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Church, River Falls



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We would be honored
to have you journey with us
as we awaken faith,
build community and
make disciples!

Welcome!

St. Bridget Catholic Church
River Falls, Wisconsin

Welcome to St. Bridget Catholic Church!

St Bridget Parish has a rich history in our community since 1876. We currently have around 1,800 families with approximately 5,200 members.

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

In the middle of this booklet is our New Parishioner Registration and Invitation to Ministry form. We invite you to complete this form, mail it back, or drop off in the church office or drop box at the north door.

Welcome Sunday is held the first Sunday of every month in our Garden View Room. This is an opportunity to meet staff members, ask questions, get a tour of the church and meet fellow parishioners. As a new member we encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself!

We invite you, and would be honored, to have your journey with us as we awaken faith, build community, and make disciples.

Our Pastors, Father Bala and Father Anil



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St. Bridget Parish School



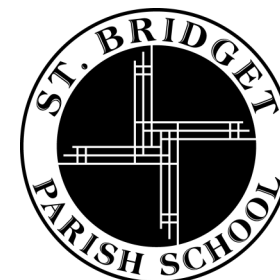
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715-425-1872

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 through 21st century learning.

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](http://www.saintbridgets.org/school) 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!



awaken FAITH

build COMMUNITY

make DISCIPLES

Enhance Your Faith

Information Desk

Our information desk 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!

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 is at the end of the information desk.

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.

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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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, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. Thomas More-Newman Center, UWRF

415 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)



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

1265 Ridgeway Street
Hammond, WI 54015
715 796-2244

www.stmaryshammond.org
admin@stmaryshammond.org

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Mass
 11:00 a.m. - Mass
 6:00 p.m. - Mass St. Thomas More
 Newman Ctr. UWRF (during school year)

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 a.m.
 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - School Mass (when school is in session)

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass (7:30 a.m. Rosary)

Mass Broadcasts

Live Broadcast Our Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass is live streamed on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/saintbridget. Links can be found on our Facebook page and at www.saintbridggets.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](https://youtube.com/saintbridget) channel and our [website](http://www.saintbridggets.org).

Reconciliation and Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays in the Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

Parish Organizations

Parish Council (elected)	Youth Discipleship Committee
Finance Council (appointed)	Facilities Committee
Liturgy Committee	School Executive Committee
Social Justice Committee	Strategic Planning Committee
Spirituality Committee	

Women's Prayer Meeting - First Saturday of the Month

Women's Ministry is continually seeking to join all women of the parish together. Opportunities include prayer, Art As Prayer, book discussions, fellowship and community service. 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.

Catholic Watchmen - Second Saturday of the Month

Each meeting begins with a group prayer and opportunity for confession. A light breakfast follows along with a video and small group discussion.

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

Gather and read the Gospel for the weekend and discuss what it means to us and how to apply it to our daily lives.

Family Ministry

Families growing up together in faith. Once a month, families come together to participate in Mass and an activity to grow in faith, friendship and community.

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

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 gifted upon request.)

SCRIP Team

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

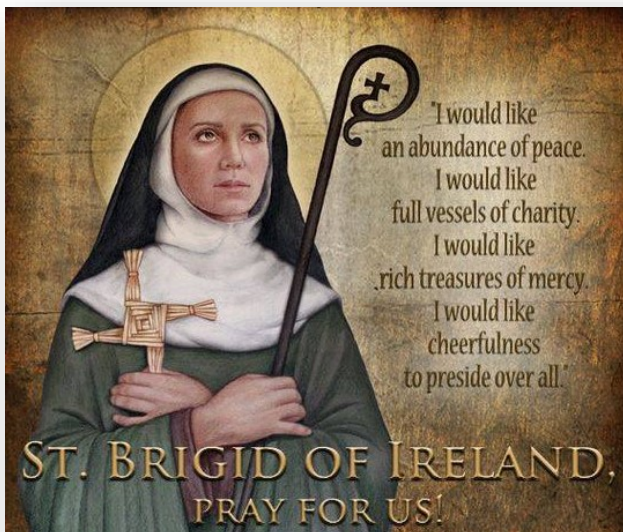
Prayer Partners

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 - First and third Tuesday of the month
Gather with other quilters and create quilts that are donated to worthwhile causes.



Sacramental Information

Baptism - Parents expecting their first child need to attend a baptism class which is offered monthly. 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 time of their wedding. This will allow time to carry out the various steps in the preparation process.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - This program helps adults learn about the Catholic faith and prepare them for the initiation sacraments 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

Scan the QR Code, complete information
Choose PAYPAL or credit card
Click donate



Required Minimum Dispersements

Designate St. Bridget as the recipient of your RDM 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.

Hospitality Ministries

Donut Ministry

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

Hospitality Committee

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

Childcare*

Supervise children while parents attend special events, programs or meetings at the church. Volunteers must be high 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

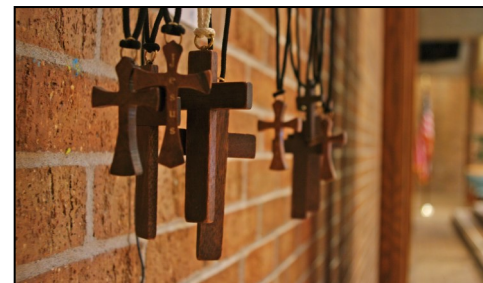
Members help keep our church clean and orderly.

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.



Use your
God-Given
Gifts

¹ Peter

4:10

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.

Sunday Preschool Assistant*

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 9:30 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.

FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Couple

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

RCIA Team/Sponsor

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

Parish School Aide*

Assist at our parish school with washing tables, washing dishes, helping students as necessary, and occasionally serving. Monitor students at recess, providing a safe environment for everyone.

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!

Faith Formation

St. Bridget offers faith formation classes for children in PreK to 12th grade. Classes are led by leaders who have completed a background check and Safe Environment training through the Diocese of Superior.

PreK - Grade 6 Faith Formation Schedule (September - April)

PreK-1: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Grade 3-6: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

K-6 Family Based: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Schedule (September - April)

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

Grade 9-11: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Grade 12: Meeting Date/Time = Flexible

A delicious meal is served every Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:40 p.m. to help our families with their busy schedules.

Vacation Bible School is held in June and is offered for children entering grades K-5 in the fall.

Youth Ministry

We have an active youth ministry for students in grades 6-12 that provides faith and fellowship opportunities through weekly meetings, events and activities such as:

- Extreme Faith Camp
- Mission Trips
- Steubenville Youth Conference
- Summer Stretch
- LifeLine
- SuperSaturday

Called to service in our community and parish with our Summer Stretch program, Rake-a-Difference and Vacation Bible School.

Volunteer and Get Involved

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Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server

Children (Grade 5 and older) assist at the altar during Sunday liturgies. Training provided.

Adult Altar Server

Parishioners in high school or older provide support to Father during a Funeral Mass. A training and overview of this ministry is provided.

Usher

Welcome and assist all parishioners and visitors joining us for Masses. 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.

Eucharistic Minister of Care*

Visit and bring the Eucharist to the homebound, and/or in Care Centers. Be a listening, compassionate presence to a person 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.

Greeter

Be present before Mass to greet and welcome parishioners.

Liturgical Decorating

Help to make the church a warm and inviting place to worship. Help is most needed for Christmas 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 9:30 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 11:00 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!