

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIFTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 10

SIXTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 17



From Father Rich...

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 10 - "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life..."

"Today, the scene we consider in the Gospel explains the existing intimacy between Jesus Christ and the Father; but not only that; it invites us to discover the relationship between Jesus Christ and his disciples. 'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be': these words of Jesus, not only place his disciples in a perspective of future, but also exhort them to keep on faithfully following the course they had begun. To share with the Lord the glorious life, they also have to partake the same way that takes Jesus Christ towards the dwellings of his Father.

'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.' Jesus does not certainly propose a simple way, but he points out the path to follow. In fact, He becomes himself the Way to the Father; through his Resurrection, He becomes the Walker who is to guide us; with the gift of the Holy Spirit, He encourages and fortifies us so that we do not lose heart in our pilgrimage: *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.'*

In the invitation Jesus makes to us, to go to the Father through Him, with Him and in Him, his deepest mission and most intimate desires are revealed: *'He, who is the Son of God who became the Son of Man, wants to make us his brothers and sisters, thus, He is in Himself presenting all humanity to its God and true Father, by taking with him all of his own kin'* (St. Gregory of Nyssa).

A Way to walk, a Truth to proclaim, a Life to share and enjoy: Jesus Christ."

Fr. Walter Hugo Perello

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 17 - Why We Keep the Commandments

"A Christian is a disciple of the Lord who keeps his commandments, and if not...Jesus has said openly: He cannot be my disciple. A Christian seeks God's will, the happiness of others, and...the Church's presence in today's world. A Christian loves the cross of Christ and carries it in his or her life. A Christian is a living Credo, continuing Jesus' work here on earth, and making the song of hope resound in the midst of the world's trials. Whatever difficulties may arise, the Christian remains God's heir.

For love of Christ, a Christian accepts hatred if it comes....The Holy Spirit dwells in and enlightens a Christian. A Christian who is continually renewed makes Jesus' revolution of love alive in his or her life. With the Church, a Christian lives the Passion of Christ in union with Mary, in the midst of critics, opposition, and that suffering which is destructive. In a word, a Christian is a faithful reproduction of the life of Christ who causes all who see him or her to say, 'There is Christ!'"

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuan

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

St. Bridget and St. Mary's Have Purchased Pigs for Food Shelves

Our churches had the opportunity along with other churches in River Falls to purchase pigs that are being destroyed due to pork processing plants shutting down or limiting production because of COVID-19. The meat of our pigs to be processed will be given to the local food shelves. Thanks to Steve and Peggy Rohl of St. Bridget who are housing them until they are processed. St. Bridget will compensate them for feed for doing this. We need to know of anyone that can help or find a date to get these pigs processed. These pigs were purchased through Kluver Farms in Minnesota. Sadly, they had to destroy 180 pigs already because of no means of processing them. An additional 400 will need to be destroyed. I was born on a farm and it is gut wrenching for me to see this happen. I can only imagine what it is like for them. We are doing our part as churches to help. Please pray for those affected economically by this COVID19 pandemic. All of us are affected by the coronavirus but some carry a greater burden. Fr. Jerry

DAILY WORD FOR MAY 11 - MAY 17

Monday, May 11	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 12	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday, May 13	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17
Friday, May 15	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 16	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday, May 17	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

DAILY WORD FOR MAY 18 - MAY 24

Monday, May 18	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
Tuesday, May 19	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 20	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 21	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 22	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 23	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 24	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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	Steve Alberg
Linda Giardina	Grace Radtke
Judy Pechacek Harri	Sarah Roble
Ann Holland	Katy Morris
Barb Ickler	Paula Flood
Ray Belisle	Karin Jarosch
Joseph Pentusa	Gwen Paulson
Michelle Radtke	Mari Waters
Izabella Thompson	Lori Moran
Sonia Steiner	Linda Radtke

Rest in Peace

David Goulette

Brother of Mary (John) Moravec



Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for May 9 in thanksgiving of
B.J. and Barb Grant's 45th Wedding Anniversary

The Mass for May 16 is in loving memory of
Norman Huppert

Mother's Day Blessing

God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your people the Church. Bless these women and all women who are mothers to many of us by birth, adoption or nurturing roles, May they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. As their daughters and sons, may we honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Bless mothers whose arms are empty and desire a child or have lost a child. We remember Mothers who are not listening or watching today because it is simply too painful.

Give them your peace that comes beyond all understanding.

Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.



Donut Drive-Thru!



They're back! Our donuts are making a special appearance on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Curbside pick up at the north entrance from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until gone.

One bag per car of 1/2 dozen or one dozen pre-bagged assorted donuts. Free will donations will be accepted.

We will post on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) when the donuts are gone!

Both St. Mary's in Hammond and St. Bridget in River Falls are open for people to pray.

People are most welcome to come to both churches and pray. The governor's stay at home order does allow people to gather in groups of no more than ten people. St. Bridget is open most days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is locked on Sundays around 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's is open usually from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. each day.

My Scrip Wallet

MyScripWallet is a mobile website where you can purchase e-cards at your fingertips. Since Scrip sales have suspended at this time in the office this is an alternative way to continue supporting our church.

Register at: myscripwallet.com.

The St. Bridget Enrollment Code: 2A4653F75L22.

Email Megan at parishadmin@stbparish.com with any questions.

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEKS OF APRIL 19

Adult Contributions	\$19,961.64
Future Parish Needs	\$750.00
Easter Collection	\$4,570.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$798.03
Holy Land	\$271.50
Priest Emergency Fund	\$9,200.00

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEKS OF APRIL 26

Adult Contributions	\$24,289.00
Future Parish Needs	\$180.00
Easter Collection	\$700.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$125.00
Text To Give	\$1,345.00
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,801.00
Gift for Video Equipment	\$5,000.00

Frozen meals to give away at both St. Bridget and St. Mary's

St. Bridget's volunteers have about 300 meals to be given away. God bless them who came in and cooked and packaged these ready to eat frozen meals. Each portion serves 2 people - or 1 hungry teenager. If you or someone you know, would like some, please call the St. Bridget Church office 715-425-1870.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have a number of beautiful prayer shawls, made with love by the knitters and crocheters here in our parish.

These shawls have been blessed. So if you know of someone who is struggling or battling an illness we would ask that you contact Tammy in the church office to pick one up and deliver.

knit - crochet - pray

Vulnerable Groups Amidst the Coronavirus

St. Bridget Bread for the World announces an editorial series of *Vulnerable Groups Amidst the Coronavirus* at www.RiverFalls.news (go to NeighborhoodViews and search for the Vulnerable Groups Series). While recognizing we are all struggling during this difficult time, the series includes editorials on *Mental Illness and Addictions (including help for children)*, *Victims of Discrimination, Prisoners, and Immigrants/Refugees*.

Upcoming editorials include *the Homeless and Hungry, and Poor People in Poor Countries*. For more information on BFW, contact the national site at www.bread.org or the local site at st.b.bfw@gmail.com.



Welcome New Members!

Anthony and Shana Blanco and family
Mike and Katie Smith and family

Congratulations!

Michelle Huppert and Gary Standaert
Sacrament of Marriage
April 4, 2020

New Signage on St. Bridget Parish School

There is new additional signage at St. Bridget Parish School that identifies clearly the Middle School and the Elementary School. Thanks to the anonymous donor for doing this. God Bless you!



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SHADE: THE SERIES

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

This new acoustic series offers simple and uncut prayers from the heart to experience the Lord's accompanying presence and refreshment in the midst of your day-to-day journey.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



FATIMA

Hope for the World

This 13-part video series tells the story of Fatima from the Marian apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century and how the world has responded.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

New Bible Study

Mary A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

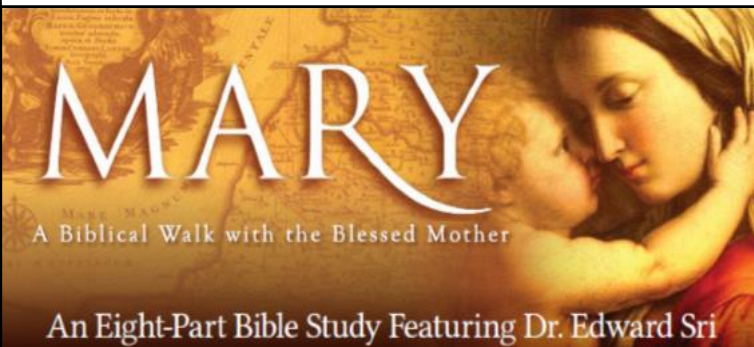
When: May 12 through June 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Discussion group using ZOOM.

Video portion available on-line with access code.

Cost is \$5 for the workbook. Please register by May 10 to Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com or call 715-307-2524.

If safer at home restrictions are lessened we will consider meeting in the parish hall practicing social distancing guidelines.



In this 8-session program, Dr. Edward Sri explains Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows.

Prayer for Healing of Coronavirus/COVID19

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease in to moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy. Amen.
Pedro de la Cruz.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH GROUP NOW ON TWO NIGHTS!



Sharing Together In, Faith, Fun, & Friendship

Join us via ZOOM!

- Middle School - grades 6, 7, & 8
 - Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
 - Sundays at 6:30 p.m.
- High School - grades 9, 10, 11, & 12
 - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTHGROUPZOOM invitation and reminders will be sent each week. Please contact Amy at YouthMinistry@stbparish.com with questions, or for support in using ZOOM.

AND

Bible Study for Youth, Identity In Christ

Join us via ZOOM with your Bible handy!

- Youth in grades 6-12
 - Mondays from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

We'll read and unpack scripture to reflect on WHO we are and WHOSE we are! The Bible Study Zoom link will be emailed to families on Mondays. Contact Tessa at TeenFF@stbparish.com with questions.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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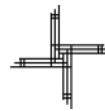
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