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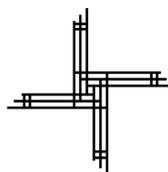
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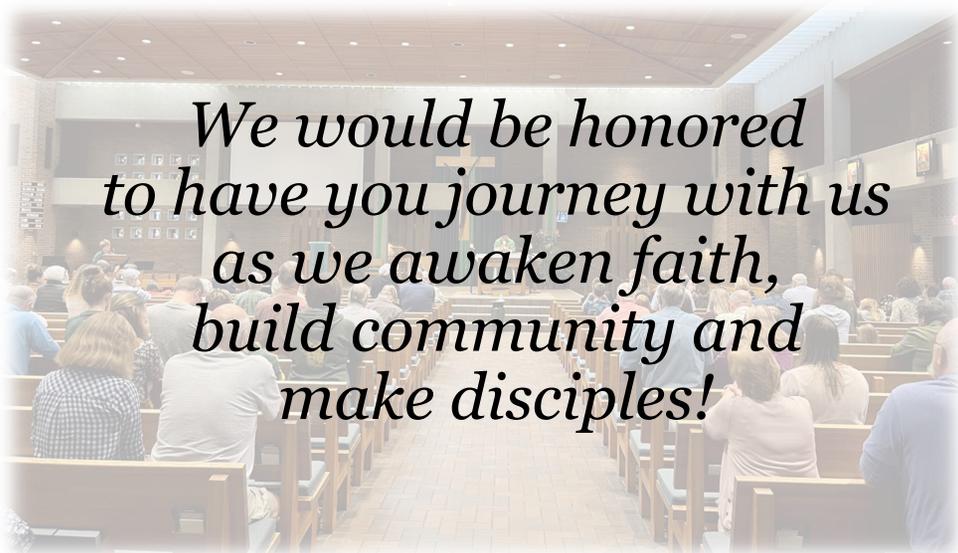
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Welcome!

St. Bridget Catholic Church
River Falls, Wisconsin
211 E Division St

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as we awaken faith,
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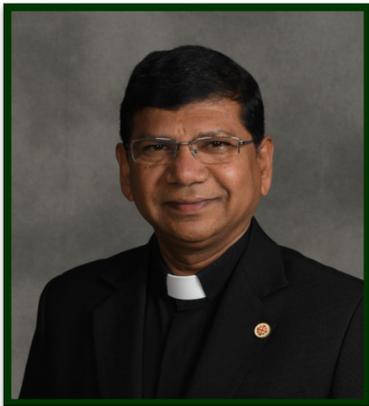
St. Bridget Parish has a rich history in our community since **1876**. We currently have around **1776** active registered families and **3958** total active registered members.

This booklet provides information about our parish church and parish school, and gives an overview of what we have to offer.

In the middle of this booklet you will find a list of ministries & organizations that we invite you to get involved in. If you have questions or are interested in signing up, contact the parish office!

The church office hours are **9:00am-4:00pm**, Monday-Thursday, and **9:00am-12:00pm** on Fridays. Saturday and Sunday the office is closed.

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St. Bridget Parish School



*awaken*FAITH

*build*COMMUNITY

*make*DISCIPLES

St. Bridget Parish School



135 East Division Street
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-1872
www.saintbridgets.org/school

St. Bridget Parish School has over sixty years of commitment to educational excellence and is dedicated to the development of every Pre-K to 8th grade student.

Our core values of respect, responsibility, prayer, stewardship, community and excellence are integrated into our learning community and students are expected to meet high standards and expectations. The learning environment guides each student to continue to make good decisions outside of the classroom.

Religion is taught daily and is also integrated into all other subjects.

Visit our [website](#) for more information. Contact us for a personal tour so you can experience first-hand the warm and welcoming atmosphere our school has to offer!



Our Parish Cluster



St. Bridget Catholic Church
211 East Division Street
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-1870
www.saintbridgets.org
recept@stbparish.com

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



St. Thomas More-Newman Center, UWRF
423 East Cascade Avenue
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-7234
www.uwrfnewman.org
campusminister@uwrfnewman.org

Weekend Mass
Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
(When school is in session)

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We belong to the Diocese of Superior
1201 Hughitt Ave • PO Box 969
Superior, WI 54880
Phone: (715) 392-2937
Website: catholicdos.org



St. Bridget Weekly Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. - Mass
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - Mass
11:00 a.m. - Mass
6:00 p.m. - Mass St. Thomas More
Newman Ctr. UWRF (during the school year only)

Weekday Mass Schedule

- Monday:** 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- Tuesday:** 5:00 p.m. - Mass
- Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m. Mass (in the summers), 9:00 a.m. - School Mass (when school is in session)
- Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. - Mass (7:30 a.m. Rosary)
- Friday:** 8:00 a.m. Mass (7:30 a.m. Rosary)

Mass Broadcasts

- Live Broadcast:** Our Saturday **4:00 p.m.** Mass is live streamed on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://www.youtube.com/saintbridget). Links can be found on our Facebook page and at www.saintbridgets.org
- Radio Mass:** Aired Sunday **9:00 a.m.** over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM
- Recorded Masses:** Available to view on our [YouTube](#) channel and our [website](#).

★ Please be sure to check our website and bulletin calendar for any changes made to our weekly worship schedule. ★

Reconciliation and Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 4:30pm., Thursdays & Fridays: 7:30am & Saturdays: 3:30pm or you can always schedule an appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays in the Sanctuary 9:00am, to 7:00pm., in the summer & 7:45 am. -7:00pm., when school is in session.

Please feel free to join us at any time. If you would like to be scheduled as a regular adorer, please contact the parish office.



Enhance Your Faith

Information Desk

Our information desk is located in the north lobby. It has all of the current offerings for classes, book studies, prayer groups and more. Be sure to check it out!

Resource Center



Our resource center is located outside our parish library and has current forms for parish activities along with CareNotes, brochures and other resource materials.

Joany Shepard Library

Visit our own church library. We have hundreds of books and DVDs for all ages that can be checked out to enjoy at home. The library is open during church office hours and on the weekends. A book/DVD return slot is located at the end of the information desk.

Peace Pole and Mary's Garden

Walk the labyrinth, sit in Mary's Garden or pray at the Peace Pole.

These are located on the west side of the church.



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Parish Organizations Cont'd...

School Executive Committee

The committee meets at least four times during the school calendar year and members are appointed by the Pastor and the Principal.

Strategic Planning Team

The Strategic Planning Team is formed when it is time to create a new plan for our parish. They meet consistently until the plan is finalized.

Facilities Committee – 1st Tuesday of the Month

Members offer guidance on campus wide projects and oversee the maintenance and the care of church property,

Women's Prayer Meeting - First Saturday of the Month

Women's Ministry is continually seeking to bring all women of the parish together. Opportunities include prayer, rosary, contemplative prayer walk and prayer yoga. Guided by the Holy Spirit, new ideas are always welcome!

Knights of Columbus - Second Monday of the Month

Be a part of a global organization of practicing Catholic men. The Knights of Columbus have many service activities throughout the year including fundraising projects and helping to serve our youth and community.

Men's Group - First and Third Saturday of the Month

The men's group includes a Bible based study and discussion using a Bible based study & discussion using the Sunday Gospel for reflection.

**Indicates background check and participation in Safe Environment training is required.*



Sacramental Information

Baptism - Parents expecting their first child need to attend a baptism class. To begin baptism preparations, including scheduling a baptism, contact the church office.

First Reconciliation - Children in grades 2 or beyond have the opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation begins in October and the celebration is in December.

First Eucharist - Children in grades 2 or beyond have the opportunity to prepare for the Blessed Sacrament - Eucharist. Preparation begins in late January and the celebrations are in April.

Confirmation - Youth and Adult

Youth in grade 10 or older are invited to prepare for confirmation. This is a two-year preparation process. Confirmation is celebrated in May.

Adult Confirmation is a process for adults who have already been baptized Catholic and received their First Communion, but are still in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Marriage - Engaged couples should contact the church at least six months prior to the anticipated date of their wedding. This will allow time to carry out the various steps in the preparation process.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)- This program helps adults learn about the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of initiation that are typically celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Contact the church office for more information on any of the sacraments or if you would like to enroll in the preparation process.

Phone: 715-425-1870
Email: recept@stbparish.com

Ways to Give Back

Weekly Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes will be mailed to you after registration is completed.



Authorization for Electronic Contributions (ACH)

These forms are available on our website or at church.



Text to Give

Text the word "GIVE" to (715) 226-633.
Fill out the form and click submit.



PAYPAL

- 1) Scan the QR Code.
- 2) Complete information
- 3) Choose PAYPAL or credit card.
- 4) Click donate.



Required Minimum Disbursements

Designate St. Bridget as the recipient of your RMD from your retirement account.



Use our SCRIP Program - See information below.



What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop. Purchase gift cards for local and national retailers through our program and the church receives a rebate percentage between **3% - 15%**.

SCRIP order forms are available on our *website* or at the church.

Orders are processed Friday mornings and your cards will be available for pick up after weekend Masses or in the office during the week.

Parish Organizations

Parish Council (elected)

The Parish Council serves as a vehicle for the parish to fulfill the pastoral mission of Jesus and the Church.

Finance Council (appointed)

Provides advice and guidance on parish assets, budget, financial reports, & formulation and communication of the annual financial report to the parish among other things.

Liturgy Committee

Helps establish ideas to meet the spiritual needs of our parish and to make our liturgies truly life-giving celebrations.

Social Justice Committee

Serves the parish by acting as a catalyst for promoting education, advocacy, and service based on the values of Catholic social teaching. Helps review applications and make tithing recommendations to the Parish council.

Spirituality/Stewardship Committee

This committee assists in providing opportunities for adults in the parish to increase their religious education, spiritual growth and understanding of our call to stewardship.

Youth Discipleship Committee

The Youth Discipleship Committee oversees parish religious education for all ages, sacramental preparation, and youth ministry opportunities to ensure that they meet parishioner and community needs.



Other Ministry Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knit, crochet and pray. Create a prayer shawl for someone that needs to be wrapped in prayer. (The office has these shawls available to be blessed & gifted upon request.)

SCRIP Team

Teams fill SCRIP orders and help the SCRIP coordinator inventory cards on a weekly basis.

Prayer Partners

An opportunity to pray on behalf of another's needs. This can be done each day in your own prayer time.

Prayer Line

Prayer warriors join a long-standing, extensive prayer chain network within our parish through phone calls.

Martha's Quilt Group

Gather with other quilters and create quilts that are donated to worthwhile causes.



Children's Ministry

- Vacation Bible School is held in June for children entering grades K-5 in the fall.
 - o Teen Leaders at Vacation Bible School are what make VBS so meaningful for the children. Youth going into grades 6-12 and beyond are invited to serve as group and station leaders.
- Liturgy of the Word with Children age 4 – 1st grade, takes place on Sundays (Oct.- Apr.) during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Before the first reading, children are invited to join leaders and proceed to a worship space prepared for them. The children will hear the readings proclaimed in words they understand, participate in an activity, and pray, before returning to their family pew during the offertory.

Faith Formation

St. Bridget offers Faith Formation classes for children in grades K-12. Classes are led by leaders who have completed a background check and Safe Environment training through the Diocese of Superior, and who love sharing faith with young people!

K - 6 Faith Formation Schedule (September - April)

Grades K-6: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., with parents and siblings joining on the 4th Wednesday of each month for Family Activity Night.

7-12 Faith Formation Schedule (September - April)

Grades 7-8: Wednesdays, 3:15 - 4:30 or 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Grades 9-11: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Grade 12: Meeting Date/Time = Flexible

A delicious meal is served every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.-6:40 p.m. to help families enjoy a meal together on a busy night!

Youth Ministry

We have an active youth ministry for youth in grades 6-12 that provides faith and fellowship opportunities such as:

Extreme Faith Camp, Mission Trips, High School Discipleship Retreats, Service: Rake A Difference, Leading VBS, and other projects. Lifeline at the NET Center, West St. Paul, MN & Summer Bible Study.

Volunteer and Get Involved

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server -Children (Grade 3 and older) assist at the altar during Sunday liturgies. Training provided.

Adult Altar Server -Parishioners in high school or older assist at the altar during Sunday Masses & Funeral Masses. Training provided.

Usher - Ushers welcome and assist all parishioners and visitors joining us for Mass. The Usher's role is to take up the collection and to guide Communion lines, guide people to open pews, and provide hearing aids to those who need it, among other duties. This ministry is open to those high school age or older. Training provided.

Eucharistic Minister - Assists at liturgies by distributing the Body and Blood of the Lord. Training provided. You must be a confirmed Catholic to be involved in this ministry.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leader - Lead children age 4-1st grade in a worship experience geared especially for them during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Leaders are scheduled about once per month, and all materials are provided.

Eucharistic Minister of Care* - Visit and bring the Eucharist to the homebound, and/or Care Centers. Be a listening, compassionate presence to people during times of transitions in their lives. This ministry is open to confirmed Catholics.

Reader - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Training provided. This ministry is open to all parishioners that are high school age or older.

Video Ministry - Provides technology support including camera and PowerPoint feeds to all areas of church during all Masses. Training and mentorship is provided and is open to all parishioners that are high school age or older.

**Indicates background check and Safe Environment training is required.*

Hospitality Ministries

Donut Ministry

Teams of parishioners gather to make, sell and serve donuts on Sunday mornings during the school year.

Funeral Hospitality Group

Prepare, set up, serve or clean up after funeral luncheons.

Childcare*

Supervise children while parents attend special events, programs or meetings at the church. Volunteers must be middle school age or older.

Church Maintenance

Indoor Plant Care

Water and maintain the dozens of plants throughout the church. Schedule rotates on a weekly basis.

Church Care

Members help keep our church clean and orderly.

Outside Gardener

Enhance church surroundings and maintain gardens and planters throughout the year.

Skilled Work

Members offer their time and talent in their areas of expertise (such as painting, plumbing, carpentry, etc.) to assist the parish maintenance staff in particular projects.



Faith Formation and Education Ministries

Faith Formation Catechist*

Leaders co-teach a class, or guide a small group of students in sharing and learning about their faith. Faith Formation is held September through April, on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Curriculum and materials are provided.

Faith Formation Meal Volunteer*

Works with others to set-up, serve and clean-up on Wednesday nights while Faith Formation classes are in session.

Children's L of W

Assist in facilitating faith formation sessions for children aged 3 - 6. A gospel-based curriculum provides activities to help the children explore the gospel message at a level that they can understand it. These classes are held at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Vacation Bible School*

Volunteers needed to serve as small group leaders or activity leaders. Activities include Bible lessons, music, games, science/ imagination, and snacks. Volunteers must be going into grade 6 or beyond in the fall. Adults are also needed!

FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Couple

As a married couple, help an engaged couple to prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Training is provided.

OCIA Team/Sponsor

Sponsors walk with the OCIA catechumens and candidates on their faith journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Jail Ministry*

Spirituality sessions are offered to inmates on the 1st Monday and the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Training is provided. The goal is to be a channel of the Holy Spirit to convey to the inmates that they are not forgotten, God loves them, and there is hope!

Greeter - Be present before Mass to greet and welcome parishioners at the entrances.

Liturgical Decorating - Help to make the church a warm and inviting place to worship using colors and materials as a way to point to the Liturgical season we are in and draw attention to Christ. We especially need help for Christmastime decorating.

Sacristy Care

- **Launderer** - responsible to care for the linens we use during Mass. Linens will need to be picked-up, washed, folded and returned to the Church.
- **Sacristan** - responsible for set up and clean up for our daily Masses or services held on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. The schedule is on a rotation basis.

Music Ministries

Cantor - Cantors assist the congregation in singing all the music during weekend Masses. A 45-minute overview and training for this ministry is required.

Praise Team Band and Singers - This is a contemporary music group consisting of guitars, drums/percussion, piano/keyboard and singers. The Praise Team leads the music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass from September through May. Open to men and women, high school age and older.

Adult Choir - This choir leads the music for the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May. This ministry is open to men and women who are high school age or older.

Youth Choir - The Youth Choir leads the music for the 9:00 a.m. Mass one Sunday per month October through May. This ministry is open to girls and boys in grades 3 - 8.

Musician - We are always looking for instrumentalists and pianists to join our music ministries!

