

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29



From the pastor...

As I write this message, COVID19 numbers continue to skyrocket. Some of you are telling me that you are staying home to be safe. I agree with your decision to do this. If anyone has concerns about attending church, please stay home and listen to Sunday Mass on WEVR 106.3 FM at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings or watch Sunday Mass and other Masses on our website or YouTube channel.

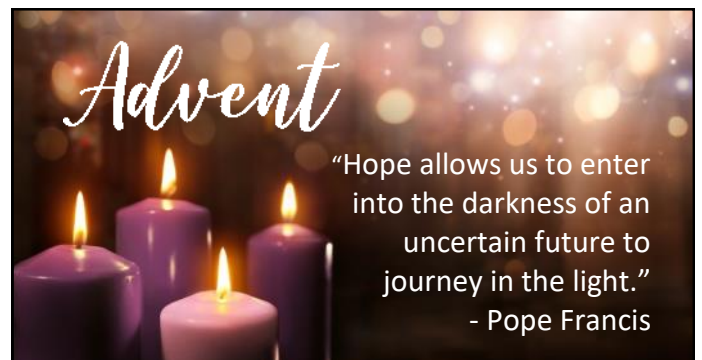
November 22 is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of the Church year. [At the Last Judgment the King will say,] "I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Then the righteous will then answer... 'When, Lord, did we... welcome you...? The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important... you did it for me. Matthew 25:35, 37-38, 40.

Two young people were canoeing in the Canadian wilds and were weary. Suddenly they spotted a trapper's cabin. It was unlocked and clean. In it was an open bible, with this note: "Your cabin saved my life. I was seriously ill and needed shelter. Your cabin provided it. I can't repay you with money, only with God's blessing. Read Matthew 25:31ff (today's reading). Later, one of the young people said, "I'd read that passage often, but I never understood it until that day."

November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent.

This is the beginning of a new church year. We retell the story of salvation again this coming year. [Jesus says of his Second Coming,] "Be on the watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33

It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us - so that we'd be on the lookout for him every day of our lives. Saint Augustine
(MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)



Sunday Church Contributions

I want to thank everyone for those who are able to continue to support the church during the pandemic. We thank you and continue to encourage you to support the Churches as you are able. Many people are contributing from mandatory withdrawal from your retirement accounts directly to the church which has a tax benefit for you. Check with your accountant for exact rules. The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) supports the various Diocesan programs including Seminarians. The CSA also insures sound "infrastructure for our local church." We do benefit directly at the local parishes.

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.

Weekly Masses ~ November 22 to November 28

Sunday, November 22	9:30 a.m. +Int: Carol Hildebrandt 11:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
Monday, November 23	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, November 24	5:15 p.m. +Int: Mary Kliszcz
Wednesday, November 25	8:00 a.m. +Int: Dean Reis
Thursday, November 26 Church Office Closed	8:00 a.m. +Int: Donald Langer
Friday, November 27 Church Office Closed	8:00 a.m. +Int: Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Linda, Joseph Peter Dusek
Saturday, November 28 <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	5:00 p.m. +Int: Fisher Family

Weekly Masses ~ November 29 to December 5

Sunday, November 29	9:30 a.m. +Int: Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #4902 11:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
Monday, November 30	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 1	5:15 p.m. +Int: Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer
Wednesday, December 2	9:00 a.m. +Int: Marge Giefer
Thursday, December 3	8:00 a.m. +Int: Norbert Raehsler
Friday, December 4	8:00 a.m. +Int: Marlys Smith
Saturday, December 5 <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	5:00 p.m. +Int: Roger Bruggeman

Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for November 28 is in loving memory of
The Fisher Family

The Mass for December 5 is in loving memory of
Edmund, Rose, Lawrence and Donald Huppert

Daily Word for November 23 to November 29

Monday, November 23	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 24	Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 25	Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, November 26	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday, November 27	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, November 28	Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday, November 29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk

Daily Word for November 30 - December 6

Monday, November 30	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday, December 1	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 2	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 3	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 4	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, December 6 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8



Rest in Peace

Lorraine Feltes

Carmen Anderson

Carolyn Anderson

Kenneth Wendt



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 Magner at 715 - 220 - 7792.

Laura Bowman	Sharon Reese
Linda Giardina	Tony Jilek
Judy Pechacek Harri	Audrey Pfremer
Ann Holland	Karin Jarosch
Barb Ickler	Ed Knolmayer
Ray Belisle	Lynwood Meyer
Michelle Radtke	Marlys Dusek
Izabella Thompson	Anita Dusek
Sonia Steiner	Irene Anderson
Steve Alberg	Rod Cina
Grace Radtke	Sawyer Sportel
Katy Morris	Cory Hedlund
Gwen Paulson	G. Joe Lyon
Linda Radtke	Jim McFarland

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 & NOVEMBER 15

Adult Contributions	\$30,401
Future Parish Needs	\$1,672
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$24,036
Loose Collection	\$435.93
Scrip Rebates (40 orders)	\$523.45
October On Line Giving	\$2,665
October Text to Give	\$440.00
School Tuition (ACH)	\$11,530.55

CSA Update

We have raised \$44,843 toward our Catholic Services Appeal goal of \$141,613. Thank you to everyone that has made your contribution. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. We need to hear from you, even if you aren't able to contribute.

Prayer for Family Healing and Family Restoration Across the United States On Feast of Christ the King Sunday

In drawing closer to our sisters and brothers who are suffering, the United States Bishops have asked us to use the Solemnity of Christ the King as an opportunity to promote the Church's teaching on religious freedom, which includes serving all people in need. As we find opportunities to minister to people who are hurting, we acknowledge the kingship of Christ, who reigns over every people and nation.

Our nation is made up of families. When we address the healing of our country we are also addressing the healing of our families. On this solemnity we offer up all division, hurts and negative realities that exist within families for the healing and restoration of our nation, for those family members who we have included in written form, here, and for those we hold in our hearts.

"Dear God, we commit to you those in our families who have fallen sick. We believe that you are our Healer, our Great Physician. May You be the comfort of our family members who are physically in pain right now. Touch them with Your Healing Hands, Lord. Send forth your Word and heal their diseases. Let Your healing power flow through every cell of their bodies.

Loving Father, we also ask that you heal the members of our families who are hurting emotionally. Their affliction is not physical, but we know that they are also in pain. Give them comfort as well, God. Give them the peace that transcends understanding. Heal their hearts, Lord, which may be full of anger, hatred, strife, bitterness, and unforgiveness. Clear their minds of any doubt, anxiety or depression. Renew in them a peaceful spirit, Lord.

We also pray that You would restore the bonds that have been broken with some of our family members. We know, God, that there is nothing You would want more than feuding relatives to reconcile with each other. But we also admit, Lord, that we cannot do this on our own. For that, we ask Your Holy Spirit to surround us with Your love. May we be filled to the brim with love, that it may overflow and we may share it with our families. Allow us to be instruments of Your blessings to them. In due time, Lord, let our relationships also be restored. All these we pray in Your Name Jesus, Amen."

If you have a special prayer request, please write it out and place it in a basket near the altar or add it in silence during the usual time when the prayers of the faithful are prayed.

Angels on Earth Giving Tree

Help a local family have a brighter Christmas!

- ◆ Purchase a gift on our "Giving Tree" at church. You can also browse and sign up for items on-line this year! Check the Spotlight on our church [website](#).
- ◆ All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 4. They should be unwrapped and clearly labeled with the family number and child information.
- ◆ Monetary donations can be dropped off in the office. Checks should be payable to ARC - Angels.
- ◆ Bath towels and toothbrushes are also being collected for each child this year.

There will not be a sign up for volunteers this year. Due to COVID we will have very limited volunteer opportunities.



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 14.

Baptisms at St. Bridget

River Michael Murphy

Son of Kristen Engel and Matthew Murphy

New Members

Jacob and Liz Boyd and family

Martha's Quilt Group

Tuesday, December 1 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Come anytime during hours noted. Wearing of masks and social distancing is observed. Bring your own brown bag lunch if joining us at noon. Coffee will be provided. Accepting gently used twin sheets for quilt backing. Anyone interested in sewing/quilting is welcome!

Sustainability Tips from your Green Team

Free energy saving products and free shipping! Wisconsin Focus on Energy offers 1 of 6 pre-packed boxes of energy efficient items from which to choose, such as LED lights, flood lights, high efficient showerheads, water saving faucet aerators, advanced power strips, pipe insulation, and/or programmable smart thermostats. Contact them at focusonenergymarketplace.com or call 800-762-7077 to apply. Limited to 1 box per household every 3 years. Great way to keep your home energy costs down. Items arrive in 4 weeks, so plan ahead. Naturally, reuse or recycle all content's boxes.



Advent Wreath Lighting

We are looking for people to help with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass during Advent. Singles, couples or families are encouraged to help. Sign up is at the information desk or on our website.

*Advent begins the weekend of
November 28/29.*



St. Bridget Donut Joy!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the St. Bridget curbside donut event on Saturday, November 14. Many shared their time and talent, from the donut makers and baggers to the many confirmation students who kept the parade of cars moving forward to purchase their donut joy!

2020 Holiday Scrip News

Cash and Carry cards will NOT be offered this year, for COVID-19 safety reasons.

Low Denomination cards will once again be available for purchase this year. We are offering the following \$10 cards:

Amazon, Target and Walmart

The special order forms are located on the table outside the St. Bridget office.

Please note: final date to order for Christmas delivery is Friday, December 11.

BRAVER ANGELS ORGANIZATION

Braver Angels Organization - Heal Our Nation www.braverangels.org

We haven't reached the point of violence and chaos – yet. But surely in our increasingly and dangerously fractured nation, we all need to be touched by something “better” within us and within the institutions that we build together.

Braver Angels was inspired by the words of Abraham Lincoln, who not only called on Americans to summon the “better angels” of our nature — but called on us to find the courage needed to pursue a more perfect union, “with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right.

To meet the current moment, at this time of national crisis, we need more than civility. We need to challenge ourselves to work together when we disagree. We need bravery.

At a moment of danger in this era of divisiveness, We the American people come together to speak for the Union. Some of us voted for President Trump and others for Vice President Biden. But in this season of intense and legitimate partisanship, we the undersigned commit ourselves also to a higher partisanship – for the maintenance of our Union; for the importance of our shared civic life; and for those feelings of goodwill that Lincoln called the better angels of our nature.

(Statement from Braver Angel's website)

Please check out the website as a means of healing with our own prayers of healing.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Poinsettia Sale Pickup - December 2

If you ordered items through our school Poinsettia & Wreath fundraiser, these items will be available from 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2. Please ring the doorbell at the MAIN entrance (not the gym entrance). If you did not have a chance to order an item but would like something, limited items may be available for cash and carry pickup. Please contact the school office to learn more.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Advent Creative Pray and “Play” Saturday, December 5

Via Zoom with Hillary Gilles and Jodie Rubenzer
Prayer as Art: A Collage-Making Experience.

This day will take place in the quiet of your own home beginning at 9:00 a.m. with all participants joining together in prayer and we will then lead you through the process; ending about noon. Kits will be prepared for you once you register and available to be picked up at the church, ensuring you will have all you need to create your masterpiece.

Sign up is needed by **December 1 to assure we have adequate supplies.**

Email jrubenzer@stbparish.com or sign up at the information desk in the North entrance in the church.



Entering the Space

A day of solitude in the shelter of your own home. (via Zoom)

Wednesday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Facilitated by Jodie Rubenzer

This day gives you the gift of connecting with God and others in the space of your own home. The day will begin with a gathering of all using Zoom and you will be offered suggestions for reflecting on the themes of “pause” during this season of Advent. There is also opportunity for a remote spiritual direction session during your day. If complete solitude is not a possibility, try to create as peaceful of an environment as you can within the sacredness of your own home. You will end your day with reflection and a closing prayer. For information or to sign up call 715.425.1879 ext. 110 or email jrubenzer@stbparish.com. Deadline to register, Monday, December 14.

ADVENT Awakenings

There are a few extra books available to participate in *Advent Awakenings Take the Time*. If you are interested in using this resource for Advent or to be part of a small group discussion, please email Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com

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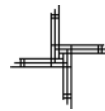
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