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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This weekend is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and also we remember Veterans Day.

In this week's gospel we hear in Mark's gospel "As Jesus sat near the temple treasury...a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins...[Jesus] called his disciples together and said...This poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others...She gave all she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44

A Utah store owner caught an eagle and put it in his store to attract customers. One day an old mountain man came in, saw the eagle, and asked the owner how much it would take to buy it. The owner quoted an astronomical price. The old man went to the bank, withdrew the money, bought the eagle, and set it free.

When a little girl asked the old man why he parted with all that wealth to free the eagle, he said, "Wealth isn't what you've got, but what you'll give to do a good deed."

What am I ready to give to do a good that needs to be done? (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2018 occurs on Sunday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Thank you to the men and women who have served our country with honor.

This past week we had a national election. There has been so much strife and mean spirited rhetoric leading up to this election. I pray that our country comes together and works for the common good. If we don't do this, we might not survive as a nation. We have a lot at stake. Please pray for the healing of our nation.

Fr. Harris

COME JOIN US!

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (during school year)
Friday 8:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Monday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website

Reconciliation

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

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bridget Catholic Church is a Christian Community which exists to continue the mission of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to working for the coming of God's Kingdom. We accomplish this through worship, community life, Christian education and service to those who are in need.

"Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11)."

OUR PARISH FAMILY

MARRIAGE

Please join us in praying for all newly married couples and those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Natasha Trebus and Marty Herum

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Remember in Your Prayers

- If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.
- 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.

Marie Booth	Diane Latterl
Heidi Borgstrom	Kevin Larson
Laura Bowman	Sandra Lenagh
Tom Bowman	Rosemary Lenzen
Jerry Buscher	Gini Lindquist
Gary Carter	Frances Meyer
Shirley Clements	Gwen Paulson
Brian Dobel	Steve Paulick
Jo Dusek	Larry Potton
Michael Goodman	Grace Radtke
Ann Holland	Michelle Radtke
Barb Ickler	Dorothy Slivicki
Noah Keck	Izabella Thompson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

November 4, 2018	
Adult Contributions	\$11,891.00
Future Parish Needs	\$701.00
Future Parish Need (ACH)	\$3,297.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$1,170.00
Loose Collection	\$862.58
SCRIP (58 orders)	\$707.82
Donuts	\$406.00
All Saints Day	\$1,838.00

Double Bulletin

The next bulletin will be a double bulletin covering the weekends of November 18 and November 24. Please have all bulletin items to the office by noon on Tuesday, November 13.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, November 12 - Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
6:00 p.m. Grief Group
6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, November 13 - Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. The Gathering
12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
5:15 p.m. Mass +Int: *Patty Borchardt* by *Karen Young*
6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee
7:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee
8:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 14 - Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
9:00 a.m. School Mass +Int: *DeWayne Eldred* by *Phyllis and Don Foley*
3:15 p.m. Afternoon Middle School Faith Formation
5:00 p.m. Grade 3 - 5 Faith Formation
5:00 p.m. YogaDevotion
5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Grade 6 - 11 Faith Formation Classes
7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, November 15 - Plhm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Comforts of Home Assisted Living
5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, November 16 - 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church

Saturday, November 17- 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
8:00 a.m. Dance Ministry
4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass +Int: *Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #4902*

Sunday, November 18 - Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation
9:30 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Art Dolan by Mary Kliszcz
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF

PARISH LIFE

Radio/TV Mass Broadcasts

The radio broadcast is aired over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for our sick and shut-ins. Tune to Channel 16 on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for a TV rebroadcast. The Mass for November 10 is in loving memory of Anne Jilek by the family.

The Gathering

Falling is no laughing matter. The Gathering presentation, Tuesday November 13 at 11:00 a.m., will give ideas and best practices to prevent falls. Register at the information desk.

Thank You

The Jail Ministry along with St. Croix County Jail would like to thank the CCW for sponsoring the clothes drive again this year for the St. Croix County Jail. A special thanks to Lauren and Tom Baillargeon for taking the clothes that were donated and cleaning and sorting them. We would also like to thank everyone that donated to the drive. Because of your generosity an inmate can be released from the jail with dignity because of the clothing that was donated. May God Bless All of You.

Angels on Earth Giving Tree Program

Help local families this Christmas by taking an ornament from the tree, shop, and bring the gift back, unwrapped, with ornament attached to St. Bridget by Sunday, December 9.

Scrip cards are also a quick and easy way to help. The request for Scrip cards will be by the Scrip desk this year. Cash and checks (payable to ARC) are always welcome to help purchase fuel and grocery cards.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Praying with the Gospels of Advent

Come and be part of 1 or all 4 of the weekly gatherings as we look more closely into the Gospels of Advent. No knowledge of Lectio Divina is needed: you will be gently guided through this process as we

come together in community to share and pray. This group will meet for the first time on Friday morning, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Advent night of Reflection - December 2, 2018

This will be an evening of music and prayer as we reflect on this wonderful season of waiting and hope. The evening will begin at 4:00 p.m. in church and be followed with a meal. All are invited and welcome.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Rake-a-Difference - Saturday, November 17, 2018

If you would like to have your leaves raked - complete a Rake-A-Difference sign up form and return it to the information desk or the parish office before Monday, November 12.

If you would like to be a raker - complete a Rake-a-Difference student form and bring to Faith Formation class, Youth Group or drop off at our information desk or parish office by Wednesday, November 14.

Both forms can be found at the information desk as well as our [website](#).

Leap of Faith Retreat

High school students — don't miss out on an awesome opportunity to attend our Leap of Faith weekend retreat November 30 through Sunday, December 2. Registration deadline is Sunday, November 18. Information and registration forms can be found at the information desk and on our [website](#).

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Veterans Day Program

The American Legion will visit each of the area schools for a brief Veterans Day program Monday, November 12. The group is scheduled for St. Bridget at 9:40 a.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our second evening of parent-teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, November 13 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Spirit Families – Food Collection for Food Pantry

We are currently collecting food for the River Falls Community Food Pantry. This food will be blessed during our school Mass Wednesday, November 14. We will sit with our Spirit Families for Mass, and following Mass, walk to the Food Pantry to deliver our food.

Wreath Fundraiser – Pick Up This Week

We anticipate our wreath fundraiser will be delivered this Wednesday, November 14. If you placed an order, you will receive a phone call letting you know when your wreaths are available to pick up. Plan to enter the school through the gym doors on Wednesday but through our main entrance on Thursday or Friday. We ask that all orders be picked up by Friday, November 16 to preserve quality of product. Please call the school office at 715-425-1872 if you have any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Please pray for our confirmation students who are completing their Rite of Enrollment this weekend and are in immediate preparation to be confirmed this spring:

Cooper Andrea	Max Masog
Madeline Beck	Emily Meyer
Julia Boissonneault	Olivia Miller
Jack Bond	Angelina Montgomery
Elena Brummel	Jami Morrow
Madeline Buck	Austin Mueller
Hunter Campbell	Eileen Nitz
Joseph Cottrell	James O'Malley
Brett Delwiche	Carter Olson
Payton Flood	Eva Parks
Joshua Hira	Julia Paschke
Ashton Hmielewski	Isaiah Pechacek
Jenna Huppert	Jack Pectorious
Madison Kealy	Allison Raverty
Micahel Kealy	Natalie Simpson
John Kelly	Jospeh Sowieja
Nicholas Kocian	Joseph Stoffel
Michaela Kramolis	Lillian Swenson
Shauna Kuhl	Avery Usgaard
Gregory Lindall	Ethan Vivoda-Sadee
Jessica Lindall	Zachary Webster
Joseph Madsen	Sophie Westhoff

Volunteer Needed for Faith Formation Meal Prep

We are in need of a volunteer to help on Wednesday afternoons to prepare food for the evening dinner until the second shift arrives at 4:30 p.m. Preparation time and tasks depend on the menu for the day, and involve pouring food into Nescos or crockpots, following instructions to remove items from the freezer to thaw...etc. There are 17 nights of Faith Formation dinners remaining for this year, and some will require no prep at all. Please contact Tessa or Diane in the church office if you would like to help.

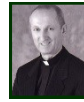
AROUND THE AREA

Hope for the Holidays

O'Connell-Benedict Funeral Home invites you to join them for a special evening offering comfort and support for the holiday season. On Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. inspirational speaker and author, Donna Mathiowetz, will share insight and strategies on managing grief in times of celebration around us. There will be a memorial candle lighting, honoring your loved one and those in attendance will receive a keepsake ornament. Refreshments will be served. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry as there is no fee to attend. Please RSVP by calling 715-425-5644.

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