

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26



## Mass Schedule

### St. Bridget

Tuesday  
5:15 p.m.

Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m.

Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

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

### Newman Chapel

6:00 p.m.

## Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Monday  
8:00 a.m.

Thursday  
5:15 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday  
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

## Adoration

Tuesday  
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## St. Mary's - Hammond Mass Schedule

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

### Reconciliation

Sunday  
7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

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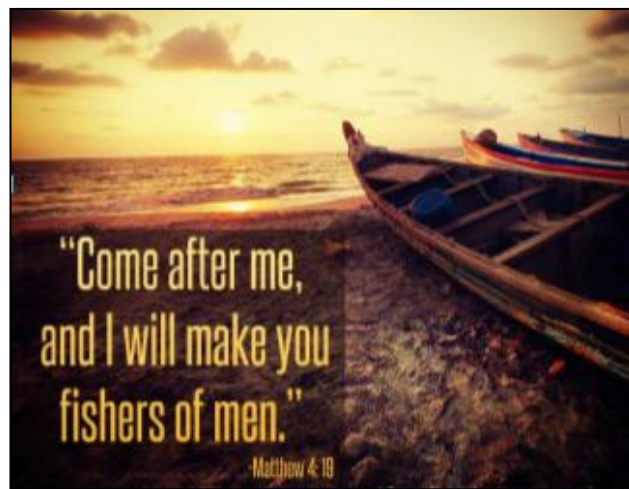
From Father Rich...

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

"In Matthew's Gospel Jesus leaves Nazareth for Capernaum to fulfill the promise of bringing light to the Jordan. He preached that the Kingdom of God requires reform. Indeed, it does. So, it was for the church of Peter and Paul. So, it is for us today.

In the 'always reforming' life of the church, at least two principles seem important. First, every one of us, from pope to pauper, from theologian to activist, from grandparent to child, stands humbly before God as a sinner called to conversion and salvation in Jesus Christ. There can be no other ground or principle from which we can approach our various gifts or deficiencies.

Second, it is good to recall the kinds of people Jesus chose for his Apostles and disciples: from the fishermen brothers Simon and Andrew to Matthew and John, to all the men and women accompanying Jesus throughout his ministry, they were all flawed yet graced. They would go on to heal and preach a kingdom that would draw millions to Christ. And what always helped them overcome their differences was the sure knowledge that it was in Christ's name they were fishing, not their own."



John Kavanaugh, SJ

## Scrip Available in the Office:

Monday: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Friday: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Scrip is available in the  
Fellowship Hall before and  
After all Masses**

## Office Hours & Information:

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
211 E Division St • PO Box 86  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-1870  
[recept@stbparish.com](mailto:recept@stbparish.com)

## Pastoral Emergency:

715.869.6122

# CALENDAR AND DAILY WORD

## Monday, January 27 - 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 6:30 p.m. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study*  
 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

## Tuesday, January 28 - 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 5:15 p.m. Mass  
*+Int: John Matzek by Marie Deja*  
 5:45 p.m. YogaDevotion

## Wednesday, January 29 - 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

**10:00 a.m.** Regional School Mass/Catholic Schools Week  
*Int: Students and families of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Superior*  
 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Middle School Faith Formation  
 5:00 p.m. Grade 3 - 5 Faith Formation  
 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice  
 6:30 p.m. Grade 6 - 11 Faith Formation Classes  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Mission Group Meeting

## Thursday, January 30 - 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

## Friday, January 31 - 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34

8:00 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Ruth Koehler by Joyce Grove*  
 9:00 a.m. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study*

## Saturday, February 1 - 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 Feast of St. Bridget

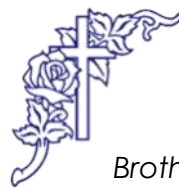
7:30 a.m. Men's Group  
 10:00 a.m. Reader's Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Mass  
*+Int: Deceased members of the Elsie and Leo Schmidt family by the family*

## Sunday, February 2 - Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:45 a.m. Rosary  
 9:30 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Donald Huppert by Don and Phyllis Foley Family*  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
*Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's*  
 12:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit Growth and Transformation Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Baptism Class  
 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF



*Feast of St. Bridget  
 Saint Brigid you were a  
 woman of peace.  
 You brought harmony  
 where there was conflict.*



## Rest in Peace

**Scott Schellhaass**

**Patrick Cassell**

Brother of Sue (Dan) Steckbauer

**Max Klecker**

Brother-in-law of Victoria (Ronald) Johnson

**Donald Langer**

## Radio Mass Sundays at 9 a.m.

WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM  
 January 25

is in loving memory of  
*Taddeus Pala*



## 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 715-684-2336.

Laura Bowman	Izabella Thompson
Rod Cina	Sonia Steiner
Michael Goodman	Steve Alberg
Linda Giardina	Grace Radtke
Judy Pechacek Harri	Kendra Behnam
Ann Holland	Jennifer Joy
Barb Ickler	Mary Purkapile
Ray Belisle	Shari Allenbach
Joseph Pentusa	Gordon Mathiason
Michelle Radtke	Elaine Steeg



Adult Contributions	\$21,386.00
Loose Collection	\$690.31
Future Parish Needs	\$936.00
SCRIP Rebates (52 orders)	\$685.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$500.00

## Holiday Happenings Craft Sale Update

Items purchased from this year's income of \$3,285:

- \$200 to Rosary Ministry
- \$800 to Baptism Blanket Ministry
- \$2285 to church office computers

## PARISH LIFE



### **Seventh Annual Doris H. Murphy Memorial Lecture "No Contribution Is Too Small"**

Tuesday, February 4  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Presenter: Christine Newkirk

Chris will help participants explore how to call forth the best from people by facilitating the discovery of their giftedness and empowering them to use those gifts for the common good. Practical examples and stories will be shared from her time as a student under Doris Murphy's instruction and mentoring. This lecture will be useful information for teachers, parents, leaders, and for all of us who live or work or volunteer with others.

### **Special Message from the Finance Council**

We are so grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge towards the 2019/20 Catholic Services Appeal. However, for us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. The CSA goal set forth is an obligation St. Bridget has and any shortfall will come out of the Church operating budget.

If you have not yet responded to the CSA, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflects your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with your fellow parishioners, will enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational and human needs throughout northern Wisconsin.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### **Season II of *ARISE Together in Christ***

Begins the week of February 23

Please prayerfully consider "encountering Jesus" as you join others from our parish family journeying through Lent. Form your own group or join one that will be offered. Watch for sign up coming soon.

### **Adult Mission Group Informational Meeting**

Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is to see if there is enough adult interest for a possible mission trip to Nicaragua. Tony Jilek will provide information about his connection to Nicaragua with the hope of forming a planning committee to begin this process.

### **Joany Shepard Fund**

In 2009, St. Bridget Parish was blessed by the financial generosity of Joany Shepard who left an endowment fund as part of her legacy. The "Joany Fund" is available for ministries and initiatives that "inspire the spiritual formation of our faith community" and "lift our faith and feed our souls". This is a reminder there are still funds available for such opportunities – contact the parish office for more information and a request form.

### **The Gathering - Stress Less In 2020**

Tuesday, February 11  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Learn how our mind and body respond to stress, as well as self-care skills you can use to decrease stress and increase well-being. Sign up at the information desk.

### **CCW Scholarships Due!**

The 5th grade scholarships need to be completed and turned in to the St. Bridget 5th grade teacher or the church office by the deadline of January 31, 2020. The secondary scholarship applications must be post marked by January 31, 2020 and MAILED to: Pat Meyer, N8817 1010th St. River Falls, WI 54022.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Attention all 6, 7, and 8 Grade Youth!**

Join us for our Middle School Youth Group "Leap of Faith" weekend retreat Friday, February 14 through Sunday, February 16 at the YMCA Camp Icaghowan on Lake Wapogasset in Amery, WI. Mark your calendars now to attend this fun-filled getaway weekend retreat being led by our high school teen leaders.

## FAITH FORMATION

### **Confirmation Retreat Prayers**

Thank you for praying for our Confirmation students on retreat last Sunday to Monday. We had a lot of fun, spent time in God's presence, and basked in the beauty of the outdoors! The Holy Spirit did good work in our hearts.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

**Jesus is...**  
By Father Mike Schmitz

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## PARISH SCHOOL

### Open House this Sunday

Families looking for a school home are encouraged to visit our school Sunday, January 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Teachers will be available at school to answer questions and give tours following the 9:30 Mass. You are also invited to join us for bingo and open gym in our school gym from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

### Registration for Next School Year

We will open registration and re-enrollment for PreK-Grade 8 for the 2020-2021 school year on Friday, January 31. Registration information can be found at <https://www.saintbridgets.org/school/>. Need more information? Contact our school office at 715-425-1872 or Brenda Steward, principal, at [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com).

### Welcome Bishop Powers!

Our school will host the regional Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. We warmly welcome Bishop James Powers, Diocesan Superintendent Peggy Schoenfuss, St. Anne's School, Somerset, St. Mary's School, New Richmond, and St. Patrick School, Hudson. Due to the large number of students attending this Mass, parents and other adult parishioners attending are asked to use the space at the back of church, near the Fellowship Hall doors, or in the Fellowship Hall.

### Gala 2020 Tickets

Just under a month to go until our 16th annual Gala! Be a part of a delightful evening as we celebrate and support St. Bridget Parish School with this year's theme: Rustic Countryside. \$70 Tickets are available after all weekend Masses and in the school and church offices during the week. First-time guests receive a special rate of just \$35 each, so if you've been curious what the Gala is all about, this year is your chance to find out!!

*Special promotion this week: Purchase a full table of 8+ tickets, and receive a free bottle of wine at your table the night of the event!*

[MINISTRY]

# Spotlight

## YOUTH GROUP LEADER

### ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

College Students and Adults of all ages; are called to walk alongside our teenage students by simply living out their Faith in a variety of ways; participation in weekly Sunday night meetings, monthly service projects, social events, Small Prayer Groups, Weekend Retreats, Summer Mission Trip, Steubenville Youth Conferences. Training, support and, guidance to be provided by Youth Ministry. Couples may even like to volunteer together for this Ministry.

### WHAT RILEY WANTED TO SHARE

Being an active youth group member myself in high school, was the most transformative decision I made, and it only feels right to witness that same transformation in our current youth. Serving the youth of this church gives me hope for the future. I feel it is a good reminder to step outside of ourselves. Being part of something greater than oneself is what it's really about. The church has always been the one place where I feel like I belong, and it's rewarding to give that feeling to others. They say teachers learn more from students than students learn from teachers, and being a leader with our Youth Ministry program, has shown me how spot on that proverb is. Walking along with the student's faith journey has helped me stay connected in my faith.  
Amen I say to you  
Take the leap of faith  
It is easier than you think.  
You will be thankful you did.



Riley Deuel

Do you have a willingness to serve in this way?

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Lynn Simons, Connections Minister, at:

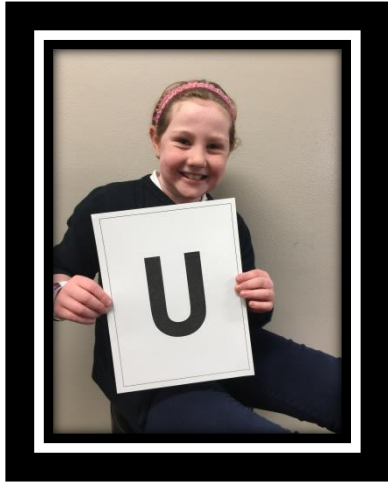
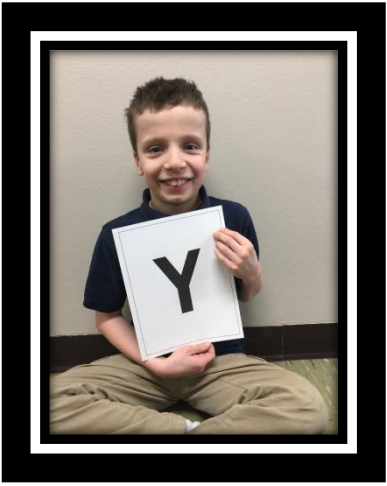
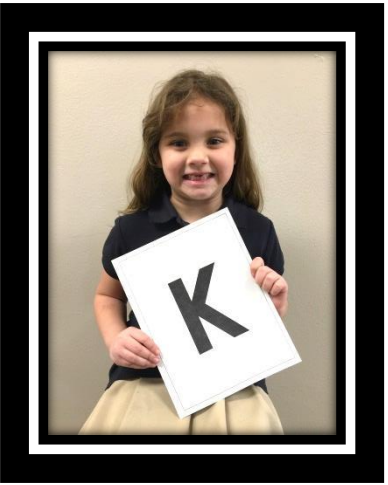
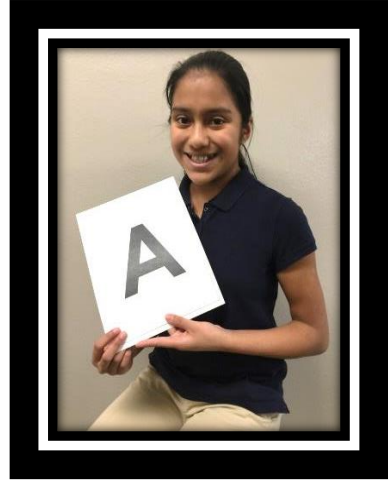
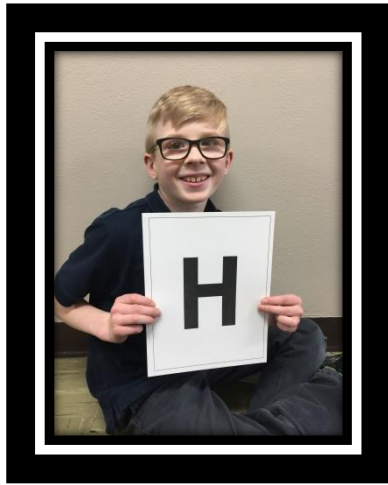
Telephone: 715-425-1870 Ext. 109

Email:

[connections@stbparish.com](mailto:connections@stbparish.com)

Completing a CONNECT WITH US card located in the pew and then drop at the desk

Thank you to all H.S.Y.G. Leaders



**St. Bridget Parish School is a welcoming, innovative Catholic community which focuses on faith, family, and individual academic excellence – fostering living examples of God’s presence in our world.**

**Therefore, it is the goal of St. Bridget Parish School to:**

- *Develop a positive self-image by emphasizing the fundamental goodness and unique talent inherent in each child.*
- *Promote spiritual development through personal witness to the Gospel message and ongoing instruction in the Catholic faith.*
- *Facilitate academic growth and mastery of skills through innovative teaching methods in a positive, faith-filled atmosphere.*
- *Encourage children to be thoughtful, creative, and industrious in pursuing knowledge and challenged to go beyond the expected.*
- *Support the parents, as the primary educators, in their efforts to provide opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth of the child in partnership with the entire school community.*
- *Provide a superior educational program that emphasizes social responsibility, stewardship, and respect for the world in which we live.*

Thank you, St. Bridget Parishioners! At St. Bridget Parish School, we are lucky to learn, pray and grow in an environment where Jesus Christ is central. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you, the members of St. Bridget Parish. As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We are grateful for your prayers & contributions, and appreciate the time & talent you so generously share through your volunteer efforts.



For more information about St. Bridget Parish School, please call 715.425.1872 or check us out at [www.saintbridgets.org/school](http://www.saintbridgets.org/school)





## Profile of a Graduate

*A student that graduates from St. Bridget Parish School will be well-rounded and self-disciplined; a true representative who knows what it means to live our school's core values.*

### Respect

Our graduates will demonstrate empathy, kindness, manners, and acceptance through their words and actions.

### Responsibility

Our graduates will exhibit responsibility by recognizing consequences, showing accountability, and encouraging others to be responsible.

### Prayer

Our graduates will continue to grow in their relationship with God, participate in ministries, and proudly live their faith.

### Stewardship

Our graduates will demonstrate an environmental appreciation and a respect for all creation, learned from repeated opportunities of service.

### Community

Our graduates will have gained a sense of belonging here at St Bridget's, and will continue to form and sustain positive relationships and be self-aware of their role within the community.

### Excellence

Our graduates will be well-educated, resourceful, confident, curious, and independent individuals who continually aspire to excel.

### ***DID YOU KNOW...***

- † Jesus Christ is our inspiration, our model and our leader.
- † Many St. Bridget graduates earn recognition as honor students at the high school level.
- † Our full-day PreK program for 4- and 5-year-olds offers educational opportunities for our youngest learners at a tuition cost of only \$106 per week, or \$22 per day or \$3.10 per hour!
- † Grades K-8 Tuition: \$3100 per year or just under \$18 per day.
- † Tuition assistance is available for students in Grades K-8.
- † \$500 credit toward Kindergarten tuition if a current PreK student continues at St. Bridget School.
- † \$500 credit toward Grade 6 tuition if a current Grade 5 student continues at St. Bridget School.
- † PreK class sizes of 12 or less and Kindergarten classes of 16 or less students allow individualized instruction, permitting teachers to be aware of each child's strengths and needs.
- † Maximum class sizes of 22 students in Grades 1-8 promote the opportunity for differentiated instruction in order to meet the needs of all students within the class.
- † Spirit Family activities encourage multi-age interactions and opportunities for leadership development, role modeling, community service, prayer, and fellowship.
- † Middle School concept utilized for Grades 5-8, encouraging age appropriate development during the early adolescent years in a caring, faith based environment.
- † Middle School students are eligible to participate in Band, as well as sports & clubs at MMS.
- † St. Bridget follows the same school calendar as the RF Schools, as well as utilizing district busing.