

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
AND
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2023



awaken FAITH



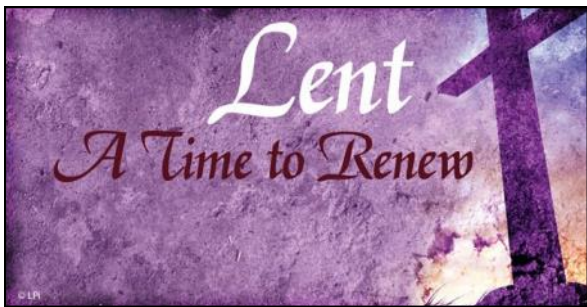
build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

Our Lenten Journey Has Begun.

The first few steps are always the easiest. We must remember that we have a long journey to Easter and it begins one day at a time with the help of the Holy Spirit. Our motto could be as simple as *"Jesus, I cannot do this without you and nor would I want too."* This season allows us to do some internal spring cleaning to rid ourselves of the things we cling to that keep us separated from God. Some things will be easier to get rid of than others. Why? Because we have held on to some things or bad habits since our childhood. NONE OF US ARE PERFECT. We all have sins that need God's forgiveness. Now is the time to give those sins to God. He in turn will absolve them and bring His light and joy to our hearts. May we ask Jesus for the courage and the strength to do some deep internal house cleaning.



Lenten Opportunities for Growth in our Relationship with God.

All our parishes offer many things to help us grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. All you have to do is choose the one that is pressing against your heart to do. You may want to join in praying the Stations of the Cross, or praying the rosary, or spending time with Jesus in Adoration. For those who have not returned to Mass and are able too, I personally invite you to join us. At the Mass Jesus is truly present in his Word and in the Eucharist. Come and join us for all are always welcome.

March Prayer Requests

As a parish we join our prayers together for the following requests throughout March.

- ✦ For the awakening of our faith – We pray for all who are preparing to receive sacraments including our children receiving their First Holy Communion, our Confirmation Candidates, and our RCIA Candidates. May they come to know the deep love that God has for them and find true joy in having Christ as the center of their lives.
- ✦ For the building of our community – We pray for our parish family, may we come together in celebrating the Mass, share our gifts and talents with each other, and invite and embrace the needs of all.
- ✦ For the making of disciples -- We pray in this time of Lent, that we deepen our love of God through prayer, sacrifice, and charity so that we are strengthened to share the gospel message with all whom we encounter.

St. Bridget Website



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Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS
FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4**

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Marvin Dusek +
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation - PreK, K, 1st Grade
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Churches of St. Bridget, St. Mary's and St. Thomas More-UWRF
6:00 p.m.	Mass - St. Thomas More - UWRF
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, February 27

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Study
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 28

9 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Adoration
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Patrick Baumgartner +
5:45 p.m.	Prayer and Poses

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer-all are welcome
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - <i>*Intention Needed*</i>
3:15 p.m.	Middle School Faith Formation
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Family Based Faith Formation
6:00 p.m.	<i>Living the Fruit of the Spirit</i> Book Study
6:00 p.m.	<i>What We Believe ...</i> Book Study
6:45 p.m.	Grade 7-11 Faith Formation
7:45 p.m.	Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 2

11:00 a.m.	RCIA
1:00 p.m.	Women's Euchre
3:30 p.m.	First Communion Learning Centers
5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice

Friday, March 3

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Gene, Irene & Joe Huppert +
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (with school students)
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	First Friday Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Meeting
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
*5:00 p.m.	Mass - Jane Elizabeth Rick +



* Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://www.youtube.com/saintbridget). Links can also be found on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/saintbridget) page and [website](http://www.saintbridgets.org), www.saintbridgets.org, or scan the QR code .

**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS
MARCH 5 - MARCH 11**

Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent and Welcome Sunday

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Walter Wienke +
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation - PreK, K, 1st Grade
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Thaddeus Pala +
6:00 p.m.	Mass - St. Thomas More - UWRF
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, March 6

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Study
6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 7

9 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer +
5:45 p.m.	Prayer and Poses
6:30 p.m.	Youth Discipleship Committee Mtg.
6:30 p.m.	Building and Facilities Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer-all are welcome
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - <i>*Intention Needed*</i>
3:15 p.m.	Middle School Faith Formation
5:30 p.m.	Grade 3-6 Faith Formation
6:00 p.m.	<i>Living the Fruit of the Spirit</i> Book Study
6:00 p.m.	<i>What We Believe as the Beauty of the Catholic Faith</i> Book Study
6:45 p.m.	Grade 7-11 Faith Formation

Thursday, March 9

11:00 a.m.	RCIA
5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice

Friday, March 10

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Raymond and Rosemary Lenzen +
9:30 a.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (with school students)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
*5:00 p.m.	Mass - Linda Santoro +

The Radio Mass is aired 9:00 a.m. on Sundays over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM for those unable to join us in church.

DAILY WORD FOR FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5

Monday, February 27	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 28	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 1	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 2	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday, March 3	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 4	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, March 5	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 6 - MARCH 12

Monday, March 6	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 7	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 8	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 9	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday, March 10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 11	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday, March 12	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



REST IN PEACE

Richard Tricker

Brother of Jim (Patty) Tricker

Fred Geissbuhler

Brother of Karen Rickard

Mark Robertson

Brother to Bonnie (Tom) Carroll and
Aunt to Amy (Nick) Jenkins

BAPTISMS

Cora Anne Carlson

Daughter of Kimberly and Brandon Carlson

Lydia Harriette Berg

Daughter of Kelsie and Adam Berg

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, at pjpurfeerst@gmail.com or 715-222-9533.

Judy Pechacek Harri	Ken Huppert
Michelle Radtke	Chester Huppert
Linda Radtke	Esther Sykora
Tony Jilek	Mary Ellen Vorwald
Linda Jourdeans	Amy Denver
Boyd Huppert	Barb Ickler
Dorie Deiss	Francis Ogden
Sandy DeCoux	John Rohl, Sr.
Kaleigh and	Steve Steiner
Jordan Wildauer	Pat Wernimont
Leah Krygowski	Tucker Thoen
Donna Pechacek	Kevin Shilling
Nick Simpson	John Benusa
Alice Johnson	Mary Moravec
Sheila Carlson	Mike Sutton
Darlene Emerson	Dave Byram
Stephanie Clevenger	Gerald Armbruster

TITHES AND OFFERING

February 12, 2023

Adult Contribution	\$14,759
Loose Collection	\$1,128
Scrip Rebates	\$385
Future Parish Needs	\$180
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$22,346

February 19, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$4,729
Loose Collection	\$805
Scrip Rebates	\$254
Future Parish Needs	\$390

Year to Date Adult Contributions Through 2nd Quarter (Dec '22)

Budget	\$474,000
Actual	\$392,065
Variance	-\$81,935



Find Healing from Divorce

DivorceCare is a 13-week, faith-based program where people experiencing separation and divorce can find help and healing. New members are welcome to join at any time. The group will meet at St. Bridget on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. from March 13 to June 12. To register or for more information go to <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/143419> or call the parish office.

Donut Ministry News

We are looking for a new donut coordinator for the next donut season. This person creates the schedule and puts together our making and selling teams. Esther Sykora and David Ries have been our faithful leaders in this ministry but are ready to hang up their aprons. Thank you for your dedication to this much enjoyed ministry! If you would like more information contact the office. Remaining donut dates:

March 5	April 15/16
March 11/12	April 23
March 19	April 30
March 26	May 6/7



Welcome Sunday - March 5

Stop by the Garden View Room after Masses on March 5 and you could be the "lucky" winner of a dozen donuts!

Representatives will also be available from our Knights of Columbus, Family Ministry (formerly God Squad) and Martha's Quilt Group. Learn more about these ministries and what they have to offer!

Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Options for Women

The Knights of Columbus will be holding it's annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser the weekend of March 4 and 5. Members of the local Knights chapter will be handing out baby bottles after all weekend Masses. Please bring them back the following weekend filled with coins, cash or checks (payable to Options for Women). All proceeds benefit Options for Women - River Falls.

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.

In-Person Group - Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
at St. Bridget Church - Garden View Room

To register or for more information, RSVP by March 3 with your name, phone number, and email address. Call, text, or email Julia, Grief Support Coordinator at 715-781-4003 or email at julia@bakken-young.com.

Family Ministry - Jeopardy Night

Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join the fun with Family Ministry (formerly known as God Squad) at Jeopardy night - Catholic Edition. It's Team Fr. Joe vs. Team Fr. Anil for an evening of family fun. All are welcome!

Good Friday Men's Choir

All men are invited to sing at the noon service on Good Friday, April 7. Rehearsals will be 6:00 p.m., Thursdays March 23 and March 30, and Tuesday, April 4.

Simply show up for rehearsal or contact George Hanson at 715-425-8261 with any questions.

Martha's Quilt Group

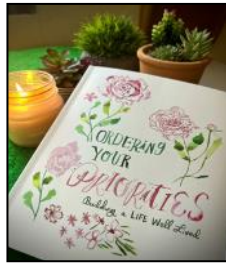
Martha's Quilt Group welcomes new members. Anyone interested in sewing or quilting, Martha's Quilt Group is for you. It is a great way to meet other women of similar interest in a comfortable social atmosphere. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in St. Bridget Lubich Hall. All quilts are given to local shelters, nursing homes, Catholic Charities - St. Paul and supports individuals/families directly or through organized benefits.

Spring closet cleaning, decluttering or organizing? Martha's Quilt Group will accept gently used cotton sheets and cotton fabric to make future quilts. Contact Doreen at 715-426-5422.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Women's Bible Study Forming

Ordering your Priorities,
Building a Life Well Lived,
Lisa Brenninkmeyer.



"Ordering your priorities is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us, because he can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well."

Sign up at the information desk if interested in journeying together as sisters in Christ. We are looking to begin this study sometime during Lent so sign up soon!

First Friday Adoration

March 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"Sitting in the presence of Jesus just brings peace to my life and I miss it when I don't."

This is one of the comments from a parishioner who spends one hour a week with Jesus. We still need a few people to sign up for Adoration on March 3. This commitment is only for this specific date. If an hour is not possible sign up for 30 minutes or 15 minutes. Just indicate this next to your name. Sign up is at the information desk. As always if you have questions please reach out to Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

School Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Friday, March 3
Friday, March 10
Friday, March 24
Friday, March 31



Our parish school students will have Stations of the Cross on the dates listed above at the church. All are welcome!

If you haven't explored FORMED yet, Lent is the perfect time to start!

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Lent

FORMED is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum. We pray that all of these resources draw us deeper into the mystery of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection.

How do I sign up?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever!

1. Got to [FORMED.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Enter our zip code 54022
3. Select St. Bridget, 211 E Division St River Falls
4. Enter your name and email

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