

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 9

THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, MAY 16
2021



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From the pastor...

May 9 is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

This weekend is Mother's Day. It is not a church feast. However, it is important to include prayer for all mothers and women in mothering roles and ask God's blessing. Women in mothering roles "lay down" their lives for their families and others they care for. Anytime anyone put the needs of others ahead of their own needs, you are Christ to others. It is only in giving to others that we understand what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Mother's Day Blessing

"Gracious God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church. Bless these women and all women who are mothers to us by birth, adoption or nurturing roles. May they be examples of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Bless mothers whose arms are empty and desire a child or have lost a child. Give them your peace. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN!"

May 16 the Feast of Ascension is celebrated in this part of the United States. Jesus has completed his mission and now "ascends" back to the Father in heaven. Jesus is not abandoning us. He is showing us that one day we will be with God in heaven. Before leaving, he "commissions" his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15

~ Fr. Harris

Sign of Peace - What it means...

We are still refraining from the "Sign of Peace" during Mass for now. It is more than saying "Hello" to the people next to us. The Sign of Peace takes place in the Communion Rite. Therefore, Christ's peace is one that brings people into union—into "communion." This is Christ's will. This sign, this rite, is one which we are invited to turn from sin to ways of true unity—Christ's Unity. Christ's peace overcomes the sin of the world that would bring disunity between one another and with the Triune God. This Sign of Peace is a sign of hope. Even though we do not physically share some expression of Christ's peace, Jesus' command to share and live that command is still there. When the priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." Think of your response, "And with your spirit." The desire in your heart to make this peace happen in home, church, and world. Fr. Harris

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

Weekly Masses ~ May 9 to May 15

Sunday, May 9	9:30 a.m. <i>Int: All Living and Deceased members of the Council of Catholic Women</i> 11:00 a.m. <i>Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
Monday, May 10	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 11	5:15 p.m. + <i>Int: Charles Heit</i>
Wednesday, May 12	9:00 a.m. + <i>Int: Mitchell Croes</i>
Thursday, May 13	8:00 a.m. + <i>Int. Don Croes</i>
Friday, May 14	8:00 a.m. + <i>Int: Clarence, Linda, Florence, John, Barb and Joseph Peter Dusek</i>
Saturday, May 15	5:00 p.m. + <i>Int: Gordon Pechacek</i> <i>Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM</i>

Weekly Masses ~ May 16 to May 22

Sunday, May 16	9:30 a.m. + <i>Int: Mildred Ray</i> 11:30 a.m. <i>Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
Monday, May 17	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 18	5:15 p.m. + <i>Int: Max Merriman</i>
Wednesday, May 19	9:00 a.m. + <i>Int: Gene, Irene and Joe Huppert</i>
Thursday, May 20	8:00 a.m. + <i>Int: Pat Girardi</i> 2:00 p.m. Funeral for Stan and Barb Prochnow
Friday, May 21	8:00 a.m. + <i>Int: Cletus Koller</i>
Saturday, May 22	5:00 p.m. + <i>Int: Bob Schmidt</i> <i>Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM</i>

Daily Word for May 10 to May 16

Monday, May 10	Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4
Tuesday, May 11	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 12	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 13	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17
Saturday, May 15	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 16	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20

Daily Word for May 17 to May 23

Monday, May 17	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 18	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11
Wednesday, May 19	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 20	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 21	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 22	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39
Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

TITHES AND OFFERING

April 25, 2021	
Adult Contributions	\$13,195
Future Parish Needs	\$728
Loose Collection	\$741
Scrip Rebates (21 Orders)	\$363
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,591

May 2, 2021	
Adult Contributions	\$11,046
Future Parish Needs	\$480.00
Loose Collection	\$293
Scrip Rebates(33 Orders)	\$644

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
Linda Giardina
Judy Pechacek Harri
Ann Holland
Barb Ickler
Michelle Radtke
Izabella Thompson
Sonia Steiner
Steve Alberg
Grace Radtke
Katy Morris
Gwen Paulson
Linda Radtke
Sharon Reese
Tony Jilek
Audrey Pfremer
Karin Jarosch
Irene Anderson

Rod Cina
Mary Cottrell
Kurt Schomer
Nicholas McDonough
Mary Buckley
Delores Pechacek
Eric King
Sue Steckbauer
Julie Wilson
Rich Cobian
Ellen Heiman
Tricia Aguilera
Carol Moenke
Tricia Hanson
James Schmidt
Dan Westerhaus
Larry Bjork
Bob Bjork

PARISH LIFE



Feast of Pentecost Sunday, May 23

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

Confirmation Sunday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is Sunday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. here at St. Bridget with Bishop Powers. Due to COVID restrictions this celebration is not open to the public but will be live-streamed. Please pray for those opening their hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament.

Drive Up Communion Length of Time Shorten for Distribution

"Drive Up Communion" times for St. Mary's are Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and for St. Bridget Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Please arrive at the designated start time. We will distribute Holy Communion until all at the church entrances in cars are served. Thanks.
Fr. Harris and Fr. Stefancin

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Pro Life Posters West Entrance

Month 6 Poster in the West Entrance of St. Bridget Church says the following:

"I'm sitting up straight now!" The baby's oil and sweat glands are functioning; these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as she twists and turns. This way substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.



Rest In Peace

Jennie Sperling
Mother of Susan Hexum

Marty O'Connor
Brother-in-law of Nancy and John Rock

Calvin Jennings
Father of Tim (Carolyn) Jennings

Conrad Riemenschneider
Father of Dennis (Tilly) Riemenschneider

Welcome to St. Bridget!

Baptisms

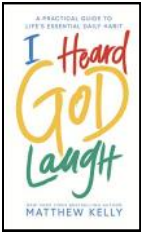
Charlotte Rose Lange
Daughter of Debra and Travis Lange

Ruby Rose Palma
Daughter of Emily and Kurt Palma

New Member

Michael Weidell

Free Book Distribution *I Heard God Laugh*



On Mother's Day weekend of May 9, we will be distributing at both churches free copies of the book *I Heard God Laugh* written by Matthew Kelly. This gift to our parishes and St. Thomas More Newman Center is through the generosity of the Joany Shepard Memorial Fund who was a member of St. Bridget Parish. The book describes "how to pray" and the importance of how prayer can change our lives and world. When you receive a copy check out the proposed prayer process by reading page 41. There will be more information on Pentecost Sunday.

Read the Bible in a Year

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible or gain a better understanding of our salvation history? Check out *Bible in a Year* podcast by Father Mike Schmitz. This podcast will lead you through the Bible in 365 days. You can follow along using your own Bible, as Father Mike with Jeff Cavins reads aloud the selected passages of the day and then ends with a short reflection to help you gain a better understanding of what you just heard and read. Each episode lasts about 20 minutes. This podcast can be found on Amazon music or at:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>.

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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.

Sustainability Tips from the Green Team Central Air Tune-up Incentive



River Falls Municipal Utilities is offering central air tune-up incentive. Schedule a professional 12 point inspection and tune-up on your central air conditioner unit and earn \$50.00 in River Falls Chamber Checks! Rebate forms are available at City Hall, online at RFMU.org or by calling 715-426-3467. Tune-ups must be completed by September 30, 2021 and you must be a residential customer with a valid RFMU account.

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.



Attention Softball Players!



The defending champion St. Bridget team is looking for new people to join us on the field. Call or text Joe at 715-808-4207 for more details.

THANK YOU!

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Contact Jodie Rubenzer if you would like more information or have any questions regarding Spiritual Growth opportunities. jrubenzer@stbparish.com or 715-425-1879 x110.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Grow in Faith – Connect through Community –
Be nourished by the Sacraments

Are you seeking to grow deeper in Faith? Maybe you've never been baptized and this is something that you'd like to explore, or you're currently a member of the Catholic Church but seek to grow deeper in relationship to Jesus as you refresh your knowledge about the Church. This is an invitation to inquire about this process. God's timing is always perfect and we can begin this journey anytime. Times to meet can be structured according to your schedule and in person or virtual meetings are an option.

Centering Prayer

Continues to meet on Wednesday Mornings at 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Garden View Room. No registration needed, just plan to join.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Who better than Jesus to transform our lives. We currently need one more adorer from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays during Adoration. However you are invited to stop anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to spend with Jesus. Stop for 5 minutes or 50 minutes, and as you gaze upon Jesus, let him gaze upon you.

Labyrinth at the West Entrance of the Church



The labyrinth is always available to be used for prayer. This designated path is a physical and spiritual reminder of the journey to our center. A prayer help sheet can be found at the information center on the wall across from the desk.

FAITH FORMATION

First Communion Love Bank Charities

Thank you, First Communicants, for putting your faith into action and raising **\$936.60** for others in need! As you have directed by your vote, donations will be made to the school backpack program, Our Neighbor's Place, Wounded Warrior, Ronald McDonald House, and the River Falls Sunshine Fund. "Well done, good and faithful servants!" (Mt 25:21)

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed:

<i>Gwenllian Adams</i>	<i>Ellen Hira</i>
<i>Austin Belisle</i>	<i>Logan Kieren</i>
<i>Kenna Bishop</i>	<i>Ryan Langer</i>
<i>Emilie Boissonneault</i>	<i>Owen Larson</i>
<i>Katlyn Brummel</i>	<i>Jordan Laube</i>
<i>Ethan Campbell</i>	<i>Isaac Leier</i>
<i>Hallie Cobian</i>	<i>Danielle Lien</i>
<i>Trevor Conrad</i>	<i>Edward Loesch</i>
<i>Marguerite Cottrell</i>	<i>Abby Madsen</i>
<i>Alexander Czech</i>	<i>Charles Masog</i>
<i>Cole Delwiche</i>	<i>Angela Miller</i>
<i>Megan Friemann</i>	<i>Blake O'Hara</i>
<i>Haley Graetz</i>	<i>Kendra Paschke</i>
<i>Ethan Graetz</i>	<i>Aidan Peterson</i>
<i>Johnathan Hartwig</i>	<i>Morgan Rippie</i>
<i>Tyler Haydon</i>	<i>Faylene Troemner</i>
<i>Elliot Herink</i>	<i>Karson Uetz</i>
<i>Simon Herink</i>	<i>Olivia Usgaard</i>
	<i>Emmy Jo Wagner</i>
	<i>Marissa Weinzirl</i>
	<i>Charles Willger</i>
	<i>Taylor Woznak</i>
	<i>Serena Wussler</i>



No St. Bridget Garage Sale



We will not be having our annual St. Bridget Garage Sale this June.

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