

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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From Fr. Joe's Office...

My first month as your Parochial Administrator has gone by so fast. One comment that I hear often was, "You have big shoes to fill." My response is always the same, "No, they are only a size 9" as I look down at my shoes. I don't ever want to fill Fr. Jerry's shoes. I am extremely grateful that he has taken the time to prepare me well for this transition, but, I must create my own leadership style. Like all of you, I know that we are truly blessed to have the leadership we do have in both our parishes, the UWRF Newman Center and our Catholic school. Our success in the future will continue with individual and group prayer, participation in the Mass and the sacramental life of the Church, team building exercises along with the help of Diocesan and national Catholic conferences and workshops. I am also grateful to my brother priests who have offered their expertise when needed. I have also received many positive comments like, "you'll do fine" or "you've got this". May God continue the good work already in progress.

I would like to use my section of the bulletin as a teaching tool. I would like to talk about the parts of the Mass, the sacraments, different types of prayer, the liturgical calendar, help endorse cluster, parish and school activities or needs and much more.

The church office will be closed  
on Wednesday, August 24  
for a staff retreat.

## Novenas

There are many different Catholic websites that offer different prayers and teachings. One of my personal favorites is "Pray More Novenas." I have done them for St. Joseph, Mary (the Mother of God), St. Therese Lisieux, the little Flower of Jesus and many more. I am offering this website to you if you like to pray novenas or would like to learn how to pray them. A novena is a 9 day prayer offered for a variety of reasons. The object is to pray the novena 9 days in a row. You can do them or you can opt out of them. The people who run this website will always invite you to the next novena when it comes around. One of the reasons I like this website is because they count down each day for you. Try it. You might like it.

St. Bridget Website



### 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:

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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS  
AUGUST 21 - AUGUST 27**

**Sunday, August 21**

8:45 a.m. Rosary  
 9:30 a.m. **Mass** - *Patrick, Robert, Donald and Virgil Baumgartner +*  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Churches of St. Bridget, St. Mary's and St. Thomas More-UWRF*  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, August 22**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

**Tuesday, August 23**

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Adoration  
 5:15 p.m. **Mass** - Anne Jilek

**Wednesday, August 24 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR RETREAT**

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer-all are welcome

**Thursday, August 25**

12:00 p.m. **Noon Labyrinth Prayer**  
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Friday, August 26**

7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Ken Smith +*

**Saturday, August 27**

4 - 4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation  
 \*5:00 p.m. **Mass** - *Norma Smith +*

\* Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://youtube.com/saintbridget). Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#), or scan the QR code.



**WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS  
AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3**

**Sunday, August 28**

9:30 a.m. **Mass** - *Brian Weiss +*  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's and St. Thomas More - UWRF*  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

**Tuesday, August 30**

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Adoration  
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Wednesday, August 31**

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer-all are welcome

**Thursday, September 1**

12:00 p.m. Noon Labyrinth Prayer  
 1:00 p.m. Women's Euchre  
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Friday, September 2**

7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Bill and Nina Baier +*

**Saturday, September 3**

7:30 a.m. Men's Group  
 8:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group  
 4 - 4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** - *Roger Bruggeman and Carmen Anderson +*

**DAILY WORD FOR AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28**

Monday, August 22	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 23	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 24	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday, August 25	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 26	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday, August 27	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday, August 28	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**DAILY WORD FOR AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4**

Monday, August 29	1 Cor 2:1-5 (431)/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday, August 30	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, August 31	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, September 1	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday, September 2	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday, September 3	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday, September 4	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## 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, contact Pat Purfeerst, at 715-222-9533 or

Laura Bowman	Leah Krygowski
Judy Pechacek Harri	Donna Pechacek
Barb Ickler	Richard Jorgensen
Michelle Radtke	Nick Simpson
Izabella Thompson	Dorothy Nelson
Sonia Steiner	Doug Raehsler
Grace Radtke	Julie Dodge
Katy Morris	Kathy Bowman
Gwen Paulson	Alice Johnson
Linda Radtke	Leonard Des Lauriers
Tony Jilek	Sheila Carlson
Irene Anderson	Tim Engel
Ellen Heiman	Darlene Emerson
Tricia Hanson	Stephanie Clevenger
Linda Jourdeans	Linda Santoro
Walter Domeracki	Bob Leary
Bernadine Bechel	Jo Cernohous
Boyd Huppert	Reese Madlem
Dorie Deiss	Andy Jasczchak
Sandy DeCoux	Ken Huppert
Sarah Cobian	Chester Huppert
Marilyn Moran	Esther Sykora
Dean, Kaleigh and Jordan Wildauer	

### Sacraments at St. Bridget

#### Baptisms

Violet Ruby Krause  
Vivienne Jean Krause  
Daughters of Angela and Michael Krause



#### Marriages

Samantha West and Jacob Wengelski  
Ashley Kopacz and Trevor Burch



## TITHES AND OFFERING

August 7, 2022

Adult Contributions	\$12,200
Loose Collection	\$786
Scrip Rebates	\$239
Future Parish Needs	\$390

The Radio Mass is aired 9:00 a.m.  
on Sundays over WEVR 1550 AM and  
106.3 FM for those unable to  
join us in church.



### Baptism Preparation Class

September 4

The next Baptism preparation class will be on  
Sunday, September 4 between Masses at 10:30 a.m.  
Contact the office to register or for more information.

### *REST IN PEACE*



*Edwin Dintemann*  
Father of Dave (Cheryl) Dintemann  
*Carole VanBlaircom*

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## PARISH LIFE

### Euchre is Back!

Ladies afternoon Euchre will begin the 2022-2023 year on Thursday, September 1 in Lubich Hall. This group meets the first Thursday of every month, September through May at 1:00 p.m. The March date will be changed to the second Thursday (April 13) because of Holy Thursday. Cost for the year is \$10 to play, plus \$10 for those who do not wish to serve lunch. Also, there will be a charge of 10 cents for each set. All women in our area are welcome. You do not need to be a member of St. Bridget to play.

Get a partner and come join the fun. We are also looking for subs. For more information contact Janet Huppert at 715-425-6097.

### The New Directories Are In!

If you had your picture taken for the directory your free copy is waiting for you. Stop in the office during the week or in the Father Jerry Harris Fellowship Hall to pick yours up. Extra copies are available for \$15.00.



## FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

### Coffee with the Parish Administrator

Coffee with the Parish Administrator returns on September 15. Join John at The Table on Main for coffee, connecting and conversation on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. The coffee is on us!

### The Ten Habits of Discipleship

In her book, *Start with Jesus*, Julianne Stanz presents ten habits of Discipleship. Over the next ten bulletins, one of the habits will be shared. We invite all to take time in prayer, reflection, discussion and action to further build these habits into our lives. The following excerpt is taken from the book.

**Habit 1:** Relationship – We run the risk of spending our days talking about God but not talking to God. Once Jesus chose his disciples, his first words to them were “come and see” (Jn 1:39). Together they grew in friendship.

**Reflection:** How is my personal relationship with Jesus? Am I growing in friendship with the Lord? Do I introduce others to my best friend, Jesus?

## PARISH SCHOOL

### Orientation Paperwork Pickup

Thursday, August 25

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday August 26

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



St. Bridget School will soon have back-to-school paperwork packets ready for families to pick up. 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, Thursday, September 1.

### Back to School Orientation Day!

Thursday, September 1



St. Bridget School will have an Open House/Orientation Day on Thursday, September 1, as the official start of school. Starting August 22, families can sign up for a time slot on their Option C account to drop off paperwork, school supplies, and meet your teachers. Plan to spend about 20 minutes per student enrolled in our school.

## PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

### The SEARCH

7 week sessions at St Mary's begin September 18  
Are you searching but don't know what you are searching for? How does your faith fit into your life? Maybe it's time you start THE SEARCH.

**The SEARCH** is for every adult. Seven thought-provoking sessions that tackle key questions of every human heart. **The SEARCH** will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. In each, you will find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

**The SEARCH** begins Sunday, September 18 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Hammond. The SEARCH Team will provide you with breakfast and beverages. Session will run from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To find out more details, contact Jackie Aune at [JackieAune@smicparish.org](mailto:JackieAune@smicparish.org) or call 715-796-2241.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### Meet at the Labyrinth on Thursday at Noon

We stop at this time to re-orient our day to God. Jesus says: "You are the Light of the World", so we pause in this noon time hour to honor the half of the day that has past and bring awareness to the half day that is still ours, filled with possibility and vast opportunity. No knowledge of Labyrinth or Liturgy of the Hours is needed, you will be gently guided to enter the prayer.

### Clear your Calendars!

You won't want to miss the Parish Cluster Mission: *Jesus For Real!* on October 3 – 5. What is a parish mission? It is an event to stimulate, engage and energize our faith communities. These evenings will be filled with food for the belly and soul. Watch for more details and plan for you and your family to attend. Childcare will also be offered.

### Bible/Book Study - Starting September 7

Join us Wednesdays beginning September 7 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm to study and discuss *Jesus the Way the Truth and the Life*, by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. This book is written by our Parish Mission presenter and will bring you into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Sign up at the information desk.

### Centering Prayer and Adoration

Communicating with God is different for everyone. Has the Holy Spirit placed upon your heart a desire to pray with God in the presence of others, but without the pressure of praying aloud? If so, this is your invitation to check out Center Prayer and Adoration.

**Centering Prayer** is on Wednesdays 8:00 – 8:40 a.m. in the Garden View Room and also by Zoom.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is on Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stop in for a few minutes or sign up for ½ hour or 1 hour time slots.

Both of these prayer opportunities offer a quiet space to join your heart with the heart of the Beloved. Contact Jodie for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation Leaders Needed!

We will be resuming Faith Formation for all ages soon. We need **60 leaders** to run all of our programs that minister to our **PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** youth!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help co-lead a group. (Lessons are provided, and you certainly do not need to "know it all" already! Just be willing to explore and grow in your faith with your group!) Contact Diane ([ChildrensFF@stbparish.com](mailto:ChildrensFF@stbparish.com)) or Tess ([TeenFF@stbparish.com](mailto:TeenFF@stbparish.com)) for more information or to volunteer.

### Register for Faith Formation



Register online on our [website](#), or scan the QR code. (Paper registration forms are also available, in the information rack.) Contact Diane at 715-425-1870, ([ChildrensFF@stbparish.com](mailto:ChildrensFF@stbparish.com)) or Tessa ([TeenFF@stbparish.com](mailto:TeenFF@stbparish.com)) with questions.

### Homeschool Conference

The Diocese of Superior invites all homeschoolers and those discerning homeschooling to St. Joseph Church, Rice Lake, WI, on September 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the first-ever diocesan homeschooling conference! This will be a great opportunity to network, feel supported, and equip yourself for that mission! Go to [www.catholicdos.org](http://www.catholicdos.org) for more information, or contact Loree Nauertz at [lnauertz@catholicdos.org](mailto:lnauertz@catholicdos.org).





## Introducing the St. Bridget GOD SQUAD!

Family Picnic Sunday, September 18

We are looking for families of all ages to come together for worship and fellowship! We would love to have you join us for our first God Squad family Mass and event on Sunday, September 18. We will begin with mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch at St. Bridget School playground. Please bring your own lunch and drinks. Chairs and tables will be provided. If it rains, we will utilize space in the church building. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet families and grow together in our Catholic faith.

If you can join us for mass, we are looking for families (kids and adults) to be greeters and gift bearers at the 11:00 mass. If you are able to volunteer for these roles, please contact Jackie at 651-366-1091 or Lisa at [lbodin1021@gmail.com](mailto:lbodin1021@gmail.com) or by phone 651-307-9366.

We hope you will become part of our St. B's God Squad! We are excited to see where the Holy Spirit guides this group. We are hopeful that we can plan monthly masses and events to keep us connected and spreading the love of Jesus Christ! Please feel free to contact either Jackie or Lisa for more information. We look forward to seeing you on September 18!



### *Parish Mission Prayer*

Holy Father, great God of love and mercy, You have surrendered everything for love of us.

May we learn to surrender everything for love of You.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may do Your will and not our own.

Help us to love you above all things and to love Your people the way You have commanded us.

Quiet our minds and hearts that we may be open to the gift of your truth, and grant that our Parish Mission may be:

a time of grace for all, a time of growth for the young,

a time of refreshment for the old, a time of renewal for families,

a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing,

a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner,

a time of strength for the holy, a time of homecoming for all who have been away.

We beg you these things, Holy Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*St. Bridget + St. Mary's + St. Thomas More Parish Mission ~ October 3-5, 2022*

St. Bridget Parish School is a welcoming, innovative Catholic community which focuses on faith, family, and individual academic excellence — fostering living examples of God's presence in our world.



## St. Bridget Parish School

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Dear Families and Friends,

The summer is passing quickly as we are preparing our school building for our upcoming school year. Classroom floors have been freshly waxed, and look shiny, and welcoming. Our new swingset, installed last summer now has new foot mats. Window blinds have been installed on all first floor windows. New classroom rugs have been added to accommodate morning meetings and group work in 4 classrooms. The Gym floor has been refinished. Fortunately, we have been once again blessed with highly qualified teachers. Please welcome these wonderful teachers to our staff!

**Reading Specialist** - Mrs. Drew Rohl from River Falls, is certified as a Reading Specialist and EL teacher. Most recently, Mrs. Rohl has worked for RFSD as an English Language Learner Teacher. The Rohl family has 3 students attending St. Bridget School.

**Art** - Mrs. Hillary Gilles from River Falls, most recently taught in Baldwin, and is a certified Art teacher. Mrs. Gilles recently graduated from UWRF with a teaching degree in Art grades Pre K through High School.

**Pre K** - Mrs. Therese Stacy from River Falls, most recently taught Kindergarten at St. Bridget.

**Grade 4** - Ms. Alexis Meixner from Menomonie, a recent graduate from Winona State, and most recently taught 4th grade at St. Stans in Winona, WI.

**MS ELA and Reading** - Corlie Weber from Woodbury, MN most recently taught 5-8 grade ELA in the Diocese of Phoenix.

**Phy. Ed.** - Jeremy Menden from River Falls, most recently taught Phy. Ed. at Marquette, in Virginia, MN.

Our teachers have been spending some of their summer vacation time learning too. A few teachers are attending courses this summer in Math Methods, Responsive Classroom - a behavior management course, and Orton-Gillingham - a phonics based course. We have highly dedicated and experienced teachers that are constantly improving their craft by learning how to meet the needs of *all* of our students. A portion of GALA funds were dedicated to staff professional development.

**Current Enrollment by grade:** Pre K - 24, Kindergarten - 16, First - 18, Second - 15, Third - 17, Fourth - 17, Fifth - 17, Sixth - 14, Seventh - 11, Eighth - 10.

Our school continues to be an excellent choice spiritually, and academically for your children. Even with capping our class sizes below 20, we have room for more children in a few grades, especially PreK. We thank you for choosing St. Bridget Parish School, and for your dedication to its success.

In Peace,

**Brenda Steward, Principal**

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