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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This bulletin covers the next two weekends.

November 18 is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The scripture is from Mark 13:26-27 "Then the Son of Man will appear, coming...with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to gather God's Chosen people from one end of the world to the other." The book *More Future Stuff* by Malcolm Abrams and Harriet Bernstein gazes into a "crystal ball" and identifies experimental products that experts think may find their way into future markets: a Volkswagen that parks itself, a computer that talks you through unfamiliar neighborhoods, a powder produced from fruit dehydrated by sound waves. Suppose I gaze into a "crystal ball" and saw that the world was going to end tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. What would I do between now and then?

"O Lord,.... a thousand years to you are like yesterday, already gone, like a short hour in the night... Teach us how short our life is, so that we may become wise. Psalm 90:1, 4, 12. (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

November 25 is the last Sunday of the Church year. It is called The Feast of Christ the King. [Pilate interrogated Jesus, saying,] "Are you the king of the Jews?...Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:33,36 We live in the United States of America. This is our country. However, it doesn't belong to any one person. It belongs to God. Jesus is the true king or ruler of the universe. We are just passing through and caring for what truly belongs to God. Who is king of your life? Fr. Harris

Delayed Voting

I was angered and disappointed that the Vatican has asked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to delay planned votes on proposals to address clergy sexual abuse. I read the following in the *National Catholic Reporter*: "This decision has evoked outcry, even leaving some of the bishops at the meeting confused. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the bishops' conference, announced the request at the opening of the gathering November 12. (Continued on page 2)

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.



Thanksgiving Mass at both Churches

There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bridget and St. Mary's on Thanksgiving morning. A great time to stop and give thanks for all that God has done for us.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Maya Winnie Koller
Daughter of Michelle and Tim Koller

Adaline Jade Hansen
Daughter of Amanda and Aaron Hansen

Nyla Mary-Ellen Vorwald
Daughter of Dimonique and Gary Vorwald

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	Larry Potton
Jo Dusek	Grace Radtke
Michael Goodman	Michelle Radtke
Ann Holland	Dorothy Slivicki
Barb Ickler	Izabella Thompson
Noah Keck	

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

November 11, 2018	
Adult Contributions	\$18,082.00
Future Parish Needs	\$351.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$6,000.00
Loose Collection	\$994.68
SCRIP (66 orders)	\$706.59
Donuts	\$385.00

FROM THE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

He told the some 250 prelates taking part that he was "disappointed" but said the Vatican asked for the delay because of Pope Francis' upcoming February summit on child protection with the heads of all the global conferences...Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich spoke on the floor of the meeting after DiNardo's announcement. He suggested that instead of voting on the proposals, the prelates take non-binding votes on them, so DiNardo would at least have their input when he attends the February meeting. 'We need to be very clear with you where we stand, and we need to tell our people where we stand,' Cupich said. He also proposed that the bishops hold a special session in March to confront the abuse issue, rather than waiting for their regularly scheduled June meeting.

As the bishops moved from the brief morning meeting to a day of prayer, some prelates expressed confusion over the announcement. Bishop Christopher Coyne of Burlington, Vermont, told a mid-day press conference the request 'has thrown many of us a little bit sideways because it was completely unexpected.'

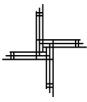
W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri, suggested to NCR that the request might indicate that the Vatican does not understand the seriousness of the situation in the United States".

The brother priests I have spoken with all agree that this issue needs to be dealt with justice and compassion for the victims. Those who have committed these illegal and immoral acts need to be held accountable.

Adult contributions and loose collections are down by \$29,025 compared to this time last year and the Catholic Services Appeal collection is behind as well. There are many factors that may have impacted what people are donating - one big factor was paying off the church debt for which we are grateful. But for us to continue doing what we are doing and providing the opportunities we are offering, I need to ask that everyone prayerfully consider how you can contribute financially moving forward.

All church and school employees, as well as organization/event leaders, are being asked to make a concerted effort to minimize expenses in all areas as well as look for other money saving opportunities such as energy savings, reusing materials, etc. We want to be good stewards of the tithes entrusted to our parish. Thank you in advance for your support.

— Father Harris



CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, November 19 - Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Dennis Sailor by friends and family
 6:00 p.m. Grief Group
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

Tuesday, November 20 - Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
 5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal
 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Action Group

Wednesday, November 21 - Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 Wellhaven
 1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Home
+Int: Lila Merriman Clay by Max and Betty Merriman
 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, November 22, Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving - Parish Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Darold Pechacek by Doris Pechacek and family

Friday, November 23 - Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 24- Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

8:00 a.m. Dance Ministry
 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass *+Int: Peter and Agnes Fisher and Deceased Members of the Fisher Family by Berneita Wienke, Delores Pechacek, and the Bob Fisher Family*

Sunday, November 25 - Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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: In Memory of Don, Evelyn, Gerry and Dennis Johnson by and Carolyn Johnson
 2:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF



Monday, November 26 - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

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
 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 27 - Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
 5:15 p.m. Mass *+Int: Tom Pitcock by Chris and Kim Carley*
 7:00 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Wednesday, November 28 - Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
 9:00 a.m. School Mass *Int: Special Intention*
 1:30 p.m. Mass - Comforts of Home Lodge
+Int: Ed and Marie Boerboom by Judy and Dale Crowley
 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

Thursday, November 29 - Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3,

9a/Lk 21:20-28
 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 30 - Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: : Paul Sylla by the Family
 9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina - Gospels of Advent

Saturday, December 1- Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
 8:00 a.m. Dance Ministry
 9:00 a.m. Holiday Happenings Craft Sale
 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass
Int: In honor of Max and Betty Merriman's 70th wedding anniversary

Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 8:45 a.m. Rosary
 9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation
 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Walter Wienke by the family
 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
 1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Retreat
 1:00 p.m. Baptism Class
 5:00 p.m. Make Your Home in Me: Advent Night of Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Leary, Maketalena Pupungatoa, and Avianna Hedlund who had winning entries in the Bishop's Christmas Card Art Contest.

Thanksgiving Vacation

Students will not have classes Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23.

Poinsettia Delivery

Our poinsettia orders will be delivered Wednesday, December 5. Thanks to all who were able to support this fundraiser for our school!

Christmas Program

Please mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Program to be held Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Centering Prayer

- + *What is Centering prayer?* Centering prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer. Participants gather to pray in silence and communion with one another. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.
- + *When will we meet?* We will gather every Wednesday Morning at **8:00 a.m.** in the Garden View Room, beginning Wednesday, November 21. (note time change)
- + *What do I need to know?* If this is a new way of praying for you, it would be helpful to email me ahead of time so that I can share with you the simple steps of this prayer. Again, you are not asked to pray a loud - this is your personal time to come together with others in silent prayer.

If you have questions, email jrubenzer@stbparish.com

Make your Home in Me:

Advent Night of Music and Spoken Word

Before all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season enters your life, move into the quiet, hopeful time of Advent with a night of song and reflection. Our parish musician, Keith Brux along with Jim Scheide will provide music to enhance the reflections of the season spoken and shared by Jesse Gilles and Jodie Rubenzer.

This evening of reflection will be held on Sunday, December 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church and will be followed with a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you will join us.

HOLIDAY

SCRIP NEWS



The Christmas shopping season is quickly approaching and SCRIP is here to make your shopping easy! We have gift cards ON HAND from over 50 vendors - including many local businesses. We can also ORDER gift cards from more than 600 national vendors: perfect for all of your shopping needs. If you are new to SCRIP, stop by the SCRIP desk in the Fellowship Hall to learn more.

We are excited to add some new SCRIP options for the Christmas season: **Cash and Carry** and **The 12 Days of SCRIP-ness**.

Cash and Carry will be offered after all weekend Masses 11/24 - 12/16 and will feature one vendor per weekend. **Cash and Carry** cards will be available at a table in the Fellowship Hall near the north entrance. Simply tell us how many cards you want, pay by cash or check, receive your cards, and you're good to go! There will be no forms to fill out which should keep the line moving quickly. Please note that purchasing gift cards through **Cash and Carry** will support the parish scrip program but will NOT be applied to individual accounts such as tuition, youth ministry, etc. The goal is to make purchasing these scrip cards easy, fast, and fun and hopefully increase sales, get new people to try scrip, and raise money for our parish.

Cash and Carry Dates and Vendors:

- 11/24 - **Target** \$10, \$25 and \$100 cards
- 12/1 - **WalMart/Sam's** \$10, \$25 and \$100 cards
- 12/8 - **Amazon** \$10 and \$25
- 12/15 - **Starbucks** \$5, \$10 and \$25

The 12 Days of SCRIP-ness will be held December 5 - December 16 and will feature our local vendors who have faithfully supported the St. Bridget SCRIP program. Each day will be a new opportunity to win a gift card from one of these generous businesses. Watch for more information in the bulletin, on the website, on Facebook, etc.

The last day to order SCRIP cards for pick up before Christmas is December 16. Those cards would be available after 12 pm on 12/21 and after Masses on 12/22 and 12/23. We will continue to sell SCRIP through December 23 but quantities of some cards may be limited.

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 17 is in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #4902. The Mass for November 24 is in loving memory of Peter and Agnes Fisher and deceased members of the Fisher family by Berneita Wienke, Delores Pechacek and the Bob Fisher family.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace

We will not have a November Holy Hour for Peace, but plan ahead and join us on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. for our next Holy Hour for Peace. This Holy Hour will end adoration at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. Come join us as we pray for peace in our nation and our world.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Bell ringing at Shopko and Family Fresh begins Friday, November 23 and goes to Saturday, December 22. Sign up for a 2 hour shift by the information desk or contact Deanna at 612-987-9584 or pcsakettlecoordinator@gmail.com for available times. You are welcome to ring any day of the week except Sundays. Please notify Deanna by email or phone if you will be ringing at times that are not listed on the sign-up. Please have an adult chaperone accompany youth ringers. Make it an annual event for your family, friends or organizations.

CCW Scholarships Available - New Deadline

The St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women will be offering one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating female high school senior who is a confirmed member of St. Bridget Parish. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving female student who will be attending a college or technical school. Application forms are available at the parish office, at the River Falls High School in the Guidance Office and on our parish [website](#). Please check out the new scholarship and new deadline. All forms must be mailed to Pat Meyer, N8817 1010th St., River Falls, WI 54022 and must be postmarked by the deadline of January 31, 2019.

There is also one \$500 scholarship available to any 5th grade student who will be attending St. Bridget School this fall. Applications must be turned into your teacher or the church office by the deadline of January 31, 2019. You do not need to be a current student at St. Bridget School to apply. For more information, call Pat Meyer at 715-425-6333

Joany Shepard Memorial Library

Please check out our new books:

- *Healing After Divorce: Hope for Catholics* by Susan Rowland
- *Sanctuary - Creating a Space for Grace in Your Life, The Power of Pause, and Soul Gardening* by former guest speaker Terry Hershey,
- *How to Share Your Faith with Anyone: A Practical Manual for Catholic Evangelization* by Terry Barber
- *The Winter War* by Priscila Shirer.

Communal Penance at St. Bridget

There will be a communal penance service with individual absolution on Tuesday, November 27 at St. Bridget in River Falls at 6:30 p.m. This will be the Penance Service for the Season of Advent. There are scheduled confessions each Saturday afternoon at St. Bridget from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and at St. Mary's each Sunday morning at 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. or anytime by appointment.

Advent Wreath Lighting

We are looking for people to help with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass during Advent. Singles, couples or families are encouraged to help us out. Sign up is at the information desk or on our [website](#). Advent begins the weekend of December 1 and 2.

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) can be dropped off at the information desk or parish office. These donations are always welcome as they are used to purchase fuel and grocery cards.

Cable Ceasing Broadcasts of Masses

The cable company has decided that it will no longer broadcast religious services. Our December 2 Mass will be the last Mass broadcast on cable access. Due to this, we have secured the required broadcast licenses and are now uploading our weekend Mass to our web page. (On the home-page towards the bottom.) If you know people who currently benefit from participating in the Mass on cable, please help them transition to watching it online instead! If you know of people who will not be able to access the Mass online, please contact Diane. We are considering a new ministry outreach to meet this need.

Fleece Donations

During Faith Formation on Wednesday, December 5, our high school youth will be participating in service projects for the community. One of our projects is making fleece tie blankets for Our Neighbor's Place to distribute. The blankets will be made with 2 pieces of coordinating 1 ½ or 2 ½ yards of fleece. If you would like to help by donating fleece or a monetary donation, please drop it off at the church office for Tessa by Monday, December 3. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Kid Free Shopping

Need a kid-free day to go shopping? Members of our Youth Group will be providing a day in December for you to do just that. Stay tuned for more details!



ST. BRIDGET PARISH

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CRAFT SALE

Saturday, December 1st, 2018
 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
 St. Bridget Parish School Gym
 135 East Division Street River Falls, WI
~70 Vendors – All Hand Made Crafts!
 Free Admission
 Door Prizes Concessions

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