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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

[Jesus said of the commandments,] "The most important one is this: ...'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" Mark 12:29-30

I remember an elderly man who cared for his sick wife. She became confused and physically could not walk. He eventually he had to feed her. I was amazed how he cared for her. On one of my many visits to their home I asked him, "Is this hard for you?" Without skipping a beat he said, "It's not hard. I get tired. It's not hard because I love her." Not all people would be able to do what he did physically day after day. But, I know of many people who have that type of love for family members and others. That is the love that Jesus describes today.

This Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m. we have the Mass of Remembrance at St. Bridget in River Falls. This is a Mass to remember all our loved ones who died this past year. Names have been collected at St. Bridget for those who died this past year. They will be read at this Mass. All are welcome to attend. St. Mary's will have a board in the back of Church with all the names of those who have died this past year and will be included in the prayers of the faithful at Masses. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. AMEN!

Voting and Civil Discourse

This week we have the opportunity to vote. It's a freedom that has been gifted to us by our fore fathers and fore mothers. Some literally gave their lives so that we could have the opportunity to vote. We live in a very divisive time in the history of our country. We cannot endure if we continue to do this. Our democracy is just that. The right to be able to voice our views. However, we do not have the right to tear each other apart verbally. I have noticed many groups around the country that are coming together to discuss. One group is www.better-angels.org. These are people on both sides of the political spectrum with differing points of view. They sit down and agree to disagree and still have civil discourse. Some groups talk about what they have in common. Other groups seek to voice their differences respectfully. In the end all benefit because it makes our country better. I pray that we can be a nation where we have differences and yet share our common goal of the dignity and freedom that we share. All that we have is gifted from God. Thank you. Father Jerry

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.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

REST IN PEACE

We remember and pray for our deceased parish members and relatives:

Matt Conway

Jeff Collins

Son-in-law of Leonard and Linda Notto

Diane Bjork

BAPTISMS

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

Collin Michael Rohl

Son of Kallie and Phillip Rohl

MARRIAGE

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

Katie Thoma and Toby Bohlke

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 Wagner at 715-684-2336.

Marie Booth
Heidi Borgstrom
Laura Bowman
Tom Bowman
Jerry Buscher
Gary Carter
Shirley Clements
Brian Dobel
Jo Dusek
Michael Goodman
Ann Holland
Barb Ickler
Noah Keck

Diane Latterl
Kevin Larson
Sandra Lenagh
Rosemary Lenzen
Gini Lindquist
Frances Meyer
Gwen Paulson
Steve Paulick
Larry Potton
Grace Radtke
Michelle Radtke
Dorothy Slivicki
Izabella Thompson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

October 28, 2018	
Adult Contributions	\$11,404.00
Future Parish Needs	\$606.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$250.00
Loose Collection	\$769.39
SCRIP (64 orders)	\$831.00
Donuts	\$351.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,527.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, November 5 - Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

- 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. Faith Formation Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Paint Night

Tuesday, November 6 - Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:30 a.m. Martha Group Quilters
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
- 5:15 p.m. Mass +Int: *Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer by the family*
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club - Heaven Starts Now - last meeting

Wednesday, November 7 - Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

- 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass +Int: *Margaret Rude*
- 1:30 p.m. Mass - Comforts of Home - Falls
+Int: *Milton and Terry Arndt by Darlene Arndt*
- 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Kinnic Health
- 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 8 - Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

- 3:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Learning Centers
- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, November 9 - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass +Int: *Patrick Baumgartner by the family*
- 9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding - Natasha Trebus and Marty Herum

Saturday, November 10 - Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

- 7:00 a.m. Catholic Watchmen
- 8:00 a.m. Dance Ministry
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass +Int: *Anne Jilek by the family*
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School SuperSaturday

Sunday, November 11 - 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation
- 9:30 a.m. Mass +Int: *Lillian Fuglie by Susan Matulka*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: *Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's*
- 1:30 p.m. 11th Grade Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Session
- 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass - St. Mary's in Hammond
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF

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 3 is in loving memory of Jerome and Leola Marek by the family.

Martha Group Quilters

The Martha Group will meet on Tuesday, November 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. come anytime; sack lunch optional. You need not be a member of St. Bridget to join us. We are looking for people who would like to sew at home using pre-cut quilt squares.

Catholic Watchmen

All men are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen meeting on Saturday, November 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. The meeting includes breakfast, a video presentation and group discussion. We will begin the morning with prayer in the church and you will also have the opportunity for confession. For more information, contact Tony Jilek at 715-220-7527.

The Gathering

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

Fairtrade Items for Sale

Fairtrade items will be for sale next weekend, November 10 and 11 after Masses in the Garden View Room. Coffee, tea, baking items and chocolate bars are available to purchase!

Ink Cartridge Recycling

The Parish School is no longer collecting used ink cartridges. Thank you for all of you that have supported this effort in the past.

Grandparent's Day Fun!



Leap of Faith Weekend Retreat

Attention 9 through 12 grade students: mark your calendars and ask off from work NOW so that you'll be able to attend our Leap of Faith Weekend Retreat being held at Camp St. Croix from Friday night November 30 until Sunday afternoon December 2, 2018. Information and registration forms can be found at the information desk and on our [website](#).

Middle School Super Saturday

The next Super Saturday is November 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish school gym. This is open to all Middle School 6 - 8 grade students and to all 9 - 12 grade students who would like to help lead the games, activities and open gym. More information and permission form can be found at the information desk as well as on our [website](#).

Rake-a-Difference

It's that time of year for leaf raking! Our parish youth will once again be offering our Rake-A-Difference service project. A small group of middle and high school youth from our parish will be providing leaf raking and yard work at the homes of those in need of assistance. This will be taking place during the afternoon of Saturday, November 17, 2018. To sign up and for more information stop at information desk or go to our [website](#).

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Orton - Gillingham Information Meeting

What is the Orton Gillingham approach to teaching reading? Please join us Monday, November 5 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. to learn how we are utilizing Orton - Gillingham in our first and third grade classrooms at St. Bridget Parish School. Mary Gribble and Starla Dixen, St. Bridget teachers, have over 100 hours each of training in this method and are very excited to share the research about using this way of teaching to help all students to be successful.

No School

There will no school on Friday, November 9 due to a teacher in-service.



✦ SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Advent Night of Reflection

On Sunday, December 2 there will be a collaboration of music and reflection lead by Keith Brux, Jodie Rubenzer and members of our parish community as we wait in joy and hope during this season of Advent. Please mark your calendars now and plan to enter this season of hope here at St. Bridget.

✦ FAITH FORMATION

Safe Environment Training

This week in Faith Formation, grades pre K - 11 will be receiving Safe Environment Training called Circle of Grace. Our children and youth will grow in their understanding of their own sacredness, the sacredness of others, and how to seek help in times of trouble through their relationships with trusted adults.

✦ AROUND THE AREA

Moose Brunch

There will be a brunch on Sunday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the River Falls Moose Lodge, 620 N. Clark Street. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, potatoes, coffee, juice, and milk. Cost is \$9.00 for adults; children 5 years old and under are free. Proceeds will benefit AAUW.

Angels on Earth Giving Tree Program

Do you know a family in the River Falls School District that could use a little help this holiday season? This program can help! Applications can be completed on - line on the Assistance & Resource Center, Inc. website at www.arcriverfalls.org and are due November 16. Check out the Angels on Earth [Face-book page](#) too and be sure to 'like' it!

Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

St Bridget will host this year's non-denominational, community wide Thanksgiving dinner. All are invited to join us from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delivery will also be available to River Falls addresses for those unable to attend. Free or free-will offering accepted. Delivery requests can be processed on our website or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49A9A628A1F94-thanksgiving2>.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, kitchen, serving, delivery, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up on our website or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49A9A628A1F94-thanksgiving1>. For more information contact Esther 715-425-6282.

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