



# St. Bridget Parish School

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February 25, 2019

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine up you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord life up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.**

-Numbers 6:24-26

**Thank you** so much for a tremendous Gala! Everyone's cooperation and support made for a festive evening of **celebration** while raising a good amount of money for our school. We're still working on final totals and will convey results to you as soon as possible!

**National Theatre for Children – Kilowatt Kitchen – Tomorrow:** Wisconsin electrical companies have sponsored an energy awareness assembly for students. Actors from the National Theatre for Children will present "Kilowatt Kitchen" to PreK-6 students Tuesday, February 27.

**Raptors of Minnesota - Wednesday, February 26:** The U of M Raptor Center will present "Raptors of Minnesota" in our school gym Wednesday, February 26. The education specialists will bring 4 raptors, including a bald eagle, as part of this program.

Established in 1974 as part of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, The Raptor Center rehabilitates around 1,000 sick and injured raptors each year. The Raptor Center trains veterinary students and veterinarians from around the world to become future leaders in raptor medicine and conservation.

**Geography Baseball (Middle School vs St. B's Alumni) – Friday, March 1:** Our Middle School students will take on St. Bridget's alumni in the annual Geography Baseball competition on Friday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m.

**K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences:** K-8 parent-teacher conferences will be held for Grade K-8 students from 4 – 7 p.m. this Thursday, February 28 and next Tuesday, March 5. Sign up for a time using Sycamore. Please remember that you have the opportunity to schedule a time with our music teacher, Mrs. Richardson, art teacher, Mrs. Maupin, and phy-ed teacher Mrs. Culp. Sign-up will close at noon on Wednesday.

Our PreK parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of March 18. Times & days will be announced at a later date.

**First Communion Learning Centers – March 3 and 7:** Second grade families are reminded of our First Communion Learning Centers scheduled for this Sunday, March 3 from 1-4 pm, and next week Thursday, March 7 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. You are asked to spend approximately one hour working with the materials on one of these dates.

**Mardi Gras – Tuesday, March 5:** We will have our annual Mardi Gras party on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 5. Students will receive beads, play games, and crown an 8<sup>th</sup> grade King and Queen. Students are encouraged to bring a costume or mask to school. Please see the flyer sent with today's E-Buzz for more specifics.

We are in need of parent help with running the games. Please click on this link to see if there is a time that could work for you to help! Thanks.

[Mardi Gras Parent Helpers](#)

**Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 6:** Our PreK students will join the rest of our school for the 9 am school Mass on Ash Wednesday.

A note from Father Harris:

**How is Lent going to be different this year?**

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is He, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps He will again relent and leave behind a blessing, offerings and libations for the Lord your God.” Joel 2:12-18 (The First reading for Ash Wednesday)

The “Little Black Books,” which are daily devotional inspiration readings for each day of lent, are available again this year. Following is the information for the season of Lent and Holy Week. ~Fr. Harris

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of lent. It is our forty day journey to Easter as we remember Jesus' final days and great salvation.

**Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Bridget, River Falls:**

Tuesday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Mary's, Hammond,** will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. with distribution of ashes at all Masses.

**Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center 12:10 p.m.**

**There will be distribution of ashes at all Masses.**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:**

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Why do we do this? It is because by abstaining from meat on Fridays and fasting at other times, we remember that Jesus died on Good Friday. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday is a reminder of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Everyone at least 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday, only one full, meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply. As always, there is a one-hour fast period prior to receiving communion.

**Spring Break – March 25-29:** Spring Break has not been affected by the snow make-up dates determined by the River Falls School District and remains as March 25-29. However, April 1 was scheduled as a teacher inservice day but has been changed to a student day.

Our First Grade and Fourth Grade classrooms have been scheduled to be painted during spring break. I'll be looking for parents to help with moving everything in these classrooms to the center of the room, and then back again as soon as the painting is finished. I anticipate we will move these things Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, March 22/23 and March 29/30. Please contact me at [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com) if you are available to help at any of these times. Thank you!

**River Falls Summer Kids Club Registration:** This summer the River Falls Summer Kids Club will be located at 2815 Prairie Drive, River Falls. Due to very limited space along with state building capacity codes, the Summer Kids Club will be unable to take as many students this summer as usual. Registration is open March 1 through April 30 until capacity is reached. Click here for more information/registration:  
<https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/parents/kids-club.cfm>

**River Falls Youth Softball Registration:** See attached regarding registration for all levels.

Thanks, again, for everyone's help with this year's Gala! Please know how much it is appreciated. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne M. McCoy".

Jeanne McCoy  
Principal