

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## CHURCH

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## FROM FATHER HARRIS

On the Sabbath [Jesus] went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures...where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."

Luke 4:16-19

When an elected person starts their duties in their elected office, they usually give a speech as to what they will be doing as they begin. If they are lucky, half of what they promise is fulfilled. Today's gospel is like such a speech. Jesus has been chosen by the Father for the office of Messiah. Jesus begins by standing up in public and telling us what to expect from him during his messianic ministry. It is clear that everybody is invited and welcome in the Kingdom of God.

"I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man." Napoleon Bonaparte (ACTION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

### Pro-life and the Church

The Church encourages those who had abortions to seek the healing ministry of the church and to avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. The healing this can accomplish in the individual is not to be underestimated.

The church strives to be support for women who feel they have no other options. Many good people embrace and support women who find themselves in the difficult position of an unwanted pregnancy.

If we seriously care about life issues and about abortion, then we also have to care about the structures that fail to respect life and that creates circumstances in which abortion seems to be the only option (such as lack of medical care).

A commitment to life does not simply mean that we are anti-abortion. It means we are willing to make it possible that life happens, that we work to change laws that keep the neediest from getting the help they need. (Catholic, Faith, Life, & Creed Life Issues 2.0)

## 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.

### ST. BRIDGET PARISH MISSION – FATHER DAVE PIVONKA



### ENCOUNTER JESUS – FROM DISCOVERY TO DISCIPLESHIP

**What is a Parish Mission?** 3 nights set aside to come together in community for inspirational talks and experiences designed to enhance individual spiritual growth as we rejuvenate as a parish.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 27, 2019



## NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Al Doerer

Steve and Mary Traynor

Art and Marie Koderick

Mitchell and Kiersten Jacobson and family



## 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.

Carmen Anderson

Linda Bertram

Marie Booth

Heidi Borgstrom

Laura Bowman

Jerry Buscher

Gary Carter

Shirley Clements

Brian Dobel

Jo Dusek

Rebecca Eckman

Michael Goodman

Judy Pechacek Haari

Ann Holland

Barb Ickler

Noah Keck

Marcia Kotten

Kevin Larson

Sandra Lenagh

Rosemary Lenzen

Jack Linehan

Frances Meyer

Gwen Paulson

Joseph Pentusa

Larry Potton

Grace Radtke

Michelle Radtke

Dorothy Slivicki

Gary Stern

Rhys Sura

Izabella Thompson



## TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

January 20, 2019

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Adult Contributions	\$10,642.00
Loose Collection	\$724.15
Future Parish Needs	\$402.49
SCRIP Rebates (55 orders)	\$521.00
Donuts	\$381.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$800.00

**CSA contributions** collected as of 1/9/19 **\$97,237**

(may not include recent online payments)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

**Monday, January 28** - Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

**Tuesday, January 29** - Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 p.m. YogaDevotion

5:15 p.m. Mass

*Int: Bob and Mary Johnson by Mark and Lynn Simons*

**Wednesday, January 30** - Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

10:00 a.m. Regional Catholic School Mass

*Int: Students and Families of our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Superior*

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF

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

6:30 p.m. Grade 6 - 11 Faith Formation Classes

**Thursday, January 31** - Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

12:00 p.m. Lunch with Friends Book Club

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, February 1** - Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

*Feast of St. Bridget*

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

*+Int: Patrick Baumgartner by family*

**Saturday, February 2** - Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

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 Leo and Elsie Schmidt Family by the family*

**Sunday, February 3** - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13

or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation

9:30 a.m. Mass

*+Int: Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson by the family*

11:00 a.m. Mass

*Int: Churches of St. Bridget & St. Mary's*

12:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit - Recap Sessions 6 & 7

1:00 p.m. Baptism Class

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF



## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

### Open House

Families looking for a school home are encouraged to visit our school Sunday, January 27, 10:45 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.

### Many Gifts, One Nation -

#### A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

We are pleased to participate in this 24 hour online giving campaign as a time for individuals across the country to give back to their local Catholic schools. Scheduled for 9:00 a.m. January 29 to 9:00 a.m. January 30 EST, this is a time for individuals to give to St. Bridget Parish School. MasterCard, Visa and Discover will be the only accepted forms of payment. A receipt will be sent directly to your email once your gift has been made. Use this link to donate:

[St. Bridget Parish School - A Day of Giving](#)

Don't forget to let others know that you participated. Share on your social media networks and challenge your former teachers, classmates, and friends to give as well! Remember – *Many Gifts, One Nation* will only be available for 24 hours.

### Registration for Next School Year

We are currently taking PreK-Grade 8 registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration information can be found at <https://www.saintbridgets.org/school/>. Need more information? Contact our school office at 715-425-1872 or Jeanne McCoy, 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 2019 Tickets

Only 26 more days until the Gala! Be a part of a delightful evening as we celebrate and support St. Bridget Parish School and celebrate Father Jerry's 40th year of priesthood – Irish style! Tickets are available after all weekend Masses and in the school and church offices during the week.



## FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

### Special Message from the Finance Council

We were blessed with a very solid collection during the month of December as well as amazing support at Christmas. However, our overall church operating budget year to date is under by about \$18,000 and adult envelope/contributions and gifts are down significantly by \$45,194.

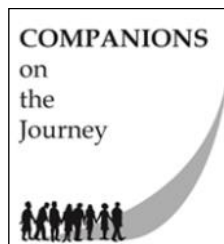
The church and school have done a great job of keeping expenses down which has helped tremendously, but the cost of normal/everyday expenses keeps increasing. For that reason, we felt it necessary to share this information. One key component to the financial stability of our parish is to look at parishioner giving and ask that everyone evaluate what you have been contributing.

Have you evaluated and changed your contribution amount in recent years? Are you able to give a little bit more each week to help us continue providing the many beneficial opportunities and services we currently offer? Have you considered contributing electronically (ACH) which provides regular and consistent income without the expense of envelopes? [ACH forms with questions/answers are in the pew holders, at the information desk, and on our [parish website](#) if you are interested.]

We understand that there are many factors that impact giving. We only ask that your prayerfully consider your current weekly or monthly tithe and help as you are able. A more detailed financial report will be provided in February.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Journey. Scripture. Community. Faith-Sharing. Small Groups. All of these words can conjure up unique feelings in each one of us. But we invite you to step forward and for 6 weeks during Lent join a journey group. Prayerfully consider

signing up to meet with friends, neighbors, pew partners; and come together to listen and share how God is present in the comings and goings of our daily lives. More information to come next week, but in the meantime, clear your calendars and prepare for the journey!





## Radio Mass Sundays at 9 AM

WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

January 26 Mass in loving memory of  
RoseMarie Ogden

## The Gathering for those 60+ Beekeeping in Modern and Biblical Times

Speaker: Jerome Rodewald



Date: Tuesday, February 12

Presentation: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Sixth Annual Doris H. Murphy Memorial Lecture



### Laudato Si'

On Care for Our Common Home:  
Transforming Your Life, Parish and the World

Presenter - Marybeth Lorbiecki

**Tuesday, February 5 † 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Marybeth Lorbiecki offers a path to understanding Pope Francis' Laudato Si' through stories, science, and practical actions that will wake us to a new level of living.

**ARC** has completed its 10th year of providing short-term financial assistance and referrals to additional resources to individuals and families living in our community. ARC is the primary resource in the community providing assistance to residents in a timely manner. To view their 2018

Annual Report or to get more information about the program go to their website  
[www.arcriverfalls.org](http://www.arcriverfalls.org).



## Feast of St. Brigid February 1

Saint Brigid

You were a woman  
of peace.

You brought harmony  
where there was conflict.

## [MINISTRY]

# Spotlight

## BUSY BAG CARETAKERS



*Josie, Kristen & AnneMarie Csiacsek*

Do you have a  
willingness to serve  
in this way?  
Please contact  
Lynn Simons,  
Connection Minister at:

CALL:  
715-425-1879 ext. 109  
EMAIL:  
[connections@stbparish.com](mailto:connections@stbparish.com)  
OR:  
Completing a connect  
WITH US card located  
in the pew and then  
drop at the desk

### ABOUT THE BUSY BAG MINISTRY

Involves organizing, maintaining, and cleaning the Busy Bags that are used by the families with small children during Mass.

This generally takes about a 1 hour commitment each week. Busy Bags are to be picked up any time after the last Mass on Sunday, cleaned and returned prior to the 5pm Mass on Saturday. A great family ministry!

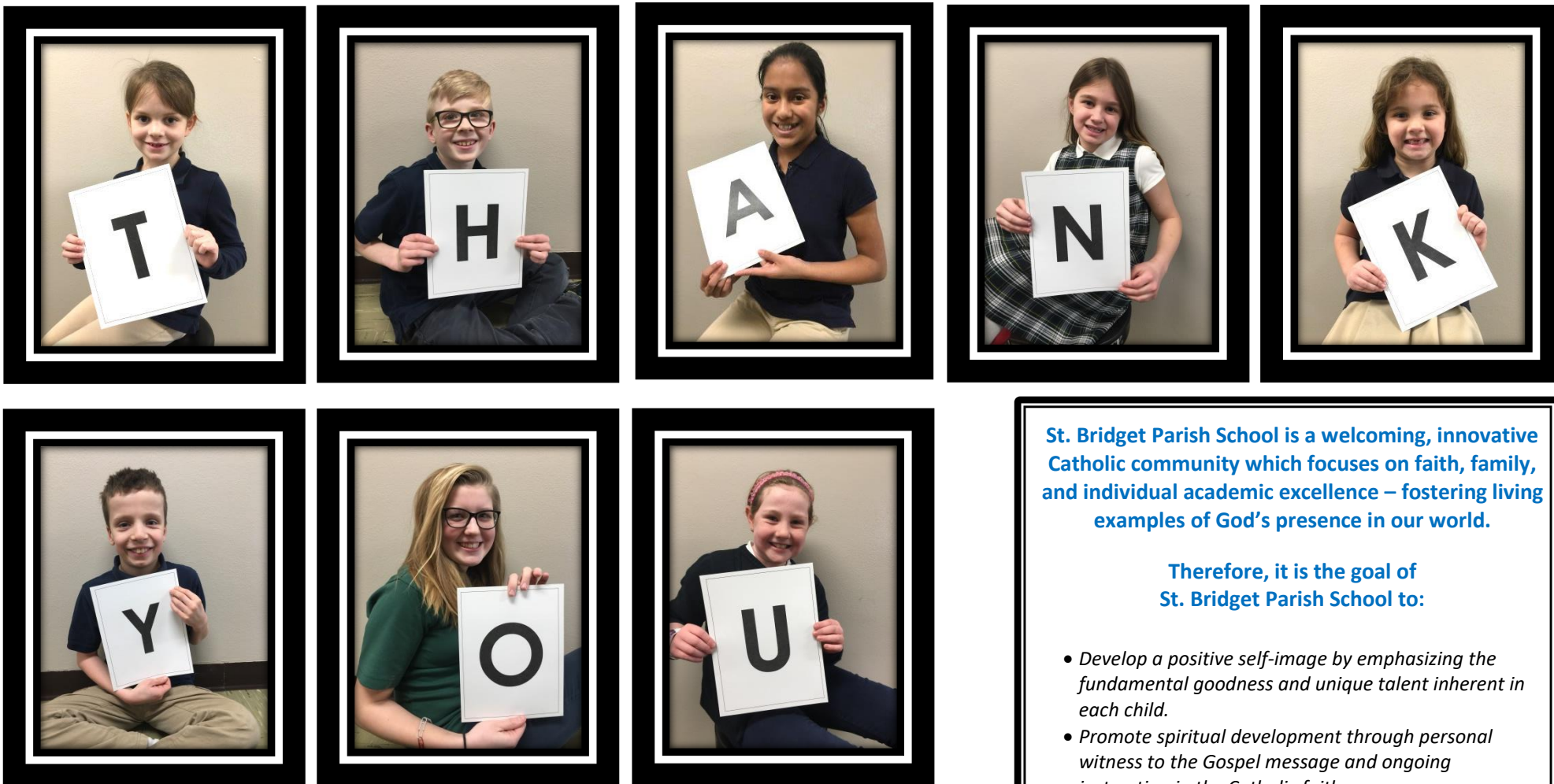
### WHAT KRISTEN WANTED TO SHARE

We know that God and the church need our help to build a strong faith community. We talk about what it means to serve the Lord and why it is important and that we help families like ours have a more spiritual and healthy Mass experience.

Our work in this ministry is quick, easy and purposeful.

*Thank you  
to all of our  
current  
Busy Bag  
Ministers*





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)



**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.*



## 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 and Kindergarten class sizes of 12 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 6-8, 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.