

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



*awaken*FAITH



*build*COMMUNITY



*make*DISCIPLES

From Father Joe...

The 20th Week in Ordinary time: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus was ignoring the Canaanite woman as they walked along. But she dogged him. She was relentless and determined to get his attention. The disciples begged Jesus to send her away. Instead, Jesus stopped and questioned her motives. He examined her faith and found her to be a woman of great faith. By the end of their conversation, her daughter was healed instantly. This Canaanite woman dogged Jesus for she knew that Jesus could heal her daughter.

We hear often how athletes train and train for one moment when they could achieve a gold medal in the Olympics. There was a young man from my high school who trained to be an Olympic speed skater. Several times, he made it to the Olympics but failed to achieve any medal, let alone a gold medal. He never gave up. His dogged spirit was just like that of the Canaanite women's. He never lost sight of his goal. In 1994, Dan Jensen in the last race of his career as an Olympic speed skater won the gold medal for the 1000-meter speed skating race.

Do we have that same dogged spirit when we pursue a relationship with Jesus?

The 21st week in Ordinary Time: Matthew 16:13-20

"One day Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This was a very profound moment in Peter's life not only with his relationship with Jesus but also his relationship with the Church, the body of Christ. Peter becomes the Church's spoke person as he declares that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Jesus proclaims Simon Peter as the patriarch of the new covenant.

Jesus names Simon Peter Petros, meaning the rock on which Jesus will build his Church. Jesus sees something in Peter that most people did not see. Jesus saw his profound faith and love for him.

Do we allow Jesus to see what others cannot see in us? Do we allow Jesus to see our deep love for him? When Jesus asks the Church who do you say that I am, how do we respond? Are our words those recorded by Peter or are they our own words that describe our deep love for Jesus?

(VISION 2000 Mark Link, S.J)



Feast of the Assumption

Due to COVID19 the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. St. Bridget and St. Mary's will each have a Mass for this feast day on Friday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. for anyone wanting to attend.

New Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Phone 715.425.1870

Pastoral Emergency

715.869.6122

www.saintbridgets.org

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

Weekly Masses ~ August 16 to August 21	
Sunday, August 16	9:30 a.m. +Int: Alvin Langer
	11:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget/ St. Mary's
Monday, August 17	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, August 18	5:15 p.m. +Int: Dorothy Bauer
Wednesday, August 19	8:00 a.m. +Int: Dave Esterby
Thursday, August 20	8:00 a.m. +Int: Paul and Delphine Johnson
Friday, August 21	8:00 a.m. +Int: Patrick Baumgartner

Weekly Masses ~ August 23 to August 28	
Sunday, August 23	9:30 a.m. +Int: Deceased members of the Jilek and Boortz families
	11:00 a.m. Int: Churches St. Bridget/St. Mary's
Monday, August 24	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, August 25	5:15 p.m. +Int: Pauline Schmidbauer
Wednesday, August 26	8:00 a.m. +Int: Gene, Irene and Joe Huppert
Thursday, August 27	8:00 a.m. +Int: Robert Schmidt
Friday, August 28	8:00 a.m. +Int: Mary Kliszcz

Daily Word for August 17 - 23	
Monday, August 17	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, August 18	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 19	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, August 20	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday, August 21	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, August 22	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday, August 23	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

Daily Word for August 24- 30	
Monday, August 24	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday, August 25	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 26	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 27	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 28	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday, August 29	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mk 6:17-29
Sunday, August 30	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for August 15 is in loving memory of
Mary Ann Maier

The Mass for August 22 is in loving memory of
Norbert and Louise St. Germain

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.

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| Laura Bowman | Paula Flood |
| Linda Giardina | Karin Jarosch |
| Judy Pechacek Harri | Gwen Paulson |
| Ann Holland | Linda Radtke |
| Barb Ickler | Irene Anderson |
| Ray Belisle | Rod Cina |
| Joseph Pentusa | Sharon Reese |
| Michelle Radtke | Sandie Huberty |
| Izabella Thompson | Tony Jilek |
| Sonia Steiner | Dave Gilmore |
| Steve Alberg | Steve Traynor |
| Grace Radtke | Dave Lindevig |
| Sarah Robole | Michelle Swenson |
| Katy Morris | Audrey Pfremer |



Rest in Peace



Mildred Ray

Dennis Madlem
Father of Nick (Reese) Madlem

Aurelia Schraufnagel
Mother of Stan (Mary-Alice) Schraufnagel

Steven Weber
Father of Daniel and Brian Weber

Elwood Elliott

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptisms

Grayson Gavin Middleton

Son of Ashley and Gavin Middleton



Emma Rose Lueck-Huycke

Daughter of Megan Huycke and Joshua Lueck

Everly Louisa Geissler

Daughter of Megan and Cliff Geissler

New Members

Megan Huycke and family

James and Kristen Meredith and family



Sacrament of Marriage

Elizabeth Chatt and Jake Green

August 7, 2020

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF AUGUST 2 & AUGUST 9

Adult Contributions	\$30,460.62
Future Parish Needs	\$907.00
Loose Collection	\$407.01
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,596.00
School Tuition	\$109,406.02
Scrip Rebates (33 orders)	\$497.10
Priest Emergency Fund	\$300.00
Text to Give	\$865.00
On-line Giving	\$1,218.00
Church Gift	\$7,592.06

Navigating Our Website - www.saintbridgets.org

Recording of Weekend Mass



To access this recording, go to <https://www.saintbridgets.org>

Click on **“Church”**
then **“Information Center”**
then **“Full Mass (Video)”**

Each week, the recording of the weekend Mass is available on our [website](http://www.saintbridgets.org) soon after the conclusion of the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass.



FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary: The Mother of God

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple “yes” and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you’ll know and love her Son even more.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Lectio: Prayer

With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute’s Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.



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PARISH LIFE

Face Masks Needed

Calling all crafters! The church is in need of homemade face masks. If you would like to donate masks they can be dropped off in the office during business hours or put in the new drop box after hours. Thank You!



New Mail Drop Box

A new and secure mail drop box has been installed by the North doors at church. It's an easy and convenient place to drop off your contribution envelope, Scrip order or other correspondence. This will replace the church library drop location.



Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation schedule has returned to both St. Mary's in Hammond and St. Bridget but NOT in the Reconciliation Room due to COVID-19. This room is too small.

St. Bridget will have confessions from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday in the Garden View Room. There will be an option of face-to-face or anonymous.

St. Mary's has Confessions on Sunday mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the regular confessional in church. However, you must use the behind the screen side only. Fr. Joe and I are also available for confessions by appointment. Thanks, Fr. Harris

Fair Trade Sales Are Back Starting August 15!

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Stop in the church to get your favorite fair trade products during these designated days.

(This is also the Scrip order pick up times.)



New DivorceCare Group Starting Soon!

September 14 - December 14
Mondays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

If you are hurting from the pain of separation or divorce, DivorceCare may be just what you need. The group will be limited to 7 participants due to social distancing requirements. For more information or to register call the parish office or email Barb and Jerry Liddell at divorcecare.ic.stb@hotmail.com.



St. Bridget Bread for the World

st.b.bfw@gmail.com



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is responding to the urgent needs for shelter, food, and medical care for the people impacted by the August 4 explosion in Beirut and is making plans for longer-term assistance to Lebanon. CRS is highly rated for cost-effectiveness. To donate, contact Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201-3443, phone 888-277-7575, www.crs.org.

Grief Support Group

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services will sponsor a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Groups will be offered virtually through Zoom meetings. An invite will be sent to you with meeting information

September 14, 21, 28 & October 5, 12, 19
Mondays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RSVP by Friday, September 11 with your name and email to Julia Rajtar, Grief Support Coordinator, at julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com, or text or call 715-781-4003.

Pro-life Corner ~ Hope After Abortion

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

You are not alone... there is forgiveness, healing and hope. Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness - call the toll-free national hotlines Rachel's Vineyard, (877-467-3463) or National Hotline for Abortion Recovery (866-482-5433). To contact a local Project Rachel Ministry, www.HopeAfterAbortion.org then click on your state to find the contact information of someone near you.

"The Lord is kind and merciful" Psalm 103

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each Fall we begin the process of RCIA for those who seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic church. We will begin our formal gatherings in mid-September using weekly ZOOM check in meetings and an in house face to face meeting once per month. If this invitation has been placed on your heart and you would like more information email Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com.

YogaDevotion

This is a Christian approach to prayer, movement and breath. Our first session will begin in late August or early September. For this session we will offer by ZOOM and you will connect with our teacher from the comfort of your own space. Currently we are seeking input to the best day and time to offer this. Past sessions have been on Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. We are “fearfully and wonderfully made”, but during this time of uncertainty give yourself this hour of intentional prayer and care for your soul and body. Contact Jodie Rubenzer for more information.



Spiritual Direction

The primary focus of Spiritual Direction is your relationship with God. In a spiritual direction time, you will be held in a space of attentive listening enabling you to share and reflect on your life events. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the skill of a trained Spiritual director, you will be invited to recognize the movement of God and awaken to God's presence in your life. If you'd like more information, contact Jodie Rubenzer

FAITH FORMATION

High School Graduates

Preparing for college? Don't leave your faith behind! Your campus experience might be different this fall. SPO (St. Paul's Outreach) can help you network with other Catholic students. Fill out the form on [this link](#), and you'll be placed into a group of young men or women who are also looking for college to be everything it's meant to be. Small groups are forming now! For information on SPO, visit www.spo.org or email info@spo.org.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Still Accepting New Students

if you are looking for an in-person school environment for children ages 4-14 we have room in most of our grades for additional students. To apply for enrollment, visit our [website](#) or call the school office for more information. Our class sizes are limited to 12 for Pre-K and 18 for all other grades.



New Family Night

Thursday, August 20
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Families who are just starting at St. Bridget Parish School are invited to join us for New Family Night. We will have an extensive Q&A session, share how the school day happens at our school (such as pickup/drop off), give tours and introduce members of our staff. This meeting will be held in the school gym; plan to wear a face mask and bring your questions! Children welcome but this information session is geared primarily at parents. Contact the school office to RSVP.

Orientation Paperwork Pickup

Thursday, August 20 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, August 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, St. Bridget School will have your Back-to-School paperwork packets ready to pick up next week for all school families. Enter at the main school doors (on the office-side of the building.) We highly encourage picking up this paperwork so that your time in the building on Orientation Day can be minimized. This paperwork should be returned to school on Orientation Day, Tuesday September 1.

Back to School! Orientation Day

Tuesday, September 1



St. Bridget School will have an Open House/Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 1, as the official start of school. Families will sign up for a time slot to drop off paperwork, school supplies, and meet your teachers. Sign ups and more information will come via E-Buzz next week, or you can call the school office for more information. Plan to spend about 20 minutes per student enrolled in our school.

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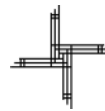
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