just remember that the Sign of Peace is much more than a handshake, it is a part of a very prayerful experience where we greet our neighbor in the peace of Christ, which unites us. If we are not at peace with any person in the community, we should remedy that before receiving holy communion and this simple sign of peace reflects this. There should be a solemn prayerfulness to the sign of peace. Even though the Sign of Peace is coming back, this does not necessarily mean that we will be shaking hands.

Welcome New Members!

Marijana and Micahel Ekvall and family

Tara and Rodney Price and family

Christmas Memorial Flowers



If you would like to donate money for Christmas flowers, please place donations in an envelope labeled with the name(s) of the person who it is honoring and the donor's name and phone number. Please print clearly. The names and donors will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline to have your name included in the Christmas bulletin is Monday, December 13.

Angels on Earth Giving Tree

- There are some gifts still available to purchase. Check out the spotlight section on our [website](#).
- Monetary donations are needed to purchase grocery and gas cards. Checks should be payable to ARC - Angels.
- Volunteer sign up is at the information desk.
- Meat donations are needed. Sign up at the information desk.
- All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 5. They should be unwrapped and clearly labeled with the family number and child information.



2021 Holiday Scrip News

The Christmas shopping season is quickly approaching and SCRIP is here to make your shopping easy! We have gift cards ON HAND from over 50 vendors - including many local businesses. We can also ORDER gift cards from more than 600 national vendors: perfect for all of your shopping needs. Final date to order for Christmas delivery is the weekend of December 11/12. Low Denomination cards will be available to order this year. We will not carry any on hand. SCRIP orders can be dropped off and/or picked up in the church library before and after Masses and on Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the church office.



Coffee with the Parish Administrator

John Hueg invites all to join in coffee, community, and conversation the first and third Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at The Table on Main. The coffee is on us. All are welcome.

Parish Directory

Additional dates are available for family photo sessions on December 28, 29, and 30. Sign-up after Mass, on the parish [website](#), or by calling the office.

We invite you to share your St Bridget stories, memories, sentiments or anecdotes to be shared in the directory. This will bring our parish history alive and give glimpse into the many varied journeys of faith lived through this parish. Please submit online, by email to parishadmin@stbparish.com, or drop off at the office. Deadline is December 22, 2021.

Hope For Creation Invites You To...

Entering Advent: A Candlelight River Walk

Sunday, November 28 - 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! We will gather by the beautiful Kinnickinnic River at Veteran's Park to walk, reflect, and greet the Advent season. Please bring a candle or flashlight.

KC 150 Raffle Winners Announced!

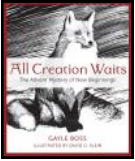
Congratulations to the following winners of our first annual KC 150 Raffle: Dick Rinehart, Tom Bowman, Earl Chapman, Jim Murphy, and Tim Wilson. Most of these generous KC's have donated their winnings back to our KC Council!!! We are grateful for that. **And it's not too late for you to win** - On Monday December 6, we have the \$500 drawing, then 5 more monthly \$150 drawings beginning in January; and finally in June 2022, **the big \$1,000 drawing**. Thank You and good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket for this fundraising event.

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Food Drive collected 900 pounds of food and \$6,475 for the River Falls Food Pantry. Thank you St. Bridget parishioners!

PARISH LIFE

An Advent Invitation: *All Creation Waits* by Gayle Boss



St. Bridget Green Team invites you to journey this Advent by reading *All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings*. You will discover how God's creatures adapt to winter in amazing and ingenious ways.

A limited number of this book will be available for interested families after masses in the Fellowship Hall the weekend of November 20/21.

Thanksgiving Community Meal

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Delivery is available to River Falls addresses. Requests can be made on our [website](#) or call the church office 715-425-1870. There is no cost for the meal but a free will donation will be accepted. If you would like to make a donation please send it to the church office noted for Thanksgiving Meal.

Donations can also be made online [here](#). For more information please contact Esther Sykora 715-821-5011.

Volunteers are still needed for the second shift and clean up. If you can help please sign up on our [website](#).

PARISH SCHOOL



Poinsettia Sale Pickup December 1

If you ordered poinsettias through our school fundraiser, these items will be available from 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1. Please ring the doorbell at the MAIN entrance (not the gym entrance).

Parish School Virtual Christmas Concert Thursday, December 16

The concert will be live-streamed on the St. Bridget Church website and our YouTube.

**Prelude begins at 1:30 p.m.
Program begins at 2:00 p.m.**

SPRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Faith Formation

The supply chain might be iffy this year, but God's love and mercy never runs short. Join in our book discussion using the book *Rejoice, Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*. Three opportunities are available: Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Sign up at the information desk or by emailing Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com.

Advent Joy - 12th Annual Women's Retreat

Date: Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Place: St. Mary's Church, Hammond

As the Advent season approaches and the to-do list grows, we long for joy to strengthen us. Join us on this retreat to renew your joy this Advent season! Please register by November 29 with Jackie Aune at 715-796-2241.

St. Mary's, Advent Class

Led by Father Joe at St. Mary's, Hammond
Tuesdays, November 30 - December 21
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

For more information call Jackie Aune 715-796-2241 or email Jackieaune@smicparish.org.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a ministry of accompaniment and listening, and is available here at St. Bridget. Spiritual Direction helps to awaken us to the presence of God in our lives. Whether it's challenges or growth one might be experiencing, a trained spiritual director will invite you to notice what God might be inviting you to explore. If you'd like to know more or would like to set a time to meet, call Jodie at 715.425.1879 or email at jrubenzer@stbparish.com.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a program where adults become full and active participating members of the Catholic Church. It is not just a program of entry to the church, but a life-long process of orienting our lives toward God through prayer, community and sacraments. If you or if you know someone who is seeking in faith, reach out for more information to Father Harris, Father Joe or Jodie Rubenzer. We would be honored to accompany you in this journey.

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