

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 2
2021**



From the pastor...

On Sunday, April 25, the Fourth Sunday of Easter [Jesus said,] "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order to receive it back again. No one takes my life from me. I give it up on my own free will." John 10:17-18

In March 1980, Archbishop Romero of San Salvador strongly protested the failure of the government to respect the human rights of the citizens. He realized that the protests might lead to his imprisonment, even death. But, like Jesus, he was willing to lay down his life for what he believed to be God's will. On March 24, he was assassinated as he stood at the altar celebrating the Lord's Supper with his flock.

How willing am I to speak out for what I believe to be God's will? How can I know what God's will is? Lord, teach me to be generous...to fight and not to heed the wounds... to labor and not to ask for reward, except to know that I am doing your will. (Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Mission 2000, Mark Link, S.J.

On Sunday, May 2, the Fifth Sunday of Easter [Jesus said,] "Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out like a branch and dries up; such branches are...thrown into the fire, where they are burned." John 15:4

I remember a young man who moved away from his small town where faith was central to his family to a large city. There he lost his Christian faith. One night he sat alone in his apartment. He had money, some good friends but still felt empty. Why? Money and friends can't fill your soul - only God can.

Are you feeling empty? Maybe it is time to renew our own faith in God. ~ Fr. Harris

When the verdict is in from the case in Minneapolis, what happens next?

1) "We continue to do the work of Jesus." We look at every opportunity to be Christ to those around us. A good example is from the St. Cloud, MN, Police Department. Kare 11's Boyd Huppert reported a story on a "COP House" in St Cloud. Police run an after school program for youth. Police and youth get to know each other, rules are in place, police are respected, youth are respected, relationships form, and the community is built on mutual trust. You can view the story on [KARE 11's website](#).

(This is from KARE 11 - We create our own programs locally to build strong communities.)

2) We sit down and have conversations about difficult issues of race. We sit together, we listen, and reflect. Knowing we don't have all the answers. We talk to our neighbor get to know them no matter what who they are or where they are from.

3) We pray. We pray to know God's will and guidance in what we need to do next. We pray for our troubled country.

May we work together to do God's will. Fr. Harris

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

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www.saintbridgets.org

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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Weekly Masses ~ April 25 to May 1

Sunday, April 25	9:30 a.m. +Int: <i>Mary Kliszcz</i> 11:00 a.m. Int: <i>Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
Monday, April 26	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 27	5:15 p.m. +Int: <i>Howie Withem</i>
Wednesday, April 28	9:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Pat Girardi</i>
Thursday, April 29	8:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Dick Ritger</i>
Friday, April 30	8:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Louise Kutz</i>
Saturday, May 1	5:00 p.m. +Int: <i>Mildred Ray</i> <i>Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM</i>

Weekly Masses ~ May 2 to May 8

Sunday, May 2	9:30 a.m. +Int: <i>Pauline Schmidbauer</i> 11:30 a.m. Int: <i>Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
Monday, May 3	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 4	5:15 p.m. +Int: <i>Carmen Anderson</i>
Wednesday, May 5	9:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Max Merriman</i>
Thursday, May 6	8:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Denise Maier</i>
Friday, May 7	8:00 a.m. +Int: <i>Donald Langer</i>
Saturday, May 8	5:00 p.m. +Int: <i>Mary Ann Maier</i> <i>Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM</i>

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.

Daily Word for April 26 to to May 2

Monday, April 26	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 27	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 28	Acts 12:24—13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday, April 29	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday, April 30	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, May 1	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday, May 2	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

Daily Word for May 3 to May 9

Monday, May 3	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday, May 4	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday, May 5	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 6	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 7	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 8	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday, May 9	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

TITHES AND OFFERING

April 11, 2021

Adult Contributions	\$10,715
Future Parish Needs	\$130
Loose Collection	\$564
Scrip Rebates (18 Orders)	\$262
Priest Emergency Fund	\$400
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$23,63

April 4, 2021

Adult Contributions	\$15,782
Future Parish Needs	\$255
Loose Collection	\$768
Priest Emergency Fund	\$300
Scrip Rebates(25 Orders)	\$447

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	Audrey Pfremer
Linda Giardina	Karin Jarosch
Judy Pechacek Harri	Irene Anderson
Ann Holland	Rod Cina
Barb Ickler	Mary Cottrell
Michelle Radtke	Kurt Schomer
Izabella Thompson	Nicholas McDonough
Sonia Steiner	Mary Buckley
Steve Alberg	Doris Langer
Grace Radtke	Delores Pechacek
Katy Morris	Eric King
Gwen Paulson	Sue Steckbauer
Linda Radtke	Julie Wilson
Sharon Reese	Rich Cobian
Tony Jilek	Ellen Heiman

Rest In Peace

Rita Doffing

Sister of Pat (Chuck) Meyer

Mitch Croes

Son of Arlene Croes

LeAnn Rossback

Daughter of Marge and Don Dusek

Welcome to St. Bridget!

Baptisms

Violet Dianne Miller

Daughter of Elisabeth and Kyle Miller

Dylan Emil Cruz

Son of Marianela Santiago and Rafito Cruz

New Members

Mark Kober and Carrie O'Neil

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday Adoration Returns!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays, beginning April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The need for prayer for our country and world is greater than ever. We would like a minimum of two people to sign-up for each hour. The sign-up will be located near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Adoration will be held in the church. Each hour has a suggested dedicated prayer intention as well as your own intentions.

- 9:00 am Peace in world and end to violence
- 10:00 a.m. End to racism and hate groups
- 11:00 a.m. Law enforcement and those in the service to our country
- 12:00 p.m. Teachers and school administrators
- 1:00 p.m. Health care workers
- 2:00 p.m. Youth and all students
- 3:00 p.m. Pro life from conception to natural death
- 4:00 p.m. Mental Health needs
- 5:00 p.m. End to hunger and access to safe drinking water

Feel free to come anytime even if you do not sign up to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. ~ Fr. Harris

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to those who are celebrating their First Communion!

April 24, 2021

<i>Beatrice Adams</i>	<i>Ayva Manion</i>
<i>Elin Bauer</i>	<i>Emmett Matter</i>
<i>Aden Blake</i>	<i>Lander Meyer</i>
<i>Guilliana Blake</i>	<i>Harper Mulhollam</i>
<i>Nehemiah Conway</i>	<i>Grace Munger</i>
<i>Josie Csiacsek</i>	<i>Madison Munger</i>
<i>Karli Frandrup</i>	<i>Aubree Schmitz</i>
<i>Kallie Gasior</i>	<i>Collin Slaght</i>
<i>Addison Jennings</i>	<i>Maeble Trudeau</i>
<i>Lincoln Johnson</i>	<i>Marlene Trudeau</i>
<i>Nellie Johnson</i>	<i>Emerson Weiberg</i>
<i>Jack Killian</i>	

PARISH LIFE

Men's Bible Study

First and third Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. We discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel reading. No sign up required, just join in.

MARTHA'S QUILT GROUP

Tuesday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Come when you can; stay as long as you wish. Most members have had their Covid vaccines but we continue to exercise social distance and wearing of masks. Anyone interested in sewing, tying quilts, setting up quilt kits or helping in anyway is welcome!

Knights of Columbus Raffle Fundraiser

Help the Knights of Columbus continue to serve our community! There will be 12 monthly drawings with prizes of \$150 to \$1000! Tickets are \$100 each and only 100 are being sold. Tickets are available to purchase after weekend Masses or in the church office.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: Immigration

"It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to human dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life of mercy of Christ, who himself was an immigrant and a child of refugees.

[We] prioritize reunifying and keeping immigrant and refugee families together while preserving family-based immigration [and by adopting] policies that address the root causes of migration." (USCCB, 2021)

ST. BRIDGET BREAD FOR THE WORLD supports the Bishops by the call for resources for the rapid adjudication of family-based asylum claims and for assistance that reduces the violence and poverty in the immigrants' home countries. This will reduce the humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied children crossing the border alone. BFW also supports a much-needed increase in the number of refugee admissions. Contact Senators Johnson 202-224-5323 and Baldwin 202-224-5653 (www.senate.gov), and Rep. Kind 202-225-5506 (www.house.gov). For information, contact st.b.bfw@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Art as Prayer - Saturday, May 15,

St. Bridget Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Craft your own rosary and learn how you can use the rosary in your prayer life. There will be an option of making 2 different kinds of rosaries. Registration is required and a supply fee of \$10. To register email jrubenzer@stbparish.com or sign up at the information desk.

Women's Ministry

Starting Wednesday, May 5 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you seeking spiritual nourishment for yourself, but in the midst of community? Come together with other women on Wednesday evenings for 7 consecutive weeks. Journey as a group through the book *The Cup of our Life, a Guide for Spiritual Growth*, by Joyce Rupp. Sign up at the information desk or email jrubenzer@stbparish.com. Books can be ordered on Amazon.

Books + Bag + Beverage

A St. Bridget Young Adult Gathering
Friday, May 7 6:30 p.m. at Glen Park

Books: *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly

Bags: Bean bags and boards available

Beverage: Bring your own beverage and enjoy getting to know one another, play a game of bags and discuss our current book.

Watch for the sign up or for more information contact at 608.738.6228 or by email bethany.rubenzer@gmail.com

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Play ball! Come out and cheer on the parish school's inaugural softball and baseball teams!

Girls Softball Games

Hoffman Park
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Friday, April 30

Boys Baseball Games

Meyer Middle School
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Thursday, May 6

Tuesday, May 11

Welcome John!

John Hueg will become the next St Bridget Parish Administrator beginning May 1, 2021. He is very eager to begin serving this community. John is passionate about his faith and inviting all to life-changing encounters with the real presence of God in their life, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and meaningful engagement in our individual and collective faith journey.

John and Amy married in 1993 and moved to Hammond WI in 2004 where they have raised their family, Anna (25), Claire (23), and Joe (20). They are very involved in their community and within the St Mary's Immaculate Conception parish. John served as a Parish Trustee, cantors and sings in the choir, is a Eucharistic Minister and lector, and has been involved in Faith Formation at St. Mary's as a ninth grade catechist and now lead Confirmation catechist. John was involved with Together Encounter Christ (TEC) from 1982-1995 in the St Paul Minneapolis Archdiocese, fifteen years as a Catholic Engaged Encounter Presenting Couple with Amy, and now again actively involved with the Central Minnesota TEC community. John served fifteen years on the St. Croix Central School Board. He founded and led the Saint Croix Central Music Boosters as a passionate advocate and supporter for music and arts education in the schools.

John's plays the baritone horn in several musical groups including the St. Paul Police Band as well as trumpet on special holidays in the community and at church. He volunteers with marching band and drum corps programs, and loves getting out to local live music and theater whenever they can. He loves to cook especially smoking and grilling.

John retired recently from Wells Fargo with 27+ years in various leadership roles most recently as a Operations Business Excellence leader for the Personal Lending Business Group.

John will be at all Masses the weekend of May 1 and 2.



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April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



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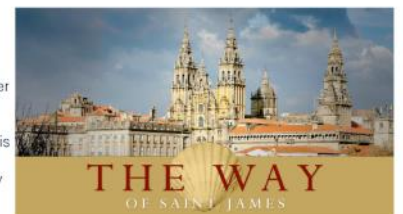
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 2, 2021

WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



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