## ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**<u>From the pastor...</u>** We are now entering Ordinary Time in the church year. The color for Ordinary Time is green - for me it symbolized growth.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics believe that when the words of institution that the priest prays over the bread and wine, the bread and wine now become the Body and Blood of Christ. It still looks like bread and wine but it is changed. We become what we eat. We become more like Christ when we come to church to Mass, pray, and receive the body of Christ. We then become of the body of Christ to continue to be and be Christ's visible presence in the world.

June 13<sup>th</sup> is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown into the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mark 4:31-32

Rosa Parks was a black seamstress. One day in Alabama in 1955, she was arrested, handcuffed, jailed for refusing to vacate a bus seat reserved for whites. That episode turned out to be the seed out of which grew the Civil Rights Movement. "Why do/don't I believe in that one person can make a difference in today's world? - Fr. Harris (MISSION 2000 Fr. Mark Link, S.J.)

#### Bishop Powers revised guidelines with regards to the COVID19 lessening restrictions

Bishop Powers has published new guidelines in light of the lessening of COVID19 restrictions. They were sent as an email to those receiving the "email" church bulletin. There are paper copies in the back of church. For those wanting a paper copy sent to you, please call the office. Some of the points in the letter from Bishop Powers are the following:

• The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass has been revoked. However, if you feel you cannot come to church physically due to health concerns you have a personal dispensation NOT to attend Holy Mass.

• Bishop states: "Out of Charity and in care for ourselves and one another, we will continue to encourage the wearing of facemasks and social distancing, but they will not be expressly required except for some specific situations. We prayerfully ask for charity, understanding and patience as restrictions are loosened. EVERYONE IS IN A DIFFERENT PLACE WITH REGARDS TO THE NEED OF MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WE NEED TO PROCLAIM AND LIVE 'ALL ARE WELCOME', MASKED OR UNMASKED.

• Holy Water Fonts are to remain empty.

• We can have entrance processions again.

• Liturgical Ministers will continue with established mask protocols while exercising their liturgical roles at Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

• No sign of peace at this time.

• When singing, PEOPLE ARE TO WEAR MASKS to help limit airborne mist we produce. Please consult Bishop's letter for complete details. Thanks for your attention. Fr. Harris

# Church Office Hours:<br/>Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.Phone 715.425.1870<br/>Pastoral Emergency<br/>715.869.6122<br/>www.saintbridgets.orgChurch Building hours:<br/>Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.<br/>Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.<br/>Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Weekly Masses ~ June 6 to June 12		
	9:30 a.m. +Int: Mary Kliszcz	
Sunday, June 6	11:00 a.m. Int: The Churches of	
	St. Bridget and St. Mary's	
Monday, June 7	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word	
	with Holy Communion	
	5:15 p.m. +Int: Clarence,	
Tuesday, June 8	Florence, John, Barb, Linda,	
	Joseph Peter Dusek	
Friday, June 11	8:00 a.m. +Int: Pat Girardi	
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Saturday, June 12	5:00 p.m.	
Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM	+Int: Carmen Anderson and deceased members of the Anderson and Bruggeman Families	

Weekly Masses ~ June 13 to June 19		
	9:30 a.m. +Int: Alvin Pechacek	
Sunday, June 13	11:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's	
Monday, June 14	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
Tuesday, June 15	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Ruth Kirchner and Katey Pace	
Friday, June 18	8:00 a.m. +Int: Clem Huppert	
Saturday, June 19	5:00 p.m. +Int: Mildred Ray	
	Radio Mass Aired Sundays at	
	9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM	

#### \*You no longer need to sign up to attend a Mass\*



#### Rest In Peace

Dolores (Roman) Pechacek

James Jackman

**Bob Bjork** Brother of Ron Bjork

## TITHES AND OFFERING

May 23 and May 30, 2021		
Adult Contributions	\$36,448	
Future Parish Needs	\$1,510	
Loose Collection	\$1,144	
Scrip Rebates (42 Orders)	\$948	
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,591	

Daily Word for	June 7 to June 13
Monday, June 7	2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 8	2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 9	2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 10	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 11	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/ Jn 19:31-37
Saturday, June 12	2 Cor 5:14-21 (364)/ Lk 2:41-51
Sunday, June 13	Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34
Daily Word for	June 14 to June 20
Daily Word for Monday, June 14	June 14 to June 20 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
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Monday, June 14 Tuesday, June 15 Wednesday, June 16	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 2 Cor 9:6-11/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Monday, June 14 Tuesday, June 15 Wednesday, June 16 Thursday, June 17	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 2 Cor 9:6-11/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/

### **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 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 Pfremmer Karin Jarosch Irene Anderson

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

## PARISH LIFE

#### Council of Catholic Women Scholarships

The Council of Catholic Women would like to congratulate the following winners of the Mary Kliszcz Memorial Scholarships. Jacob Sammon was awarded the post-secondary \$1,000 Scholarship. Не is the son of Jason and Brenda Sammon, Andrew Hoffman, son of Mike and Ola Hoffman, was the winner of the Grade 5 Scholarship for \$500.00. The Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all who participated and would also like to thank the family of Mary Kliszcz for the donation for the scholarships

#### Knights of Columbus #4902 Scholarships

Congratulations to Ambrea Kjos and Jacob Sammon, recipients of our \$1,000 Council 4902 Knights of Columbus 2021 scholarships! Ambrea is the daughter of Jason and Lori Kjos and Jacob is the son of Jason and Brenda Sammon. Our KC 4902 Council would also like to recognize all of the scholarship applicants they were all excellent candidates, making for a very tough final decision.



## FAITH FORMATION

#### No Vacation Bible School This Year, But ...

Even though we were not comfortable scheduling a VBS program for this summer, we are still hoping to offer some event for the youth later this summer. Details will be announced asap.

#### **Avenue of Flags**

St. Bridget has again joined the effort of the River Falls Optimist Club to display flags in our community on six special days of the summer. In return, the Optimist Club will make a donation to our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program. Sign up <u>here</u> if you would like to help with this project.



## Welcome to St. Bridget!

#### Baptisms Sadie Elizabeth Dixon Daughter of Erin and Nathaniel Dixon

New Members Maria Reyes and Victor Reyes Alvarado

## Sacrament of Marríage

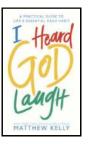


Gretta Stark and Zachary Leuma May 29, 2021

Cassandra Gavin and Carl O'Leary June 4, 2021

Karen Hartung and Spencer Beard June 5, 2021

## SpiritualGrowth



#### I Heard God Laugh Discussion Groups

Have you read the book? Would you like the opportunity to share and discuss in a group setting? We have opportunities for you to do just that. Join a 3 week discussion group or a one time meeting.

- Tuesday mornings with John Hueg June 8, 15, 22 from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday evenings with Tessa Schuermann June 9, 16, 23 from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. (childcare could be provided)
- Thursday lunch discussions with Jodie Rubenzer June 10, 17, 24 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- One day discussion only with Mary Joan Sutton June 28 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. discussion, intercessory prayer 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All discussions will take place at the church. Sign up at the information desk or email Jodie at <u>spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com</u> with your preference.



#### DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The National Concern Collection, which takes place the weekend of June 19 & 20, 2021, finances five Catholic initiatives that impact the faithful of Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States.

The National Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for our sisters and all religious institutes in the United States to care for their elderly and frail members now and in the future.

The Catholic Communication Campaign focuses on discovering new ways to deliver the gospel message to people in today's digital age - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for sharing of the faith. Fifty percent of the collection supports our local communications efforts in the Diocese.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services grants support ministry that provides for the spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral care of almost two million Catholics serving in the armed forces.

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, via the Diocesan Department of Development, provides national grants that make a difference in low income communities to fund programs that address the very root causes of poverty.

I hope you will find it within your means to consider a contribution and donate by mailing in your collection envelope to the parish or give online if that is an option at your parish.

Thanking you for your gift of stewardship and faith, I am

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

+ James P. Power

Most Rev. James P. Powers Bishop of Superior

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#### **Connected through Prayer**

"If Eucharist is the heart of parish life, then prayer is the heartbeat. Prayer is the food and fuel of missionary activity." Julianne Stanz, Start with Jesus

**What:** Ministry of Prayer – a ministry of intentional intercessory prayer, done each day in the space of your own home during your own prayer time.

**Purpose:** To form a spiritual ministry of connection and support through prayer.

**Members:** People of our parish who live in care facilities, are home bound, or wish to be active in parish life, but unable to physically do so at this time, or anyone who wants to intentionally pray for others.

**Requirements:** An ongoing prayer life with a willingness to pray.

**Benefits:** Spiritual connection and the joy of being part of the on-going day to day prayer support of the life of our parish and parish family members.

#### How this Ministry Works

- You volunteer to become a "prayer partner".
- You will be "blessed" as a prayer partner and receive a certificate and a prayer journal.
- You can expect to receive from us the requests for prayer, via email or through the parish bulletin, indicating the date range during which to prayer for specific need.
- Prayer ministers promise to pray each day for the specific needs and intentions of the parish as well as for the greater community.
- While the Ministry of Prayer provides opportunities for bonding between the generations within our parish, we ask that all communication taking place with parishioners under the age of 18 be done through written correspondence.

Requests for prayer may include, but are not limited to persons receiving sacraments or involved in sacramental preparation, for all youth activities, events of the parish, known retreats, for our pastor; the list goes on.

To partner in prayer, reminds us that this is God's church and that our "service" is not just to do physical things, but also for spiritual connection.

Intercessory prayer for our parishes is essential, not optional. Julianne Stanz, Start with Jesus

For Information or to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Jodie at 715.425.1879 ext. 110

#### The Catholic Church Contains Twelve Basic Articles of Faith

These articles of faith are contained and professed in the traditional prayer, the Apostle's Creed. The prayer is called the Apostle's Creed because its twelve articles are a summary of the doctrines taught by the Apostles, who were themselves instructed by Jesus Christ.

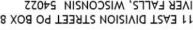
The basic doctrines of faith for the Catholic Church that are found in the Apostle's Creed are considered primary when describing and defining the Catholic Church. Roman Catholics believe that we are saved by the grace of God and not by works. Any "works" to help feed the poor, clothe the naked and all the rest as Jesus commanded is in a loving response to the God who loves us first. At every Mass we share in Eucharist that Jesus gave us. Romans 6:10 states For [a]the death that He died, He died to sin once for all time; but [b]the life that He lives, He lives to [c]God. Jesus died for our sins once and for all. Each Mass is not a new sacrifice but the sacrifice Christ gave for all time. May we all live in that faith. Fr. Harris

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