

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 15

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 22

2022



From the pastor...

This Sunday, May 15 is the Fifth Sunday of Easter - yes, we are still celebrating Easter Season in the Church. The Gospel of John 13:31-33, 34-35 gives us the greatest command of all, to love one another as Jesus loved us. There is a story of a 21-year-old man, named Peter, who was in a serious car accident with a brain injury. Even if he survived there would be a lot of cognitive damage to overcome. However, Peter had a girlfriend that loved him totally. Visited him every day in the hospital, worked with him. Peter did survive and walked down the aisle at their wedding. The doctors told him "if he were not for the love of your girlfriend, you would not have survived." That is the power of love, God's love for us.

May 22 is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. John 14:27 [Speaking of his departure from earth, Jesus said to his disciples,] "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you." A tribal chief lay dying. He summoned three of his people and said, "I must select a successor. Climb our holy mountain and return with me the most precious gift you can find." The first brought back a huge gold nugget. The second brought back a priceless gem. The third returned empty-handed, saying, "When I reached the mountaintop, I saw the other side a beautiful land., where people could go for a better life." The chief said, "You will succeed e. You've brought back the most precious gift of all: a vision for a better tomorrow. That is what Jesus is giving us in the gospel—a vision for a better life.

[Adapted from ACTION. Mark Link, S.J.]

Fr. Harris leaving St. Bridget, St. Mary's and St. Thomas More, Fr. Joe Stefancin named Parochial Administrator

I will be leaving my current assignments this July first. I found my health stamina decreasing significantly in this last year because of my Guillain-Barre Syndrome residual effects. It is affecting my quality of life. It is time to take better care of my health. I have thoroughly enjoyed being with all of you through these many years with Masses, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and sharing with many of your loved ones as they breathed their last and were born into eternal life. I have a few more years left serving the church in smaller parishes. My next assignment is with St. Joseph's, Amery and Our Lady of the Lakes, Balsam Lake.

I still have a couple of months to continue ministering with you. Fr. Joe Stefancin will become the new Parochial Administrator along with Fr. Joseph Anil Jumar Pasala, SCJ, the new Associate Pastor. They will be an excellent pastoral team for our cluster. You are all in good hands. God bless you all. Fr. Jerry Harris

As I look out my window watching the leaves form on the tree outside, I am reminded that this is a new spring season. This is not just another Spring; it is a new day and a new springtime as the Holy Spirit leads our River Falls Cluster into a new era. Fr. Jerry with your help (the staff and people in each parish) have left us a sure foundation to build on. I am very grateful for his leadership and mentoring these last two years. I believe he has prepared me well for my ministry as your newest Parochial Administrator.

I am very excited about being your new Parochial Administrator and ask that you and I continue to pray for a smooth transition. This next month or so is not about me. It is about celebrating your time with Fr. Jerry. It's about reminiscing and wishing each other well. Fr. Joe Stefancin

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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Church Building hours:

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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 AND EVENTS MAY 15 - MAY 21

Sunday, May 15

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. **Mass** - *Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Linda, Joseph Peter and Anita Dusek +*

11:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's*

6:30 p.m. *Youth Group*

Monday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Mass in gratitude for John & Wanda Yunker

7:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study

Tuesday, May 17

9 a.m.- 8 p.m. Adoration

9:30 a.m. Martha's Quilt Group

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday, May 18 - No School Mass

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer-all are welcome

6:00 p.m. *Unleashed Book Study*

Thursday, May 19

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

Friday, May 20

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Gordy Gavin +*

8:45 a.m. *Unleashed Book Study*

Saturday, May 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

4: - 4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

*5:00 p.m. **Mass** - *Marlys DeSmith and Susan Johnson*

*Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. Links can be found on our Facebook page and website.



**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.**

Feast of Pentecost - Sunday, June 5

Please wear **RED**! It is the liturgical color of the day. It is symbol of the Holy Spirit.



DAILY WORD FOR MAY 16- MAY 22

Monday, May 16	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 17	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday, May 18	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 19	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 20	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 21	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday, May 22	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

REST IN PEACE

Don Matzek

Donna Killian

Cathy Taylor

Sister-in-law of Susan Colbeth

Larry Woiwode

Brother of Chuck (Mary) Woiwode

Alan Anderson

Brother-in-law of John & Becky Haydon

BAPTISMS

Sawyer Isabella Foley

Daughter of Lana and Patrick Foley

Wallace DuWayne Wilma Nelson

Son of Stephanie and Matthew Nelson

Athena Beatrix Daymond

Daughter of Maria and Jordan Daymond

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Anna Hueg and A.J. Dehn

Jacy Robey and Brady Larson

Rachel Foley and Bryan Strong



WEEKLY MASSES AND EVENTS MAY 22 - MAY 28

Sunday, May 22

9:30 a.m. **Mass** - Stan and Barb Prochnow +
 11:00 a.m. **Graduation Mass** - Jim Jackman +
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 7:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study

Tuesday, May 24

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Adoration
 5:15 p.m. **Mass** - Maurice Poulin +

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer-all are welcome
 * 9:00 a.m. **School Mass** - Churches of St. Bridget
 and St. Mary's
 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, May 26

1:00 p.m. Parish School Concert (at Church)
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
 7:00 p.m. HOPE for Creation Meeting

Friday, May 27

7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass - Vernon and Betty Johnson +

Saturday, May 28

4 - 4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Max Merriman +

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DAILY WORD FOR MAY 23 - MAY 29

Monday, May 23	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26 - 16:4
Tuesday, May 24	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 25	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 26	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 27	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 28	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 29	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

PRAYER LIST

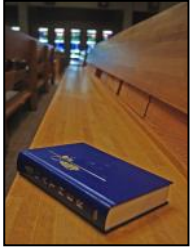
Let us know if someone would like to be prayed for in church or be listed in the bulletin prayer list. To be included in the prayer line, contact Pat Purfeerst, at 715-222-9533 or pjpurfeerst@gmail.com.

Laura Bowman Judy Pechacek Harri Barb Ickler Michelle Radtke Izabella Thompson Sonia Steiner Grace Radtke Katy Morris Gwen Paulson Linda Radtke Tony Jilek Irene Anderson Rod Cina Eric King Ellen Heiman Tricia Hanson Linda Jourdeans Walter Domeracki Bernadine Bechel Pat Pollard Boyd Huppert	Dorie Deiss Sandy DeCoux Kristiana Huberty Sarah Cobian Marilyn Moran Dean, Kaleigh, Jordan and Taylor Wildauer Leah Krygowski Donna Pechacek Richard Jorgensen Nick Simpson Dorothy Nelson Doug Raehsler Sharilyn Busta Julie Dodge Nick McDonough Kathy Bowman Bob Leary Alice Johnson Leonard DesLauriers
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TITHES AND OFFERING

MAY 1 AND MAY 9, 2022

Adult Contributions	\$20,635
Loose Collection	\$2,353
Future Parish Needs	\$300
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,281
Scrip Rebates	\$1,144



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for some people to help tidy up the pews after weekend Masses. This would be replenishing the pens, paper, Connection Cards and putting Gather books away. If you are interested in helping with this ministry contact the church office.

Next Welcome Sunday - June 5

Stop and say hello after the Sunday Masses on June 5. It's a great way for new members to make connections and to get more information about St. Bridget. It's also a great time to get any questions answered about our Parish and programs. Plus, there will be treats!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Russ and Sue Golobich

Michael Geissinger

Cemetery Clean Up Thank You!

Thank you to our parishioners that helped with the cemetery clean up. It looks great! Work was completed in about 3 hours despite the unpleasant weather.

Thank You!

Thank you to our dedicated donut making teams and all of our parishioners that supported our donut Sundays! It was great to bring back this special treat for everyone to enjoy!



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Anita's funeral Mass, visitation, and luncheon. We also appreciate your kind words, support and prayers during our loss of our sister. God bless you,

Marlys, Tom and Dan Dusek

New Vision for Women's Ministry

First Saturday of every month starting Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Bridget Women's Ministry is evolving and excited to begin a new journey together as women of the Parish. Saturday June 4, we will be having our first Women's Group Prayer Gathering in the Garden View Room. Come together to pray, watch a short video, discuss over coffee and connect with each other. For any questions, please contact Jackie at 651-366-1091.



Results of the Parish Council Election

There were 336 ballots cast in the election. Congratulations to Frank Ginther, Stephanie Knolmayer, Jason Kjos, Chris Plana and Dawn Huberty on being selected for the Parish Council. We also thank Ron Giles, Deb Cernohous, Lola Higgins, Jesse Gilles, and Tom Westerhaus for your service on the council. Continuing on the council are Donna Licht and Jerry Liddell. We are truly blessed when many share their best gifts and talents as you do. The council transition occurred on May 10 at the regular Parish Council meeting.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark!

Softball season is nearly upon us, and the St. Bridget team is in need of new players. If interested call or text Joe Baldeshwiler at 715-808-4207 for more details. It's a great way to get outside and meet your fellow parishioners!



THE 2022 YEAR OF THE MIGRANT



In response to calls by the Catholic Bishops and Pope Francis, the St. Bridget Social Justice Committee invites all parishioners to join in the Year of the Migrant. The May handout is available on the information table and focuses on the benefits immigrants bring to the U.S. We can use this information to educate ourselves and each other.

FAITH FORMATION



Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations to all of the graduating high school seniors of St. Bridget Parish. We are proud of you! It has been a blessing to witness all that God has done in your lives and we'll be praying for you as He continues to guide you into the future.

Graduation Mass is May 22, 11:00 a.m., at St. Bridget Church. The Baccalaureate is May 25, 7:00 p.m., at River Falls High School Auditorium. All are welcome!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What is a Parish Mission?

It is an opportunity to bring the parish community together right here in our church and is as a way of energizing them in their faith and faith community. It is like a Catholic revival. Please begin to pray for our parish as we begin to plan for our parish mission. Watch the website, bulletin, Facebook and Instagram for more information.

**St. Bridget Parish Mission
October 3, 4, & 5 with author
Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
Save the date!**



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PICK OF THE WEEK



**May 15
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St. Bridget Grand Garage Sale

Thursday, June 23 ▪ 8 am - 8 pm

Friday, June 24 ▪ 8 am - 8 pm

Saturday, June 4 ▪ 8 am - noon

- Promote sustainability by re-using items
- Fund Parish functions
- Provide good, affordable clothing and home items to the River Falls Community
- Help other charities by donating unsold items

What can your family do to help?

**Donate items or volunteer
to set up or work**

Drop off donations:

**June 18/19 after Masses
June 20, 21, 22 ▪ 8 am - 8:00 pm**

Volunteers are needed!

Sign up on our website.



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