

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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2021



## From the pastor...

This bulletin covers the weekends of September 12 and September 19.

**September 12 is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.** [Jesus said,] "If anyone wants to come with me... he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34

Wilfred Funk writes: "Lord Byron had a clubfoot; Robert Louis Stevenson and Jean Keats had tuberculosis. Admiral Nelson had only one eye; Edgar All Poe was psychoneurotic; Charles Darwin was an invalid; Julius Caesar was an epileptic; Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg."

The significant thing about each of these is that they achieved mightily in the face of what most would have considered to be a cross. If God asked me to carry one of these above crosses, which would I choose? (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

*We have all been carrying the cross of the pandemic. Are we asking Jesus to help carry that cross?*

**September 19 is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** and is the beginning of the Annual Catholic Services Appeal through the Diocese of Superior. The theme of this year's Catholic Services Appeal is "Christ has no Body but Yours." In these unique and challenging times Christ has no hands, no feet, and no eyes on earth but ours. The essence of the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is to strengthen the mission and ministry of Christ throughout the 16 counties comprising the Diocese of Superior.

"We are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church," our CSA is a critical part of our life as a Catholic Family. No parish in our diocese would exist today without the sustaining services of the CSA.

Fr. Harris

## September Prayer Requests

CLIP & SAVE

(As a parish we join our prayers together for the following requests throughout September)

- † For all of our many parish leaders - trustees, parish council, and all of the committees as they re-engage their meetings and work in September.
- † For all who are experiencing the lingering effects of Covid ranging from health issues, economical struggles and the healthcare workers who day in and day out find themselves serving the needs of those needing medical care.
- † For our Faith Formation start up, may people be nudged to come forward to serve as leaders to facilitate and journey with the young people of our parish community and may our families experience the joy of coming together in community to share faith.

### Church Office Hours:

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

## WEEKLY MASSES ~ SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18

<b>Sunday, Sept. 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: Ann DesLauriers <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center - UWRF
<b>Monday, Sept. 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 14</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Thursday, Sept. 16</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Friday, Sept. 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Leona Andrie
<b>Saturday, Sept. 18</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> +Max Merriman Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

## WEEKLY MASSES ~ SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 25

<b>Sunday, Sept. 19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: George Berger <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center - UWRF
<b>Monday, Sept. 20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 21</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Mary Ann Janse
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> School Mass +Int: Sue Steckbauer
<b>Thursday, Sept. 23</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Friday, Sept. 24</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Warren and Marge Yanish
<b>Saturday, Sept. 25</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> +Int: Heit and Lunderville Families Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

## TITHES AND OFFERING

### August 29 & September 6

Adult Contributions	\$28,816
Future Parish Needs	\$1,747
Loose Collection	\$922
Scrip Rebates (46 Orders)	\$629
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,581

## DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19

Monday, Sept. 13	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, Sept. 14	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday, Sept. 15	1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday, Sept. 16	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday, Sept. 17	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, Sept. 18	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday, Sept. 19	Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 20 TO SEPTEMBER 26

Monday, Sept. 20	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday, Sept. 23	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday, Sept. 24	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday, Sept. 25	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday, Sept. 26	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### Rest In Peace

#### **Kathleen Marie Reams**

Sister of Kristine Bold

#### **Tricia Aguilera**

Relative of Jim and Dawn Huberty

#### **Angeline Falteisek**

Mother of Elaine Baker, Jeanne Meier and Joyce Jackman

#### **Ann Holland**

Sister-in-law of Betty Murphy

#### **Karyn Dunn**

Sister-in-law of Pat Purfeerst

#### **Andre Lenzen**

Son of Rosemary Lenzen and brother to Becky Lenzen

#### **Richard Roatch**

Brother of Donna (Gene) Andrie  
Uncle of Mark Andrie and Tammy Pitzen

#### **Robert Poehling**

Brother of Barbara (B.J.) Grant

## 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 Wagner at 715-220-7792.

Laura Bowman	Irene Anderson
Linda Giardina	Rod Cina
Judy Pechacek Harri	Eric King
Barb Ickler	Julie Wilson
Michelle Radtke	Ellen Heiman
Izabella Thompson	Tricia Hanson
Sonia Steiner	Edna Early
Steve Alberg	Linda Jourdeans
Grace Radtke	Jerry Madsen
Katy Morris	Joan Madsen
Gwen Paulson	Jane Ritzinger
Linda Radtke	Dorie Deiss
Tony Jilek	Walter Domeracki
Audrey Pfremer	Bernadine Bechel

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is RCIA? This is an opportunity for adults who have never have been baptized, received First Communion or been Confirmed, to journey in a process toward full initiation into the Church. If schedules hold you back, we can adjust your journey to meet the needs of your family and work life. Please reach out to Father Harris or Jodie Rubenzer, if you have more questions. "We'd love to have you journey with us."

### Art as Prayer

Friday, September 24, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Want to create a special keepsake of your summer adventures? Join us for an evening of creativity and spiritual direction as we create a memory journal or planner using your own photos. Capture the highlights of your life to remember the blessings from God. Register at the information desk or email Jodie at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com) by September 17 to assure ample supplies are available.



### Prayer Line Coordinator Needed

Virginia Wagner is retiring from her volunteer position as our prayer line coordinator. If you are interested helping with this vital ministry or would like more information please contact the office. Thank you Virginia for your years of dedicated service to our parish! God bless you!

## FAITH FORMATION

### Registration for Faith Formation is Underway!

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade** Parent & Student Meeting in church Wednesday, September 15, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades** Parent & Student Discipleship Group Orientation in Church Wednesday, September 22, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- All Grades 7-11** classes begin Wed., October 6.
- Family of Faith for Grades K-6** begins Wednesday, October 6.
- Grade Specific Classes, Grades 3-6** begin Wednesday, October 13.
- Prek-1<sup>st</sup> Grade** begin Sunday, October 3.

Please register [online](#) or pick up a registration form at church.

### Leaders Still Needed for Faith Formation

We're in need of two Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> grade leaders and five Sunday morning Prek-1<sup>st</sup> grade leaders. Training and materials are provided. Contact Tessa or Diane in the office.

## PARISH LIFE

### 8th Annual Doris H. Murphy Memorial Lecture

Monday, October 4 at St. Bridget Church  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Pilgrim People of Peace: Looking for a Map** will be presented by Dr. Gerald Schlabac. Dr. Schlabach is an emeritus professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas, and co-founder and leader of Bridgefolk, an ecumenical group of Catholics and Mennonites. In this lecture, he will explain what Catholics and Mennonites can learn from one another and share his vision for how Catholics can heed their call to be peacemakers by being the "pilgrim people" that the Second Vatican Council envisioned. This lecture will also be livestreamed on our [YouTube Channel](#).



**Don't forget to sign up for your photo session for our new church directory!** You will receive a free 8x10 of your photo and a new directory. Sign up on our [website](#) or call the office for assistance 715-425-1870.

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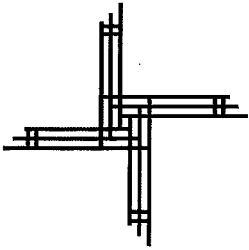


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The 2021/22 Catholic Services Appeal will occur throughout the Superior Diocese on September 18/19. The appeal is a means for all to work together to love and care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted to us. Your participation is essential to the success of the Catholic Services Appeal and the parish. Please join with other Catholics of the Diocese in supporting this very important appeal.

Every dollar contributed to the Catholic Services Appeal is used to support 30 Diocesan programs, services and ministries. Your past participation has helped to form our youth in the light of the Gospel, care for our retired priests, educate future priests, deacons, parish leaders, provides financial accountability assistance, and legal guidance as needed. Our children and young adults are eagerly participating in Extreme Faith Camp every summer now. We receive major administrative and curricular support with our St. Bridget Parish School. We now have a new office of Evangelization that is energizing the gospel to be shared to our parishes. Our parish staff and I have attended some of these workshops. We are excited about these possibilities.

Our parish goal is **\$142,210** and everything we raise over that will be returned to us for the local parish use. The goal each year is 100% participation as you are able.

So please, take a minute to fill out and mail the attached contribution form. To save printing and postage, giving is also easy online at our diocesan website: [catholicdos.org](http://catholicdos.org). Perhaps the best choice is to become a "sustainer" by choosing to make a regular monthly commitment through electronic fund transfer.

Please accept my gratitude for your commitment and generosity. God bless you!

Sincerely,

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