

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 11

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 18
2021



From the pastor...

This bulletin covers the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 11 and the 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 18.

On the Second Sunday of Easter we hear [Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had risen, until Jesus himself appeared to him.] Jesus said to him, "...Happy are those who believe without seeing me!" John 20:29

In *Man's Search for Meaning*, psychotherapist Viktor Frankl notes that many war prisoners caved in under the pressure of Nazi death camps. But not everyone did. As a prisoner himself, he probed for the reason why some caved in and others did not. He discovered that those who held firm were prisoners who believed that their lives - and hence their sufferings - had ultimate meaning. Dr. Frankl concluded that faith gave prisoners a remarkable energy and power.

Can I recall a time when faith gave me the power to survive a bad situation?

On the Third Sunday of Easter, [Jesus appeared to his disciples, showed them his wounds,] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer." Luke 24:45-46.

Many Jews expected a Messiah who would make them "number one" among the nations of the world. They dreamed of a Messiah who would catapult them into a position of wealth and power. When Jesus said that he would wear a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold, they were disenchanting. They had closed their minds to those parts of scripture that spoke of a suffering Messiah. This didn't fit their idea of what the Messiah should be like.

To what degree do I sometimes behave like many of the Jews of Jesus' day?

(MISSION 2000 Mark Link, S.J.)

Holy Week and Easter Thank You!

We want to say THANK YOU for all who worked so hard for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations at both Churches. To our parish staff who worked behind the scenes and publicly, ushers, readers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, video people, musicians, cantors, decorators, those who visited those who are unable to come to church, our prayer teams—a big THANK YOU! Our celebrations are a wonderful affirmation of our faith in God. Blessed Easter Season. Fr. Jerry Harris and Fr. Joe Stefancin

No need to "Sign-up for Masses" at St. Bridget any longer.

We are no longer asking people to sign-up for Masses. We feel people understand the need to still maintain social distancing and the wearing of masks. Thanks for your continued vigilance. If the COVID19 virus or a variant of the virus surges, we may need to return to this procedure. Fr. Harris

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

715.869.6122

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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 ~ April 11 to April 17

Sunday, April 11	9:30 a.m. +Int: Scott Schellhaass 11:00 a.m. +Int: Corey Michael Hawkins
Monday, April 12	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 13	5:15 p.m. +Int: Charles Heit
Wednesday, April 14	9:00 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
Thursday, April 15	8:00 a.m. +Int: Ambrose Meyer
Friday, April 16	8:00 a.m. +Int: Clarence, John, Florence, Barb, Linda and Joseph Peter Dusek
Saturday, April 17	5:00 p.m. Int: In Thanksgiving for Mike and Diane Dado's 50th Wedding Anniversary Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

Weekly Masses ~ April 18 to April 24

Sunday, April 18	9:30 a.m. +Int: Donald Langer 11:30 a.m. Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
Monday, April 19	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 20	5:15 p.m. +Int: Esther Anderson
Wednesday, April 21	9:00 a.m. +Int: Dennis Johnson
Thursday, April 22	8:00 a.m. +Int: Vernon and Betty Johnson
Friday, April 23	8:00 a.m. Int: In honor of Dave and Doris Trebus' 60th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, April 24 <i>*For elderly/ at-risk parishioners</i>	5:00 p.m. +Int: Marijane and Earl Cernohous and Denise Maier Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

Daily Word for April 12 to April 18

Monday, April 12	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 13	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 14	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, April 15	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday, April 16	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, April 17	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday, April 18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Daily Word for April 19 to April 25

Monday, April 19	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 20	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 21	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 22	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 23	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, April 24	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, April 25	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

Rest In Peace

Bette Koenen

Sister of Joanie (David) Soward, Mae Wolfe and Lois Wolfe-Steiner

Cecilia Birnbaum Friedman

Sister of Rosemary Lenzen

Robert Auchampach

James Gibbons

Brother-in-law of Adrian and Marie Amundsen

Jim Deiss



2021 Easter Flower Memorials in Loving Memory of

- † Living and deceased members of the Mrozek and Cegielski families by Joe and Doreen Cegielski
- † Wayne Deiss, Dorothy Reis, Henry Reis by Dorie Deiss
- † Ed, Rose and Donald Huppert by Kay Huppert Family
- † Lawrence Huppert by Kay Huppert Family

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	Audrey Pfremer
Linda Giardina	Karin Jarosch
Judy Pechacek Harri	Irene Anderson
Ann Holland	Rod Cina
Barb Ickler	Mary Cottrell
Michelle Radtke	Kurt Schomer
Izabella Thompson	Nicholas McDonough
Sonia Steiner	Mary Buckley
Steve Alberg	Doris Langer
Grace Radtke	Delores Pechacek
Katy Morris	Eric King
Gwen Paulson	Sue Steckbauer
Linda Radtke	Julie Wilson
Sharon Reese	Rich Cobian
Tony Jilek	Ellen Heiman

Thank You



To all the members of our church family at St. Bridget's, we would like to extend our most grateful thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and other considerations we received during Steve's illness and at his passing. All of them were so appreciated and valued. A special thanks to Father Jerry for all his support during Steve's long journey - it provided much needed strength. Again, many thanks to all.
~The family of Stephen Paulick

TITHES AND OFFERING

March 29 and April 4, 2021

Adult Contributions	\$30,398
Future Parish Needs	\$1,135
Future Parish Needs (ACH)	\$2,591
Loose Collection	\$2,416
Easter	\$10,787
Operation Rice Bowl	\$2,052
Holy Land	\$1,805
Priest Emergency Fund	\$9,822
Scrip Rebates(37 Orders)	\$579

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to those who are celebrating their First Communion!

April 10, 2021

<i>Emmett Ballis</i>	<i>Caitlin Kosmalski</i>
<i>Declan Doyle</i>	<i>Addison Hyland</i>
<i>Brielle Dusek</i>	<i>Mckenna Rohl</i>

April 17, 2021

<i>Wyatt Brufat</i>	<i>Leo Foley</i>
<i>Collin Deiss</i>	<i>Ethan Igou</i>
<i>Colton Deiss</i>	<i>Izzy Jager</i>
<i>Zander Nelson</i>	<i>Connor Katelhut</i>
<i>Kamelia Fischer</i>	<i>Parker Kealy</i>



A Message from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops

No Taxpayer Abortion. There is a new push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion. Now, Congress wants to take away these laws, which have had broad public support for nearly 50 years. Without the Hyde Amendment, billions of dollars in healthcare funding could go to abortion. Please contact your elected officials and voice your beliefs about this proposed amendment. This website will be activated on April 9 for more information. www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com



Donut Drive-Thru - Saturday, April 17

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(or until they sell out)

1/2 dozen = \$2 or 1 dozen = \$4

Please have exact change.

PARISH LIFE

Community Prayer Group

The Community Prayer Group meets every Monday night via free conference call from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. They read the daily readings, pause for quiet reflection, have a short discussion about the readings then go into praying for those who have asked us to pray. That may be our Bishops and priests, those with illnesses, care givers etc. All are welcome to join! Contact Mary Joan Sutton at maryjoansutton@gmail.com or 715-441-9699.



Green Team Members Needed

The St Bridget Green Team was formed 3 years ago to promote ways of living sustainably that are financially beneficial to our church and demonstrate respectful stewardship of our common home, the Earth. We need more people who will commit to helping us work toward this goal by joining our Green Team. Contact Lynn at connections@stbparish.com or call the church office.

River Falls Municipal Utilities Contactless Electronics Recycling Customer Event

April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Garage, 950 Benson Street

Accepting ballasts, batteries, cables, cell phones, computers/laptops, dehumidifiers, holiday lights, light bulbs and linear fluorescents, printers, M3 players, TVs, and more. Bring a form of identification and a copy of your recent RFMU bill. Kindly wear a mask if need to speak with a staff member.



1st National Bank Annual Free Shred Day

Saturday, April 24

River Falls Location
8:30 am-10:30 am

Prescott Location
11:00 am-1:00 pm.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Congratulations Neophytes!



James Evans Meredith, Julie Kilian Theisen and Matthew Brady Nelson, who were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil!

Labyrinth Prayer – Celebrating Creation

Thursday, April 22 - 7:30 – 8:30 p.m

Curious about how to use the Labyrinth as a tool for prayer? Come and acknowledge Earth Day and God's gift of Creation at our Labyrinth. There will be a short introduction to the use of Labyrinth and then an opportunity for you to immerse yourself into this means for prayer.

Art as Prayer – Saturday, May 15



This month's opportunity will lead us into the art of making 2 different kinds of rosaries as we focus on the rosary as a means of prayer. To register, please watch the bulletin, our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Books, Bags and Beverages for Young Adults

Friday, May 7th 6:30 p.m. at Glen Park

Are you too old to be young and too young to be old? If so, please check out Books, Bags and Beverages. We will be reading the book *I Heard God Laugh*, by Matthew Kelly, with opportunity for fellowship with a game of bean bags. Watch for the sign up and if you would like more information contact Bethany Johnston at 608.738.6228 or Bethany.rubenzer@gmail.com.

Gathering Again!

As we move cautiously, to coming back together in our family settings and also to church, what is it that you need from your Parish family to move forward in your spiritual journey? We would love to know. In the next week we will be asking for your suggestions via an online or paper survey to determine how we can better serve you as we move forward and process these last 15 months.



DIocese of Superior Office of the Bishop

April 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ,

During these challenging times, supporting our parish and Diocesan programs has absolutely been a priority. The U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency that has helped. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal – April 24 and 25, 2021. The CHM Appeal educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

Catholic Home Mission is a designation that used to describe a Diocese like ours that has few resources available to provide basic pastoral services without outside support. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the CHM Appeal by mailing your designated donation envelope provided by your parish to your parish office or give it through your parish online portal if it's an option. Through your generosity, many churches over the years have been able to keep their doors open and provide essential pastoral services.

This past year, thanks to our generous collection response, the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions awarded the Diocese of Superior \$125,000 for Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education support, Priestly Education, and Diaconate Formation. With your support, the CHM Appeal can continue to provide essential pastoral outreach here in our Diocesan parishes.

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support your parish and the CHM Appeal this year.

Thank you, and God bless you and your family during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

*Jameson Meredith was baptized at
our Easter Vigil.*

*May we all carry the light of Christ
this boldly and joyfully
throughout our lives!*



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