

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
2021



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From the pastor...

September 26 is the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus said, "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person...to be thrown into the sea." Mark 9:42

O. Henry is well known for the surprise endings of his stories. One story concerns an emotionally starved child. She's always asking her father if she can sit on his lap. He always puts her off, saying, "Go outside and play." The inevitable happens: The girl grows up accepting affection from anyone who offers it; she becomes a prostitute. When she dies, Peter says to Jesus, "We've got a bad one coming today!" Then comes the "surprise ending." Jesus says to Peter, "When she comes, let her into heaven; but when her father comes, hold him responsible for her life." How vigilant am I not to do anything that might cause anyone - especially a child - to lose faith in Jesus?

MISSION 2000, Mark Link. S.J.

The Twenty-seven Sunday in Ordinary time is October 3. "Some people brought children to Jesus...but the disciples scolded the people... Jesus said, "Let the children come..." then he...placed his hands on each of them and blessed them." Mark 10:13-14, 16 Why did Jesus get upset at the disciples? Because they didn't understand that children understand God's kingdom by the way they trust their parents and loved ones when they need help or love. That is the same relationship we have with God. Fr. Harris



Catholic Services Appeal

This is Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. We ask that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Registered parishioners were sent a letter from Bishop Powers seeking their commitment and support. If you have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship or will do so today, we thank you. If you are still contemplating your Appeal gift, please give from your heart on behalf of those whose lives will be changed for the better because you cared. Every pledge and gift is vitally important. God will indeed bless and reward your generosity.

"I Have Not Come To Be Served, But To Serve"

We hear Jesus teach this to his disciples in the Gospels, and so, are all called to serve as Jesus did. What better way to do so than to serve your fellow parishioners who you are on this faith journey with! We are in great need, at all Masses, for these ministries:

- † Greeter
- † Usher
- † Video
- † Altar Server
- † Eucharistic Minister

We all have gifts to share, and with the proper training and mentorship, can use them for the greater good of our parish. Please contact Barrett in the office for more information or if you are willing to help!

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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Pastoral Emergency

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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 AND MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2

Sunday, Sept. 26	9:30 a.m. Ray Magnuson + 11:00 a.m. Churches of St Bridget & St Mary's 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas More-Newman Ctr. UWRF
Monday, Sept. 27	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, Sept. 28	5:15 p.m. Dolores (Roman) Pechacek +
Wednesday, Sept. 29	9:00 a.m. Ambrose Meyer +
Thursday, Sept. 30	5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, Oct. 1	8:00 a.m. Marian Pechacek +
*Saturday, Oct. 2	4:00-4:30 p.m. Confession (or by appointment) 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Council of Catholic Women + *Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel *Radio Mass aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

WEEKLY MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 9

Sunday, Oct. 3	9:30 a.m. Max Merriman + 11:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St Bridget & St Mary's 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas More Newman Center - UWRF
Monday, Oct. 4	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, Oct. 5	5:15 p.m. Mary Ann Janse +
Wednesday, Oct. 6	9:00 a.m. Emil and Anna Andrlle Family +
Thursday, Oct. 7	5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, Oct. 8	8:00 a.m. Jim Schmidt +
*Saturday, Oct. 9	4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Confession (or by appointment) 5:00 p.m. Andrew Huppert + *Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel *Radio Mass aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

Mass Intentions

Every Mass celebrated is for the living and deceased members of the Body of Christ - the Church. When someone dies a Catholic custom is to offer a Mass for the deceased. It is a great act of faith and desire that the dead are with God. Currently we have a surplus of Mass intentions at St. Bridget.

We are limiting the Celebration of a Mass for a specific person/intention to three (3) per year. Some Mass intentions will be celebrated at St. Thomas More Newman Center at the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Extra Mass intentions will be sent to St. Mary's Immaculate Conception in Hammond and to our diocesan office. We will, also, distribute to priests in our diocese that need Mass intentions.

Due to Mass scheduling changes, previously scheduled intentions may be moved to a different Mass. Always check the bulletin for the Mass intentions for the week.

If you have questions please contact Tammy at St. Bridget or discuss with Fr. Jerry or Fr. Joe.



Rest In Peace

Steve Alberg

Brother-in-law to Sandy (Ron) DeCoux

Barbara Milroy

Grandmother of Ryan and Allison Sura

PICK OF THE WEEK

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
 Sept 26, 2021

WATCH
THERESE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion - a spiritual path she calls her "Little Way."



LEARN
ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN

In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.



LISTEN
THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.



DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3

Monday, Sept. 27	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, Sept. 29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday, Sept. 30	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday, Oct. 1	Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday, Oct. 2	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday, Oct. 3	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

DAILY WORD FOR OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10

Monday, Oct. 4	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday, Oct. 5	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, Oct. 7	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday, Oct. 8	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, Oct. 9	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday, Oct. 10	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

TITHES AND OFFERING

September 12 & September 19

Adult Contributions	\$18,851
Future Parish Needs	\$508
Loose Collection	\$1,236
Scrip Rebates (38Orders)	\$675
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$23,946

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

Prayer Line Coordinator Needed



A new prayer line coordinator is needed. If you are interested helping with this vital ministry or would like more information please contact the office.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Fetal Development Month 7

"I can look around!" Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close, and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice. His grip is even stronger now than it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases.

This poster is located at the west entrance of St. Bridget's Church.

Senior Gatherings are Back!

Preparing for End of Life
October 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

As Christians we need to prepare for the "end of our lives" knowing there is an "eternal life to come!"

At some point our lives will end. This is a reality. Hard as it sounds we need to get our affairs in order: These include the legal, medical and the spiritual.

Join elder law attorney, Jennifer O'Neill, Dr. Greg Miller, M.D. and Father Jerry as they present information and answer some of those difficult questions that arise when planning and making decisions for

No sign up is required. Coffee and cookies will be served. There will not be a luncheon as in previous Gatherings.

Catholic Watchmen

Saturday, October 9, 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

All men of the parish are invited to attend the next Catholic Watchmen meeting. We meet at 7:00 a.m. in church for prayer and then watch a video and have discussion from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Call Tony Jilek for more details 715-220-7527.

KC Tootsie Roll Drive

September 24, 25, 26

The Knights of Columbus Council #4902 will be conducting our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive after Masses on September 24, 25, and 26. Proceeds are used to help people with Intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting

Monday, October 25, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Garden View Room. All women in need of support of a any type of cancer diagnosis are welcomed!

60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Join in celebrating Chuck and Pat Meyer's 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 10 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion in River Falls. Coffee and cake will be served and there will be an open cash bar available. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

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

Presented by Dr. Gerald Schlabac 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](#).

New Church Directory Photos

Don't forget to sign up for your photo session for our new church directory! There are still plenty of open appointments on:

Friday, October 22
Saturday, October 23
Monday, October 25
Tuesday, October 26
Friday, November 26
Saturday, November 27



You will receive a free 8x10 of your photo and a new directory. Sign up after weekend Masses, on our [website](#) or call the office for assistance 715-425-1870.

St. Bridget Donuts are Back!

Donut Schedule for 2021-2022

September 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14
December 5, 12, 19
January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3
May 1



Pricing

Single \$1.00
1/2 dozen \$3.00
1 dozen \$5.00

WELCOME TO ST. BRIDGET

Baptisms

Olivia Rose Bowen

Daughter of Rachael and Andrew Bowen

Evrhett Ray Kolander

Son of Claudia Cea and Travis Kolander

Madalynn Elaine Jenkins

Daughter of Angela and Samuel Jenkins

Ava Elizabeth Goss

Daughter of Danielle and Nathaniel Goss

Walter David Dickenson

Son of Samantha and James Dickenson

SPIRITUALGROWTH

October is the Month of the Rosary 4 week session starting October 6

In observance of October being the month of the rosary, we will journey together in a 4 week session looking at the life of Mary and the prayer of the rosary. This opportunity begins on October 6, and is offered during the time of Faith Formation for young people. Please sign up at the information desk for the time that works best within your schedule: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. or 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Begins in October

For more information or to register, please check out our [St. Bridget website](#) or contact Diane or Tessa in the church office.



Sacrament of Marriage

Jenna Ball and Nathan Deiss

September 18, 2021

Brittany Raehsler and Jason Christopher

October 2, 2021



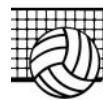
New Members

Blaine and Susan Hackett and family

Jacob and Sarah Knolmayer and family

St. Bridget Parish School Volleyball

Come cheer on the home team! Games are in the school gym starting at 5:00 p.m!



September 27
October 4

October 11
October 18

October Prayer Requests

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

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth."

Joining our prayers and hearts together we pray for:

- † The beginning weeks of Faith Formation, Campus Ministry and Youth Ministry activities – enliven the hearts of the young church, their families and catechists as they seek to encounter Jesus through this experience of community.
- † In gratitude for all that the Fall Harvest provides, may it inspire within us an attitude of sharing.
- † To recognize within ourselves the call that God has placed in each of us, and to respond to invitations of sharing our gifts, talents and time, in areas of liturgical ministries or as partners in prayer.

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