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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

The world has stopped celebrating Christmas. We are still celebrating the Christmas Seasons. This week is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is sometimes called the Feast of the Three Kings. It means that the world, i.e., the Three Kings, are recognizing that this baby Jesus has a special role in the world.

[Some wise men said,] "We saw his star when it came up in the east." Matthew 2:1-2

Henry Van Dyke wrote a story about an imaginary fourth wise man, Artaban. He was to go with the other three to search for the newborn king. Artaban had a pouch of precious gems as a gift for the baby king. On his way to join the other three, he stopped to help a needy person. The delay was just enough to cause him to miss the other wise men. He never did catch them; he kept helping people and giving away all his gems. Artaban ended up as a beggar in a faraway city called Jerusalem. One day he saw a criminal being marched off to be executed. He felt close to this man and was sad that he couldn't help him. As the criminal drew near, he turned to Artaban and said, "Be not sad, you've been helping me all your life."

How do I imagine Artaban felt when Jesus said this to him?

"To help the needy is to help me." Matthew 25:40 (paraphrased) ACTION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.

Christmas Thanks!

Thank you again for all the cards, well wishes, and gifts shown to me this Christmas season. God bless you. Fr. Harris.

Mass times are not changing...sorry.

Some have inquired about changing the times of the Masses since there are two priests for the cluster. It is a great idea. However, the schedule is set up now in case one of us has to cover another parish. This has happened. Sorry. Also, people are asking "When do you retire, Father?" It won't be for a while. I will cut back. Because of the shortage of priests there isn't someone available right now to take my place.

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.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart

~Howard Thurman

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISM

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

Noah Jon Kenall

Son of Emily and Brandon Kenall

REST IN PEACE

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

Martha Wolfe

Ray McCoy

Brother of Jeanne McCoy

Dennis Cernohous

Son of Sharlene Cernohous

Kathy Falteisek

Friend of Duane Chapman

Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Meulemans

Uncle of Bob Casey

Sylvia Kuether

Mildred Dernovsek

Mother of Matt Dernovsek

Elizabeth Martin Mouton

Dr. Stephanie Mouton Reed

Relatives of Margarita Hendrikson

Kathleen Earsley

Sister of Terri Bekkum

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

December 23 through December 31, 2018

Adult Contributions	\$46,458.00
Christmas	\$47,494.84
Loose Collection	\$1,437.07
Future Parish Needs	\$4,394.15
SCRIP Rebates (124 orders)	\$1,007.62
Gift	\$25,000.00
Donuts	\$265.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, January 7 - 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
8:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Sub-Committee

Tuesday, January 8 - 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

11:00 a.m. The Gathering

5:00 p.m. YogaDevotion

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: Anne Jilek by Tony Jilek Family

6:00 p.m. Education Committee

7:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit Overview - Session 1

Wednesday, January 9 - 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Rosella McCoy by Jeanne McCoy

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

7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, January 10 - 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22

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, January 11 - 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: Lorraine Deiss Pitcock by Jay and Geri Rohl

Saturday, January 12 - 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

8:00 a.m. Dance Ministry

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: Clair and Mabel Harris by the family

Sunday, January 13 - Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:45 a.m. Rosary

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

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: Jeannine Poulin by Mary Beth Latti

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

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

FORMED PICK



Living Life by Design Not by Default

By Fr. Michael Schmitz

Live This Year Intentionally

Fr. Michael Schmitz explains why and how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within this technological age. Discover how, with a few small steps, you can stop going with the flow and live by design.

★★★★★
"Father Mike always hits me in the gut with the simplest and most beautiful logic. So so good."
—Ryan H.



Listen on formed.org

Radio 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. The Mass for January 5 is sponsored by the parish family of St. Bridget.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Rob and Hope Blyton

Dan Servatius

Kendra Morgan

Rosalie Mark

Jim and Lynn Londo

Mary Marek

Andrew Konieczny and Dana Wagner

Art and Marie Koderick

 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.

Carmen Anderson

Linda Bertram

Marie Booth

Heidi Borgstrom

Laura Bowman

Jerry Buscher

Gary Carter

Shirley Clements

Brian Dobel

Jo Dusek

Michael Goodman

Ann Holland

Barb Ickler

Noah Keck

Marcia Kotten

Diane Latterl

Kevin Larson

Sandra Lenagh

Rosemary Lenzen

Jack Linehan

Frances Meyer

Gwen Paulson

Joseph Pentusa

Larry Potton

Grace Radtke

Michelle Radtke

Dorothy Slivicki

Marlys Smith

Gary Stern

Rhys Sura

Izabella Thompson

Sixth Annual Doris H. Murphy Memorial Lecture

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home: Transforming Your Life, Parish, and the World. Save the date - Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The presenter will be Marybeth Lorbiecki.

SATB Choir

This is a personal invitation to you to join the SATB choir. The choir practices Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. If you cannot make every rehearsal and/or every Sunday, we can work with you! Please prayerfully consider joining us in singing glory and praise to God! Questions: Marlys Mueller at 715-425-9621.

The Gathering

Join us on Tuesday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m. and learn more about the non-profit organization, Grow to Share. John Ramstad will speak about the 2 acre garden at Hoffman Park and how it is maintained and where the food is donated. People can rent space to grow food for their own use. A luncheon will follow the presentation.

Vatican City

Pope Francis ushered in the New Year with an ode to motherhood, reminding the faithful that a mother's example and embrace is the best antidote to today's disjointed world of solitude and misery.

Francis celebrated Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to formally open 2019, a tradition that is dedicated both to the Madonna and to the Catholic Church's call for peace.

In his homily, Francis urged Catholics to allow themselves to be led again as children are led by their mothers, saying "a world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted."

"It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children," he said. "We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters."

"We need to learn from mothers that heroism is shown in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness," he said.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

If you have never attended this seminar come to an overview session of what Life in the Spirit is about. One session will be held on Sunday, January 6 noon to 1:00 pm and another will be held on Tuesday, January 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Life in the Spirit seminar will be on Saturday, January 26, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Register at the information desk Cost is \$5 and lunch is provided.

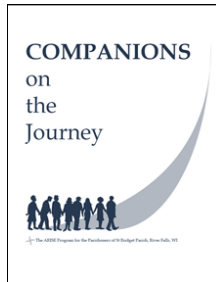
There will also be a post meeting to discuss growth and transformation. Again two sessions will be offered: Monday, February 3 from noon - 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The journey is beginning soon...
will you join us? *Live Lent 2019*

YogaDevotion

There is still room for you to join our 8 week session of YogaDevotion. We will meet Tuesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Lubich Hall. Cost for these 8 weeks is \$64.00 and payment should be made to YogaDevotion on the first night of class. We are saving a place for you.



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Women in Science Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to Layla Czaplewski and Xzander Bastien whose essays were selected as winners in the Women in Science and Math Eighth Grade Essay Contest sponsored by the American Association of University Women of River Falls. This contest invites students to research a woman in the field of science or math who has made a significant contribution in her field.

End of First Semester

Our first semester ends Friday, January 18. Students do not have school on Monday, January 21 due to our teacher in-service.

AROUND THE AREA

The Art of The St. John's Bible

This exhibition will be in the River Falls Public Library Gallery (lower level) from January 10 - February 12, 2019.

The Saint John's Bible incorporates many of the characteristics of its medieval predecessors: it was written on vellum using quills, natural handmade inks, hand ground pigments and gild such as gold leaf, silver leaf and platinum. It employs the modern, English translation of the New Revised Standard Version Bible as well as contemporary scripts and illuminations. The prints displayed will showcase a small sampling of the approximately 160 illuminations in the completed work.

Moose Brunch

There will be a brunch on Sunday, January 13 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 the River Falls Hospital Auxiliary.

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