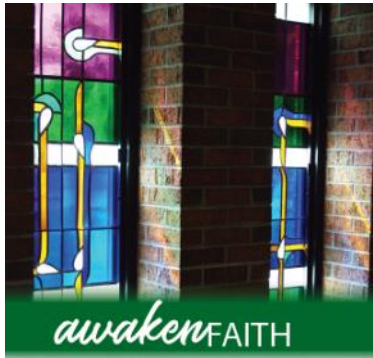


ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 12
AND
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 19

2023



From Father Joe's Office...

Our Lenten Journey Continues with another step, another chance to clean our temples (our heart and soul) for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. As the temptations get harder, rely more and more on the Holy Spirit to help us through those times when we want to have what we have given up or justify why we cannot serve someone in need today. Let the Holy Spirit guide you through the temptation – do not cave in. The Holy Spirit may ask you to turn to a saint. Go to catholic.org/saints/ and explore. You might find a saint who can help you on your Lenten journey.

Diaconate Discernment Day - March 19 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fr. Jerry Harris Fellowship Hall

All men ages 30-60 are invited for an afternoon of discernment. Did you ever think that God could be calling you to do more for him? Maybe that calling is for service in the Church? Maybe God is calling you to be a member of the Permanent Diaconate? Come and join me and members of our Permanent Diaconate Office for the Diocese of Superior and learn more. This is just an opportunity to learn more as you continue to discern where God could be calling you.

I hope to see you there. Fr. Joe

Mass of Chrism and Luncheon Invitation - Tuesday, March 28 at 12:00 p.m.

The Sacred Oils used in Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick are consecrated by all bishops at a "Mass of Chrism." Bishop Powers will have this Mass on Tuesday, March 28 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior. All are welcome to attend. A luncheon will be served after the Mass. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and must be purchased in advance, they will not be available at the door that day. To purchase a ticket send your payment (checks payable to St. Bridget) in a sealed envelope labeled Chrism Mass Luncheon to our parish office by March 15.

Dispensation From the Bishop

Bishop James. P. Powers announced a special dispensation for Catholics from adhering to the law of abstinence for Friday, March 17, 2023. This Lenten dispensation allows the faithful of the Diocese of Superior to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick without adhering to the obligation of abstinence from meat. In observance of this Friday of Lent, he encourages those who utilize this dispensation to perform another act of penance (self-denial, charity, prayer, etc.) on some other day of the third week of Lent. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Mass

12:00 p.m. Traditional Service

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Saturday 7:30 p.m.

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday Masses

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. Bridget Website



Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS
MARCH 12 - MARCH 18**

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Derrick Schmitt +
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
No Mass - ST. Thomas More - UWRF Spring Break	
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, March 13	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Study
6:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 14	
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:15 a.m.	Lenten Companion Book Study
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Living and Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family +
6:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 15	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer-all are welcome No School Mass - Spring Break
5:00 p.m.	Irish Saints Party
6:00 p.m.	Living the Fruit of the Spirit Book Study
6:00 p.m.	What We Believe ... Book Study
7:45 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, March 16	
7:30 a.m.	Coffee with the Parish Administrator
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 17	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Tom Ross +
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 18	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
*5:00 p.m.	Mass - Patrick Byrnes +
6:00 p.m.	Parish Nurse in West View Room
6:30 p.m.	SuperSaturday (Youth Event)



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

**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS
MARCH 19 - MARCH 25**

Sunday, March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Parish Nurse after Masses	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Doug Raehsler +
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
1:00 p.m.	Diaconate Discernment Day
6:00 p.m.	Mass - St. Thomas More - UWRF
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, March 20	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Study
6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 21	
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
9:15 a.m.	Lenten Companion Book Study
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Mayree, Georgina, Alice and Anna Singleton +
5:45 p.m.	Prayer and Poses
Wednesday, March 22	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer-all are welcome
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - Ada LaVelle Smith +
3:15 p.m.	Middle School Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	Grade 3-6 Faith Formation
6:00 p.m.	What We Believe as the Beauty of the Catholic Faith Book Study
6:45 p.m.	Grade 7-11 Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 23	
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 24	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Ed Heit +
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (with school students)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 25	
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
*5:00 p.m.	Mass - Rita Mountain +

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 MARCH 13 - MARCH 19

Monday, March 13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 14	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 15	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 16	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday, March 17	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday, March 18	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday, March 19	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 20 - MARCH 26

Monday, March 20	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51
Tuesday, March 21	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 22	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 23	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 24	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, March 26	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The Feast of St. Joseph Sunday, March 19



Joseph, husband of Mary, the Mother of God and foster father of Jesus. His feast day is moved to Monday, March 20 because March 19 falls on a Sunday.

REST IN PEACE



Linda Jourdeans

Sister-in-law of Carolyn Johnson

Terry Roatch

Nephew of Gene and Donna Andrie

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	Chester Huppert
Michelle Radtke	Esther Sykora
Linda Radtke	Mary Ellen Vorwald
Tony Jilek	Barb Ickler
Boyd Huppert	John Rohl, Sr.
Dorie Deiss	Steve Steiner
Sandy DeCoux	Pat Wernimont
Kaleigh and	Kevin Shilling
Jordan Wildauer	John Benusa
Leah Krygowski	Mary Moravec
Donna Pechacek	Mike Sutton
Nick Simpson	Dave Byram
Alice Johnson	Gerald Armbruster
Sheila Carlson	Betty Merriman
Stephanie Clevenger	Coby Clark
Ken Huppert	Kelly Horvath

TITHES AND OFFERING

February 26, 2023

Adult Contribution	\$6,425
Loose Collection	\$718
Scrip Rebates	\$392
Future Parish Needs	\$400

March 5, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$23,075
Loose Collection	\$678
Scrip Rebates	\$322
Future Parish Needs	\$400
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,391

Welcome New Members!

Derek and Danielle Fisher and family

Deb Larsen

Tom and Mary McNamara

Patrick and Elizabeth Gibbons and family

Claudia Schaaf

Stuart and Melissa Zimmerman

Families Needed!

Join the Family Ministry group for a Family Mass on March 19 at 9:30 a.m.

We are looking for families to help serve as greeters, ushers and in other Mass parts. Those interested in participating will be offered a short training session. To sign up contact Jackie at jackiejager@gmail.com. Be sure to join us after Mass for fellowship and donuts!

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 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.



Easter Memorial Flowers

To make a donation for an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one:

- † Place donation in an envelope labeled "Easter Flowers"
- † Clearly print your name, phone number and the person(s) to be remembered with the memorial.

Donations can be mailed in or put in the drop box at the front entrance. Memorials are due to the church office by **Friday, March 31** to be sure they will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

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.

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.

Parish Nurse

Tom Zenk, our parish nurse will be available after all Masses the weekend of March 18/19 in the West View room for routine screenings and discussing general health and nutrition questions.



Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Update

Over thirty crucial programs, services and ministries assist parishes throughout our 16 county Diocese. These can only be made possible through your steady and generous contributions to the annual Catholic Services Appeal. No one parish can do everything alone.

When you contribute to the CSA you help families, young adults, senior citizens, students, and the entire parish. St Bridget's CSA share is \$152,217.00. As of March 1st 274 donors have contributed \$83,275.00. Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge to the CSA.

If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider donating. Any gap between parishioner gifts and our parish CSA share needs to be paid directly from our parish operations budget.

Social Justice Committee March Flyer

The March handout is on the resource center wall display. The March handout on the pope's visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Reading and learning about world poverty is a perfect Lenten observation. For more information, contact Jacqueline.m.brux@uwrf.edu.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Art as Prayer - Save the Date

Saturday, April 22
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This combined art and prayer will focus on Earth Day. Watch for more details.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 6 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Come to our celebration of God's greatest gift: The Divine Mercy. To prepare, include your Lenten practices for this Feast Day. All aspects of Lent are ways the Lord wants us to prepare along with His message of the ABC's.

- A.....Ask for His mercy daily for yourselves and the whole world.
- B.....Be merciful through deed, word, and prayer.
- C.....Completely trust in Jesus in all things.

Consider adding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to your Lenten prayers.

How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

**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.*



YOUTH MINISTRY

Extreme Faith Camp

June 26 - 30 in Rhinelander, WI

EFC is a weeklong summer camp for students currently in grades 6 - 8. Camp is led by high school students serving on prayer team or as teen leaders (current 9 - 12 grades). Online registration for Extreme Faith Camp opens on March 15. More Information can be found on the resource center wall or on parish [website](#).



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Gala Update

The 2023 "Queen of Hearts" Gala was a wonderful evening enjoyed by 250 attendees. It raised \$90,845 to support St. Bridget School. Thank you to all who attended and donated to the gala, the planning committee and all the volunteers who worked all year to make the gala a reality. The gala is a key source to fund the school endowment, complete designated projects and ensure our ability to continue operating a Catholic school for this community. Your generosity has blessed our parish school and we are truly grateful.

Sexual Abuse

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact: Kathy Drinkwine at 715-718-1110.

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion.

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