

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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## From the pastor...

Here is another bulletin that covers two weeks.

### **The weekend of August 2 is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

[A crowd had been listening to Jesus all day.] His disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late...send the people away...to buy food for themselves... [Jesus replied,] "You yourselves give them something to eat!" Matthew 14:15-16

We have people who are hungry locally and worldwide due to the pandemic, poverty and life circumstances. Individually we cannot feed the whole world. However, if we work together we can make a difference. Supporting local food banks and a nonprofit lobby group like *Bread for the World* is a good start.

### **The Weekend of August 9 is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

[After feeding the crowd miraculously] Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake. After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. Matthew 14:22-23

Nobel Prize winner Dr. Alexis Carrel wrote a book called *Man, the Unknown*. In it, he makes this striking statement: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy we can generate...the influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as secreting glands...Only in prayer do we achieve that complete and harmonious assembly of body, mind, and spirit. What is one effect that regular prayer has had on my life?

Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power! No prayer, no power! Anonymous

(VISION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will resume a weekly schedule at both St. Mary's in Hammond and St. Bridget but NOT in the Reconciliation Rooms due to COVID19. These rooms are too small.

**St. Bridget will have confessions from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday in the Garden View Room.**

St. Mary's has Confessions on Sunday mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. They will be in the KC room in the lower level of the church.

There will be an option of face-to-face or anonymous. Fr. Joe and I are available for confessions by appointment. Thanks. Fr. Harris



### **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](http://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 2 to August 7	
<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: Gordy Pechacek <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches of St. Bridget/ St. Mary's
<b>Monday, August 3</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, August 4</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Linda, Joseph Peter Dusek
<b>Wednesday, August 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Peter Baldini
<b>Thursday, August 6</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Jeannine Poulin
<b>Friday, August 7</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Pauline Schmidbauer

Weekly Masses ~ August 9 to August 14	
<b>Sunday, August 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: Stanley and Jessie Kukuska <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches St. Bridget/St. Mary's
<b>Monday, August 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, August 11</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Mary Kliszc
<b>Wednesday, August 12</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Donna Schommer
<b>Thursday, August 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Vernon and Betty Johnson
<b>Friday, August 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Dennis Johnson

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptisms

#### Della Grace Proue

Daughter of Julia Jilek-Proue and Timothy Proue

#### Giovanni Alexis Vargas

Son of Magaly and Inocente Vargas

## Rest in Peace

#### John Apalsch

Brother-in-law of Jennifer Button

#### David Richardson

Father of Jennifer (Alan) O'Neill

## Daily Word for August 3 - 9

Monday, August 3	Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday, August 4	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday, August 5	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday, August 7	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 8	Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Sunday, August 9	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## Daily Word for August 10 - 16

Monday, August 10	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday, August 11	Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday, August 12	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday, August 13	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday, August 14	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday, August 15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Sunday, August 16	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for August 1 is in loving memory of  
*Mary Kliszc*

The Mass for August 8 is in loving memory of  
*Donald Langer*



These Masses are  
live-streamed on our  
YouTube channel!

[www.youtube.com/saintbridget](http://www.youtube.com/saintbridget)

**Tuesday 5:15 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m.**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

## COVID-19

The Journey of COVID-19 continues. I think we all hoped that we would be on the downside by now. However, it is clear it is not the case. At times like this we are discouraged. Many people want things back to normal. Well that's simply not going to happen. It doesn't mean we stop living life. It means that we just need to be cautious and careful during this pandemic. None of us have ever experienced something like this before. We are in this together. Don't forget that. So what do we do? We pray and keep faith knowing God is with us so we don't live in fear. We take care of one another as we can. When we do this we are doing what we're supposed to be doing during this time. With prayer to end this pandemic, Fr. Jerry Harris

## Prayer for Healing of Coronavirus/COVID19

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease in to moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy. Amen.  
*Pedro de la Cruz.*

## TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF JULY 19 AND JULY 26

Adult Contributions	\$33,171.68
Future Parish Needs	\$2,738.00
Loose Collection	\$420.25
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$23,761.00
School Tuition	\$31,068.24
Scrip Rebates (33orders)	\$476.46
Priest Emergency Fund	\$200.00

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

## Navigating our Website

Our website, [www.saintbridgets.org](http://www.saintbridgets.org), is one of the main sources for information for our parish. The Spotlight section is where you can quickly find the bulletin, Mass sign up and other current events and information. This section is located directly below the welcome message on our page. There are usually 5 current events that will scroll across the screen, only showing 2 at a time. There are directional arrows you can use to manually move to get to the other events. If you click on that event image you will be linked directly to that piece. Please let the office know if you need help or have any questions regarding our website.



## PARISH LIFE

### Martha's Quilt Group

Tuesday, August 4  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Come when you can; stay as long as you wish. Noon – bring your brown bag lunch. Coffee will be provided. We will maintain social distancing and everyone is expected to wear a mask. Anyone interested in sewing, tying quilts or helping in anyway is welcome. This is also a great opportunity to drop off your finished quilt or pick out fabric for your next quilt. Hope to see you then.

### St. Bridget Bread for the World



We see systemic racism in pre-COVID employment, education, housing, and healthcare data. Weekly earnings of \$922 overall, \$725 for blacks. White unemployment 3.8%, 7.5% for blacks. High school drop-out 4.6% for whites, 6.5% for blacks. B.S. degrees 21% of whites, 15% of blacks. Poverty rates 8.8% for non-Hispanic whites, 22.0% for blacks. Home-ownership rates 73% vs. 42%. Uninsured rates 6.3% vs. 10.5%; white infant mortality 4.9 deaths per 1,000 births, 10.7 for blacks. Black COVID deaths 3.8 times that of whites. For more information email [st.b.bfw@gmail.com](mailto:st.b.bfw@gmail.com).

### Pro-life Corner

When we contemplate the incarnation, we can reflect how Jesus' birth has sanctified and redeemed every stage of human existence. Christmas "reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanied the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world." The quote is taken from Evangelium Vitae, an encyclical written by Pope St. John Paul II.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Virtual Extreme Faith Camp 2020

God is Present! It took some creative programming but we enjoyed one awesome week of learning, sharing, and laughing together in our faith!

A big thank you to our Diocese for livestreaming each night. A huge thanks to our St. Bridget "God Squad" leadership



for facilitating each night as well as participating in our morning festivities. And special thanks to our middle school participants for being "present" throughout!

## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

### Now Hiring

St. Bridget Parish School is seeking qualified teachers for the following positions:

- Full-time Pre-K Teacher
- Full-time Kindergarten Teacher
- Part-time Art Teacher
- Full-time Para-educator

St. Bridget Parish School intends to open in the fall for in-person instruction, with increased safety measures implemented. To apply, please send qualifications to [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com) or visit [WECAN](http://WECAN) and search for "St. Bridget Parish School".

### Still Accepting New Students

We have room in most of our grades for additional students if you or someone you know is looking for an in-person school environment for children ages 4-14. To apply for enrollment, visit our [website](http://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.

### COVID Guidelines and Returning to Mass

- Anyone with Flu-like symptoms or a temperature of 100.4 or more please stay home.
- Any At-Risk person, those who are older and all who have underlying health issues such as respiratory health issues or have a compromised immune system, are encouraged to remain at home and continue to celebrate Mass virtually as you have been, making a Spiritual Communion.
- Any adults, who attend Mass, please wear a mask – unless you are unable to do this.
- Maintain 6 foot social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances and exits and available for those to sanitize their hands prior to receiving the Eucharist.
- Do not congregate in church foyers or other indoor areas either before or after Mass.

## 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.

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](mailto:julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com), or text or call 715-781-4003.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed



The home delivered meal program of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of St. Croix County is in need of volunteers in the River Falls area. If you are interested in being a part of this great program contact ADRC of Pierce County at 715-273-6780.

## Remember FORMED? If you haven't signed up, what are you waiting for?

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- Go to [saintbridgets.formed.org](http://saintbridgets.formed.org)
- Enter your email and create a password (you'll need this to login later)
- You're ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!
- We recommend you start with **Presence** (for adults) and/or **Nicholas** (for youth)

Feel free to explore all areas of FORMED and watch for more suggestions and information from the parish.

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## School Supply Drive July 24 - August 21

Tools for School is a local, non-profit organization that provides free school supplies and backpacks to kids in need in River Falls.

Their mission is to help every kid start off to a great school year. Last year they served 367 kids in need. In 2020 they project serving more students due to the hardships surrounding the pandemic; potentially as many as 500 kids. There will be a donation bin at church if you would like to help.

### Items Needed:

- Ear Buds
- Backpacks
- Glue Sticks
- Notebooks
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Crayons 24 and 48 count
- Fine Point Black Sharpies
- Washable Markers (Wide & Thin)
- Expo dry erase markers (Wide & Thin)

### Items NOT Needed:

- Flash drives
- Index cards
- Small calculators
- Book covers

Monetary donations can be made payable to *Tools for School* and mailed to:

Tools for School  
1672 Rodao Drive  
River Falls, WI 54022



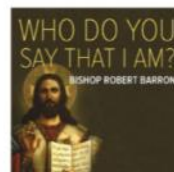
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### Extraordinary Stories for Children

The film features eleven different stories that introduce children to Blessed Solanus Casey's spirituality and ministry. Each segment features a child who tells a fascinating and true story about Blessed Solanus.

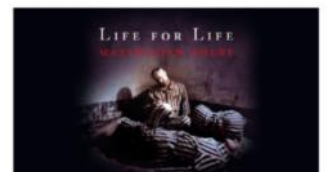
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Who Do You Say That I Am?

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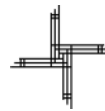
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