

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10



## From the pastor...

This bulletin covers the next two weeks, the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3 and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10.

## Feast of the Epiphany

"Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be king of the Jew? We saw his star... and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

A Michigan newspaper carried a story about a light bulb that had been burning day and night on a porch for 35 years. An electrical engineer speculated that early light bulbs had strong filaments, which may account for the bulb's longevity. Today's reading recalls another light that has been burning day and night for over 2000 years - the light of the star of Bethlehem that points to Jesus, the Light of the World. Does the light from the star of Bethlehem burn as brightly in my heart as it did five years ago? Ten years ago?

## Baptism of the Lord

[Jesus] was baptized by John...As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." Mark 1:9-11

A church in rural China was filled. Just as services were about to begin, an armed Communist soldier entered. The congregation grew alarmed. Seeing this, the soldier set them at ease by making the sign of the cross - a sign of his belief in the Trinity ("In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit")

Today's reading contains one of Scripture's most dramatic references to the Trinity: Father (voice come from heaven), Son, (Jesus coming out of the water), and Spirit (dove coming down on Jesus). How do I profess belief in the Trinity? As there are three musical notes but only one sound; likewise, there are three persons but only one God. Saint Ignatius (Taken from MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

## Year End Church Contributions

As we near the end of 2020, this is a great time to remind all parishioners of ways they can save on taxes and help St. Bridget Church. If you own stocks or bonds that have appreciated, consider donating them to St. Bridget Church. The IRS allows you to deduct the investment value when the donation is made regardless of what you paid for it. This is a great way to make a financial impact on your parish and save on your taxes at the same time. Check with your financial advisor for details before making the transfer.

## Christmas Thanks!

It was a different Christmas than we could ever have imagined this year but it was still Christmas. Thanks to our accompanists, cantors, decorators, ushers, greeters, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and parish staff who worked so hard to make it a beautiful celebration. God bless you all! Fr. Jerry and Fr. Joe

## Personal Thanks from Fr. Harris

I want to say a public thanks for the cards, well wishes, gifts and prayers extended to me during the Christmas Season. It is deeply appreciated.  
God bless you! Fr. Jerry Harris

## Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Phone 715.425.1870

## Pastoral Emergency

715.869.6122

[www.saintbridgets.org](http://www.saintbridgets.org)

## Church Building hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

## Sign-up for Mass

Please remember to sign up to attend weekend Masses. Call the office or go to our [website](#) and scroll to the Spotlight section to reserve a spot.

### Weekly Masses ~ January 3 to January 9

<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Mary Kliszcz</i> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: <i>Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
<b>Monday, January 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, January 5</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: <i>Steve Traynor</i>
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Robert Menter</i>
<b>Thursday, January 7</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Donna Schommer</i>
<b>Friday, January 8</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Phillp Feyereisen</i>
<b>Saturday, January 9</b> <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> +Int: <i>Lorraine Deiss and family</i> Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

### Weekly Masses ~ January 10 to January 16

<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Pauline Schmidbauer</i> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: <i>Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's</i>
<b>Monday, January 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: <i>Alvin Pechacek on his birthday</i>
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Anne Jilek</i>
<b>Thursday, January 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Cindy Whitman</i>
<b>Friday, January 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: <i>Ioliene Grant</i>
<b>Saturday, January 16</b> <i>*For elderly/at-risk parishioners</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> +Int: <i>Scott Schellhaass</i> Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

### Change in Communion Distribution for 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses

We will be changing distribution of the Eucharist on Sunday morning Masses. Holy Communion will be distributed at the regular time instead of after the final blessing and dismissal as you leave church. This procedure of communion distribution is currently being done at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Please note: we will distribute by sections to maintain the 6 feet social distancing. We used this method for Christmas Masses and it worked very well. Follow the direction of the ushers. We want our Masses to be as safe as possible, so please remember when leaving at the end of Mass to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Daily Word for January 4 to January 10

Monday, January 4	1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, January 5	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, January 6	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, January 7	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22
Friday, January 8	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, January 9	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Sunday, January 10	Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11

### Daily Word for January 11 to January 17

Monday, January 11	Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 12	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 13	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 14	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 15	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 16	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

### 2020 Christmas Flower Donations In Loving Memory of...

- † *Calvin Scott Nelson* by Matthew and Stephanie Nelson
- † *Frank and Rose Furlans, Loren Beirne and Frank Deja* by Marie Deja
- † *Gary Karras, Irene Johnson, Marcella Ginsbach, James McNaughton, Ken Brookshaw* by Jeff and Judy Brookshaw
- † *Robert and Ruth Karras* by their children

## 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, call Virginia Wagner at 715 - 220 - 7792.

Laura Bowman	Audrey Pfremer
Linda Giardina	Karin Jarosch
Judy Pechacek Harri	Ed Knolmayer
Ann Holland	Irene Anderson
Barb Ickler	Rod Cina
Michelle Radtke	Cory Hedlund
Izabella Thompson	Mary Cottrell
Sonia Steiner	Ted Cutrone
Steve Alberg	Kurt Schomer
Grace Radtke	Dale Simpson
Katy Morris	Ellen Heiman
Gwen Paulson	Dennis Olson
Linda Radtke	Nicholas McDonough
Sharon Reese	Mary Buckley
Tony Jilek	



### Rest in Peace

**Ray Magnuson**

**June Fritz**

Mother of Dewey (Sue) Fritz

**Stan Prochnow**



### Art as Prayer: Creating a Mandala

Saturday, January 30, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This will be offered via Zoom by Jodie Rubenzer and Hillary Gilles. Mandalas are "sacred circles" that are used to help connect our inner life to our outer life. We will spend the morning exploring and creating our own Mandalas. Watch for details regarding sign-up.



### Youth Ministry Project - Fleece Needed!

The Youth Group will be making and donating fleece blankets as an on going service project. They will be collecting fleece donations through January. A marked donation box will be by the information desk.



## TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 & DECEMBER 27

Adult Contributions	\$44,265.00
Future Parish Needs	\$1,310.00
Loose Collection	\$675.00
Scrip Rebates	\$754.25
Priest Emergency Fund	\$500.00
Christmas	\$21,625.59

### 2020 Contribution Statements

Church contributions must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2020 to be credited to your 2020 Statement. If you are planning on dropping off a Contribution in the office, you will need to do so by 4:00 p.m. on December 30 because the church Office will be closed Thursday, December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be for 2020.

### Calling all High School Seniors

Our River Falls Knights of Columbus Council 4902 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to two 2021 graduating high school seniors. Applications are available in the River Falls High School Counselor's Office (also available from Doug Weiss). Applications must be completed and returned to the Counselor's Office, or Doug Weiss (715-425-2355), no later than mid-February. (Final date TBD). Refer to the application for instructions and qualifications.

### Council of Catholic Women Scholarships

(Please note earlier deadline date)

The St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women will be offering ONE \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a confirmed member of St. Bridget Parish. Application forms are available at the St. Bridget Parish Office, the River Falls High School Counselor's Office and on our website: [www.saintbridgets.org](http://www.saintbridgets.org). All forms must be mailed to Pat Meyer, N8817 1010<sup>th</sup> St. River Falls, WI 54022 and must be postmarked by the deadline of January 31, 2021.

There is also one \$500 scholarship available to any 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 2021. You do not need to be a current student at St. Bridget School to apply. For more information, call Pat Meyer @ 715-425-6333.

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