

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

AND

THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2023



From Fr. Joe's Desk:

Dear Parishioners and School Families,

I am writing this letter to inform you that we are looking into the possibility of remodeling our current school or building a new one. The process of evaluating and fact finding will take at least 4 years to complete. I suppose you're wondering, why now? About two years ago, the Accreditation Team recommended our recertification as a Catholic Elementary School. This is always a great joy to hear. With that recommendation comes things we need to address (which we have been doing) and accolades for the good things that are happening in our Catholic School. The accolades outweighed those things that needed correcting. One of those accolades was that we are in a good position to "evaluate" the current school building. Can it meet the needs of the future? A few needs are handicap accessibility, technology, and efficient heating and cooling. We will also need to look at the possibility of building a new school and all the questions that will surround that scenario. Please let me remind you that this study is at the very beginning. A subcommittee will be created through our strategic planning committee. Their study will include the school and the parish. In the next four years, we will know the best way we can help our students and teachers. We will have an idea of what the parish is willing to do to make either scenario happen. Bishop Powers has stated, "our Catholic School is the best evangelization tool we have." Let us embrace this study with open hearts and minds. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Stefancin

Pastor

The Priests' Emergency Phone Numbers: In order for us to have a better response time, I would like to suggest that you leave the following information for us: name, phone number, the reason for your call, and where you would like us to meet with you. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone at St. Bridget Catholic Community. I am very grateful for all you do to make our parish and school a vibrant place to be and for all the help you give to our community when the need arises. Whether hunting or traveling, please be safe this Thanksgiving weekend.

Fr. Joe

St. Bridget Website



Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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www.saintbridgets.org

Church Building hours:

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 25

Sunday, November 19

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Doug Raehsler
11:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More</i>
12:00 p.m.	Chili/Brownie Cookoff
1:30 p.m.	Grade 11 Confirmation Sponsor and Candidate Session

Monday, November 20

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group

Tuesday, November 21

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 a.m.	No School Mass
	No Youth Choir Rehearsal
	No Faith Formation Meal
	No Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, November 23

All day	Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Sue Steckbauer</i>

Friday, November 24

All Day	Office Closed
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday, November 25

3:00 p.m.	Baptism
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Agnes & Peter Fisher

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2

Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Kurt & Renee Glaubitz
11:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Angeline Falteisek</i>
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, November 27

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group

Tuesday, November 28

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour with Adoration
5:15 p.m.	Mass - <i>Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Linda, Joseph, Peter & Anita Dusek</i>
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 a.m.	School Mass - <i>Jack Celt</i>
3:15 p.m.	Middle School Faith Formation
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Family Based Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation

Thursday, November 30

12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 1

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More</i>
9:00 a.m.	Advent Book Discussion

Saturday, December 2

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Sheila Carlson

* Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://www.youtube.com/saintbridget).
* Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#), www.saintbridgents.org, or scan the QR code.



DAILY WORD FOR NOVEMBER 20–NOVEMBER

Monday, November 20	1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18: 35-43
Tuesday, November 21	2 Mc 6: 18-31/ Lk 19: 1-19
Wednesday, November 22	2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31/ Lk 19: 11-28
Thursday, November 23	1 Mc 2: 15-29/ Lk 19: 41-44
Friday, November 24	1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19: 45-48
Saturday, November 25	1 Mc 6: 1-13/ Lk 20: 27-40
Sunday, November 26	Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28/ Mt 25: 31-46

DAILY WORD FOR NOVEMBER 27- DECEMBER 3

Monday, November 27	Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21: 1-4
Tuesday, November 28	Dn 2: 31-45/ Lk 21: 5-11
Wednesday, November 29	Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21: 12-19
Thursday, November 30	Rom 10: 9-18/ Mt 4: 18-22
Friday, December 1	Dn 7: 2-14/ Lk 21: 29-33
Saturday, December 2	Dn 7: 15-27/ Lk 21: 34-36
Sunday, December 3	Is 63: 16b-17, 19b, 2-7/ 1 Cor 1: 3-9/ Mk 13: 33-37



Baptism

Isaiah Vanderwagon



Remembering

Jo Ann Kaiser
Mother of Julie Deiss & Vicki Cernohous
Mother-in-Law of John Cernohous

We also Remember JoAnn Woeste & Kelly Nelson



Gwen Geraets,
Mistakenly omitted from the Mass of
Remembrance

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, contact Pat Purfeerst at pjpurfeerst@gmail.com or 715-222-9533.

Judy Pechacek Harri	Pat Ryan
Michelle Radtke	Ryan Sell
Linda Radtke	Sonia Steiner
Tony Jilek	Francis Ogden
Boyd Huppert	Mike Simons
Dorie Deiss	Kathleen Kusilek
Kaleigh and	Emily Hennemann
Jordan Wildauer	Dave Gavin
Leah Krygowski	Kevin Larson
Donna Pechacek	Kevin Shilling
Alice Johnson	Andy Jaszczak
Stephanie Clevenger	Darlene Arndt
Ken Huppert	Katy Pupungatoa
Chester Huppert	Larry Waters
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Betty Merriman
Barb Ickler	Judy Tretter
John Benusa	Chris Conner
Mary Moravec	Raven Schmitt
Mike Sutton	David Hegre
Kim Swinburne	LaVerne Zabel
Coby Clark	

TITHES AND OFFERING

November 5

Adult Contributions	\$15,825.24
Loose Collection	\$739
Scrip Rebates	\$500

November 12

Adult Contributions	\$13,505
Loose Collection	\$1008
Scrip Rebates	\$480

FAITH FORMATION

All are Welcome at Faith Formation!



It's not too late to register for PreK-11 Faith Formation, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Paper forms are available in the information rack in the church foyer. Register online via the links on our website or the QR

code. For more information, please contact Diane Wengelski (PreK-6) or Tessa Schuermann (Grades 7-12).

Sunday PreK-1 Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades PreK-1 (ages 3-6) began on Sunday, October 1. These sessions are held in Lubich Hall (downstairs) during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Register using the standard FF registration form which is available in the information rack or on our [website](#).

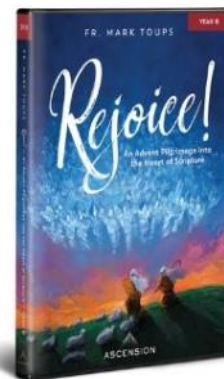


PARISH LIFE

Rejoice!

God wants to draw you closer to himself this Advent. He wants to invite you away from the hustle and bustle to sit at his feet.

This new installment of the Rejoice! series, will immerse you in the readings that anchor us during the Advent season—the Sunday Mass readings.



You're invited to gather for Friday Morning Coffee and Book Discussion at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Books will be available November 20, for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Sign up at the information desk.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Mark your calendar now for the next Eucharistic Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday, November 28, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Plan to enter the Advent Season with this gift of quiet in the presence of our Lord.



Well Read Mom Group

Well Read Mom Group will be reading The Practice of the Presence of God, for it's November book and will be meeting again to discuss on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden View Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you'd like more information please contact Marijan at miekvall@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE

Low Denomination Holiday Scrip Forms Now Available!

\$10 cards for Amazon, Starbucks, Target and Wal-Mart are now in stock for your Christmas giving. Other low denomination cards are also available for order. These will be offered for a limited time only. The last day to order National SCRIP Cards for Christmas is December 10. The Low Denomination Holiday Scrip Form is available [HERE!](#)

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Bridget is hiring a Website and Digital Sign Tech! Stop by the parish office to apply.

The Chosen Update and Invitation

Season one of The Chosen wrapped up on November 15, and was well received by all. In addition to Grades 7 – 11 participating each week, 40 – 50 adults gathered as well for discussion and community building. We will begin Season 2 after Christmas so watch the bulletin for updates. We hope that you will consider participating. All are welcome.



PARISH LIFE

Knights for Dads Rally – Save the Date

Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 2024, at St. Bridget Church
Fatherhood: Man's Highest Calling

Join us to hear speakers;

Matt Birk, Super Bowl Champion, NFL All-Pro, author of *All Pro Wisdom*

Mark Berchem, Founder/CEO of Catholic NET Ministries and author of *"Step Up Dad! Your Children Need You."*

Sponsors: Knights of Columbus Councils of St. Bridget, St. Mary's Big River, St. Patrick, Hudson

Registration & Details: At Info Desk and

SignUpGenius.com/go/KnightsForDads24



ATTENTION ALL MEN

The Catholic Watchmen is an opportunity to share your faith with other Catholic men. We are experimenting with holding these sessions in the evening. Our next session is to be held on November 28, at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us.

Holiday Happenings

Don't miss the fabulous HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS CRAFT SHOW on Saturday, December 2, 2023! Conveniently located in the St. Bridget Parish School Gym, you will have the opportunity to purchase high quality, unique handmade merchandise from dozens of talented artisans and a chance to win a valuable door prize. Stay for lunch and fellowship! Admission is free.

River Falls Holiday Helpers Program

For several years the Angels on Earth Giving Tree Program has helped local families in need at Christmas time. The previous coordinator has stepped down and changes have been made to form the new program, *River Falls Holiday Helpers*. This year our church has committed to sponsoring 25-30 families from our community. **How can you help?**



Purchase a gift for a child. The gift tree will be up in the lobby the week of November 12, with ornaments listing gifts to be purchased. Gifts are due back to church by **Sunday, December 3, at noon**. The gift should be unwrapped and clearly labeled with family number and child's information.

Purchase a gift card. The gift card tree will be in the Fellowship Hall with ornaments listing the card requested. Many of these cards are available through our SCRIP program.

Purchase a grocery card. Each family will receive a \$100 grocery gift card. These requests can be found on the gift card tree in the Fellowship Hall.

Make a monetary donation. All monetary donations will be used to purchase SCRIP cards needed for shopping and grocery cards. Cash is preferred and should be placed in an envelope labeled with your name and **Holiday Helpers**. Checks should be made payable to St. Bridget SCRIP with **Holiday Helpers** in the memo line.

Questions? Contact the church office at 715-425-1870 or email recept@stbparish.com.

KC Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 4902 would like to thank St. Bridget Church parishioners for donating 1,237# of food and \$6,991 in cash donations for the River Falls Community Food Pantry. Your generous donations will provide much needed help during the holiday season. THANK YOU.

PARISH SCHOOL

Christmas Wreaths

Wreaths were delivered! If you have not picked up your order already, remember to do so!



On Friday, November 10, we honored Veteran's with a short ceremony.



On November 13 staff and students celebrated Kindness Day by spreading love and joy!



Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Bridget Staff and students are grateful for the support of our school community. Enjoy extra time off of school to make memories with those close to you.

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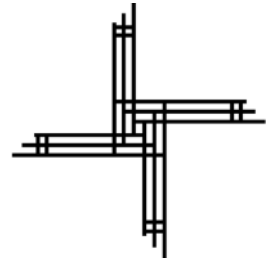
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