

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JULY 18

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JULY 25
2021



From the pastor...

This bulletin will cover the weeks of July 18 and July 25.

July 18 is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Things got so hectic that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off ...to some place where we will be alone and you can rest a while." Mark 6:31'

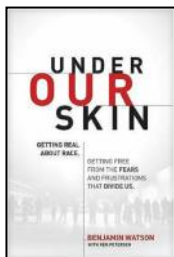
We all need to pause and then let our souls catch up to our bodies. Dr. William G. Menninger writes: "I recommend strongly that every executive set aside a little time... to decide where he [or she] is going... do you know whether you are going in the right direction, and most of all, where do you want to get? Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon Him in yourself." Saint Teresa (Adapted from MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

July 25 is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. A crowd was completely overwhelmed when Jesus fed them miraculously with five loaves and two fish. Jesus knew that they were about come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself. John 6:15

An old story concerns a Danish peasant. On his deathbed, he asked his son to promise him that he would sit alone, daily, for 20 minutes in the best room of the house. When the son grew into manhood, he became the most respected leader in his village.

The story of the peasant's son and the story of Jesus going to the hills to keep his goals and purpose in focus invite me to ask, What helps me keep my focus when my inner convictions are assaulted by external pressures? Solitude show us what we should be; society shows what we are. Richard Cecil (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S. J.)

Under Our Skin by Benjamin Watson



I finished reading "Under Our Skin" by NFL football player, Benjamin Watson, he is married with children and a deeply devout Christian. Benjamin who is Black shares powerful insights on what is happening currently in America. Benjamin states in **Under Our Skin**: "The problem of race in America is a spiritual problem at the heart of America. Individually we may feel as if there's not much we can do. But maybe we underestimate what God can do through us.... Prayer has often ignited revival.... So I urge everyone to pray. Pray for the families of the victims and the perpetrators. Pray for direction—that God would specifically guide you into action. ... Pray for the safety of law enforcement officers and

the eradication of the lawlessness they are commissioned to fight. Pray that we all will be keenly aware of our thoughts and reactions and will be bold enough to apologize when we should. Pray for the courage to stand up against racism wherever it's found—and especially when it is expressed by friends and family. Pray for the courage to call wrong, *wrong* and right, *right*. Pray for God's healing hand on America." I recommend reading his book. 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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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

Weekly Masses ~ July 18 to July 24

Sunday, July 18	9:30 a.m. +Int: Steve Traynor 11:00 a.m. Int: The Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
Monday, July 19	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, July 20	5:15 p.m. +Int: Charles Heit
Thursday, July 22	5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, July 23	8:00 a.m. +Int: Andrew Huppert
Saturday, July 24	5:00 p.m. +Int: Max Merriman Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

Weekly Masses ~ July 25 to July 31

Sunday, July 25	9:30 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's 11:00 a.m. +Int: Carmen Anderson
Monday, July 26	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, July 27	5:15 p.m. +Int: Max Merriman
Thursday, July 29	5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, July 30	8:00 a.m. +Int: Jim Deiss
Saturday, July 31	5:00 p.m. Int: Healing for our Nation Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

Baptisms at St. Bridget



Leo Jeffrey Mark
Son of Kylie and Benjamin Mark

Nicholas Robert Poisson
Son of Kristine and Robert Poisson

Daily Word for July 19 to July 25

Monday, July 19	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 20	Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 21	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday, July 22	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday, July 23	Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday, July 24	Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
Sunday, July 25	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15

Daily Word for July 26 to August 1

Monday, July 26	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/ Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 27	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 28	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, July 29	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday, July 30	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, July 31	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday, August 1	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

TITHES AND OFFERING

July 4 & July 11, 2021

Adult Contributions	\$36,250
Future Parish Needs	\$968
Loose Collection	\$1,055
Scrip Rebates (40 Orders)	\$637
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,581

Welcome New Member!

Shari Clymer

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	Mary Buckley
Linda Giardina	Eric King
Judy Pechacek Harri	Sue Steckbauer
Ann Holland	Julie Wilson
Barb Ickler	Ellen Heiman
Michelle Radtke	Tricia Aguilera
Izabella Thompson	Carol Moenke
Sonia Steiner	Tricia Hanson
Steve Alberg	Edna Early
Grace Radtke	Karen Grubb
Katy Morris	Marlys Dusek
Gwen Paulson	Anita Dusek
Linda Radtke	Pat Meyer
Tony Jilek	Jim Killian
Audrey Pfremer	Linda Jourdeans
Karin Jarosch	Jerry Madsen
Irene Anderson	Joan Madsen
Rod Cina	Jim Bot
Nicholas McDonough	



Rest In Peace

James Schmidt

Esther C. Schmidt

Ray Belisle

Denny O'Brien

Father of Michelle (Randy) Swenson



Knights of Columbus #4902 Family of the Month

Congratulations Scott and Nancy Lindall! They are the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for July 2021.

PARISH LIFE



Donut Fellowship Will Be Back!

Donuts will be back and we need you! Our donut making and donut selling teams have some open spots that need to be filled before we can bring you these coveted cakes. Contact the office to sign up for a team!



WE NEED **YOUR** HELP!

As we welcome back parishioners to church and events we also are in need of more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider resuming your ministry or sign up for a new ministry. Check out our [website](#) listing various opportunities to serve.

Knights of Columbus Food Booth

It is fair time and we need volunteers! The Knights of Columbus will have their food stand at the Pierce County Fair August 12-15. Volunteers receive a ticket for free admission to the fair. These tickets will be available after mass the weekend of August 7. To volunteer go to our [website](#) this week and sign-up for a shift or two. If you don't have access to the internet or need help call Esther 715-821-5011.



Walking with Moms in Need



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our diocese have joined together in a nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service. Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. The USCCB is developing ministries that would work in conjunction with established community resources to support moms who are facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. For more information go to www.WalkingWithMoms.com.

Prayer Partner Ministry

"When I started praying for another person every day, I realized the blessing this was becoming to my own prayer life and relationship with God."

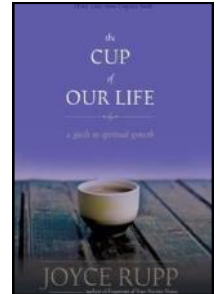
- St. Bridget Prayer Partner

There are opportunities for you to become a long-term prayer partner or to be called upon when various requests arise. This ministry takes place on your own schedule in the presence of your home or wherever you find yourself in prayer. Please consider joining this rewarding ministry. For more information or to sign up email Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com or sign up at the information desk.

Women's Book Discussion

The Cup of our Life by Joyce Rupp

Consider joining a 7 week study to deepen your relationship with God as you journey with others. Joyce's writing leads you gently into the depths of your own spiritual growth as she uses the image of a cup. To sign up or if you have any questions email Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com. You can also sign up at the information desk.



Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity for you to sit in the presence and gaze upon Jesus as he gazes upon you. We are still in need of a couple of adorers to share a one hour time slot or invite

you to just stop in for a brief moment of prayer and quiet.

Virtual Discernment Retreat

August 14, 2021

Join other single women ages 18-50 and Benedictine Sisters from St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island, IL, St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, MN and St. Paul's Monastery, St. Paul, MN and learn about discernment and Benedictine Life. To register or for more information, contact Sister Lisa Maurer, OSB by email vocations@duluthosb.org



Praying the Labyrinth

With the beauty of these summer days, give yourself the opportunity to pray the Labyrinth. If you'd like to know more about how to use the Labyrinth meet Jodie on Tuesday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. or on Wednesday, July 21 at 8:45 a.m. Both of these times will give you a short introduction for using this tool for prayer. There is also a video explaining it on our [YouTube](#) channel.

*Slow me with your stillness,
so I do not hurry the steps I take.
~ Joyce Rupp*

YOUTH MINISTRY - EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2021



Welcome home, Extreme Faith Campers!

We look forward to hearing about your adventures, and being inspired by how you live out your faith in daily life!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration is now OPEN!

Information and registration forms are available in the information rack, or you can register online via our [website](#). We will also need leaders for all grades, PreK-11th grade. If the Spirit is nudging you to consider helping, please contact Diane or Tessa. The Faith Formation QR Code is also available to access forms.



Retrouville \Retro- vī\Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!

Whether you have simply drifted apart, or have arrived at separation or divorce, Retrouville offers hope. Begin this amazing 3-phase program with a weekend away **August 20-22, 2021** (Wausau area). Fully Confidential, affordable, and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background. For details or to register, call toll free, 1- 877-922-HOPE (4673) or see www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Space is limited. Registrations are due by August 10th. Late registrations will be accepted if space is available.



**NOW
OPEN!**



The Senior Center is open again! Visitors must wear masks and complete a screening questionnaire.

- Cards-1:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays
- Toenail care appointments being on July 23.

*Located inside Wellhaven Senior Living,
119 Union Street, River Falls - 715-426-4646*

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