

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**
SUNDAY, MAY 24

PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 31



From the pastor....

This bulletin covers the weekends of May 24, the Feast of the Ascension and May 31, the Feast of Pentecost.

The Feast of the Ascension is where Jesus "ascends to heaven." He is returning to God the Father. Bishop Barron speaks on this Feast: "The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. But this dimension to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?' What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the church!" (From wordonfire.org) I have seen a lot of people "get to work" during the pandemic. They "got it right!"

The Feast of Pentecost is the beginning or birthday of the church. It is the day when a scared group of disciples locked in a room was enveloped by the Holy Spirit. They were no longer scared and now bold about preaching the gospel. The Holy Spirit enabled them to spread the faith. We have the same faith today. In one of the prayers of the Sacrament of Confirmation ritual, we ask the Holy Spirit for the "seven gifts of the Spirit." It reads:

"Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord."
And everybody said, "AMEN!"

We can receive the Holy Spirit and acknowledge the Spirit's presence every day. All we have to do is ask in prayer.

Memorial Day Mass

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will be no Masses at the cemeteries. We have arranged to have Mass on WEVR Radio 106.3 FM at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for both St. Bridget and St. Mary's for your listening. You can listen at home or in your car if you plan to visit a cemetery at the same time as the Radio Mass.

Memorial Day brings many memories to my mind. Growing up our family visited the graves of our loved ones. It was a powerful reminder of their place in our lives and a somber reminder of death. It was always a day of hope for me. The grave is not the end but one day we will rejoin them in heaven. We always honor those men and women who served our country and those who died in the military service. We are here because of their sacrifices and the grace of God. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Have a blessed Memorial Day weekend!

New 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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Pastoral Emergency

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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

DAILY WORD FOR MAY 25 - MAY 31

Monday, May 25	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 26	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 27	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 28	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 29	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 20	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23


DAILY WORD FOR JUNE 1 - JUNE 7

Monday, May 25	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 26	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 27	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 28	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 29	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 20	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Intentions for May 25 - May 31
 +Int: Pauline Schmidbauer
 by Michael and Tina Tyson
 +Int: Marlys Smith
 by Max and Betty Merriman, Tom Johnson
 and Jo Lentz
 +Int: Mary Kliszcz
 by Kris and Doug Johnson
 Int: Living and deceased members of
 The Knights of Columbus #4902

Intentions for June 1 - June 7
 +Int: Mary Ann Maier
 by Betty Jean Wolfe and Patricia Seidlitz
 +Int: Alvin Langer
 by Eugene and Donna Andrie
 +Int: Alexis VanNurden
 by Patty and Jim Tricker and family

 **Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**
 WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM
 The Mass for May 23 is in loving memory of
Gene, Irene and Joe Huppert
 The Mass for May 30 is in loving memory of
Donald Langer

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

THE WILD GOOSE
 Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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Rest in Peace

Rick Hines
 Brother of Dixie (Doug) Raeshler

Robert Schneberger
 Father of Roxanne Schneberger

Marie Trinh
 Sister of Joe (Ngan) Vu

Eddie Nicholson
 Jerry Nicholson

Greetings and God's peace during this pandemic. May 20, 2020

I am writing about the opportunity to receive Holy Communion until Mass returns.

The bishops of the State of Wisconsin have come up with a plan to allow small groups of Catholics to gather in church to receive the Eucharist or Holy Communion. It is based on the following statement:

"It is proper that those who are prevented from being present at the community's celebration should be refreshed with the Eucharist. In this way they may realize that they are united not only with the Lord's sacrifice but also with the community itself and are supported by the love of their brothers and sisters."

(Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, no. 14.)

Beginning this weekend and continuing until further notice, Holy Communion will be distributed here at St. Bridget on Sunday afternoons, from 12:00-6:00pm. (Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot.) If you know someone who does not use the internet but wishes to receive Holy Communion, please perform an act of charity and sign them up on line, or if you prefer, you may also call the church at 715-425-1870 to schedule a time slot for Holy Communion.

This is the procedure we will use for receiving Communion:

- You will arrive at church at your appointed time. (You may have to wait in your car if you arrive early).
- You will be greeted and welcomed by an usher or greeter at the church doors who will explain the process.
- Up to eight (8) people maximum will be allowed to enter the church through the main doors. Examples of these eight (8) might be one family group of 8, or a family of four (4) along with another family of (3) and a single person, for a total of eight (8) people.
- There are hand sanitizer stations inside the entrance of the church that you will use before entering the church.
- You will then be invited to enter the church and walk forward to where the priest is standing by the altar, always maintaining social distancing. The floor will be clearly marked. The priest will be wearing a mask.
- The priest will lead you through the brief prayer service and you will receive Holy Communion.
- When the priest prays a final prayer, you will leave the church through a separate door than from where you entered to maintain social distancing. No one will be allowed to come early to pray or stay afterwards to pray because of the limit of 10 currently in place.
- Multiple time slots for groups of eight (8) people will be scheduled back-to-back continuously during the Eucharistic sessions.

This procedure may seem cumbersome, but we want to make sure we take every precaution to prevent the spread of COVID19; the primary goal is that you will be able to receive the Eucharist with these precautions.

We want all people to wear masks if possible when entering the church and remove them or lower them to receive Communion. **If you are not feeling well, please DO NOT come to the church.** Special times will be available for those that cannot physically enter the church.

We are very pleased to offer this opportunity for you to receive the Eucharist, and we hope and pray that by receiving Holy Communion, God will give us all strength to continue our journeys of faith together at this trying time.

Blessings and peace,
Fr. Jerry Harris



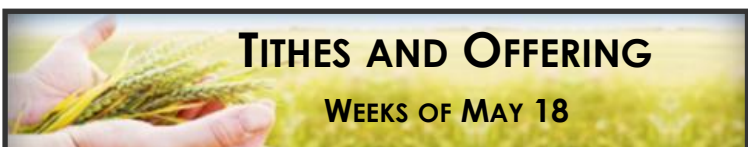
To view a video of Father explaining the process for receiving communion click [here](#) or view at www.saintbridgets.com in the 'spotlight' area.



TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEKS OF MAY 11

Adult Contributions	\$18,587.84
Future Parish Needs	\$542.00
Hogs: Process/Feed	\$500.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$2,350.00
Adult Contribution (ACH)	\$23,521.00
School Tuition	\$10,279.89
Video Equipment	\$100.00



TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEKS OF MAY 18

Adult Contributions	\$5,862.44
Future Parish Needs	\$75.00
Text To Give	\$490.00
Hogs: Process/Feed	\$1,000.00

Sunshine Card Ministry



This ministry shares God's love by sending a card of encouragement to those who are ill, hospitalized, in a nursing care facility, or homebound.

To request a card to be sent to someone who could use a 'ray of sunshine' go to our [website](#) or contact Lynn at connections@stbparish.com or by phone 715-425-1879 ext. 109



We will be refurbishing our church pews so they will be easier to clean and disinfect. We are looking for volunteers to remove hymnal books for this process.

We also need a crew of about 9 people to come in and help oil the pews. You will be asked to bring rags, buckets, brushes, tarps or paint throws.

Contact the office at 715-425-1870 or recept@stbparish.com if you would like to help or need more information.

Parish Council Candidates needed

We have three (3) parish council members terms expiring this spring. Ryan Miller, Vicki Cobian and Jim Caspers. God bless you for your serving the parish this way. Ideally, we need 2 candidates for each open position. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in serving, please contact Megan Carlson, parish administrator or Father Harris.

To serve on the Parish Council, you must be a member of the parish and active in the Catholic faith. The Parish Council meets once a month, eight times a year. It is a great opportunity for bringing new ideas built on our faith tradition.
Fr. Harris

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

Prayer For Those In Isolation

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
Through him who suffered alone
On the cross, but reigns with your glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

PARISH LIFE

Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Awards

The winner of the Post Secondary Scholarship for 2020 is Avery Usgaard who will receive \$1,000 dollars towards college tuition at UW-Madison.

The winner of the 5th grade scholarship for 2020 goes to Simone Kehoe who will receive \$500 dollars to attend 6th grade at St. Bridget's Middle School.

Congratulations Avery and Simone! All applications received were very well written. Thank you to all who applied!

Play Ball! --- Hopefully

It is unsure if there will be a church league softball season but we would like to be prepared if given the green light. The St. Bridget team is looking for players (age 14 and over) and a co-manager. All skill levels welcome. Games are Monday nights, Text Joe at 715-808-4207 if interested.



Sustainability Tips from the Green Team



Disconnect "phantom" power/energy usage when appliances and electronics are not being used but still plugged into a power source. This causes residential leakage; thereby wasting electricity. Remember to turn off your lights when leaving a room and to remind yourself of your commitment to conserve electricity.

St. Bridget Bread for the World: The Coronavirus

May's Year of the Child features child (and parent) mental health, with local and national referrals for help. A new editorial addresses the world's poor (see "Vulnerable Groups" in NeighborhoodViews at www.riverfalls.news). Lastly, note that the U.S. is planning to eliminate funding for the World Health Organization, a lifeline for the poor amidst the pandemic. Express your views at www.whitehouse.gov. For more information e-mail st.b.bfw@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION

St. Bridget's Avenue of Flags Route

Is your family interested in a fun, patriotic, and socially distant activity? St. Bridget has again joined the effort of the River Falls Optimist Club to display flags in our community on seven special days of the year. In return, the Optimist Club will make a donation to St. Bridget Faith Formation/Youth Ministry. To participate, sign up [HERE](#), or contact Tessa in the church office.

Congratulations to the Graduates of 2020



The staff of St. Bridget want to offer our sincere congratulations to all of the graduates of St. Bridget Parish! We are proud of you and your perseverance, and we are honored to be on this faith journey with you. Please join in the Mass online for the 7th Sunday of Easter, The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and receive a blessing for all graduates by Father Harris.

No St. Bridget Garage Sale in 2020

We believe it is in the best interest of our community and our volunteers to cancel the St. Bridget Grand Garage Sale this June. We look forward to resuming this fun endeavor in June, 2021!

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Remembering the men and women who have sacrificed for freedom.

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

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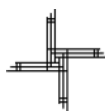
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