

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY

TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

AND

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

2024



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From Fr. Joe's Desk:

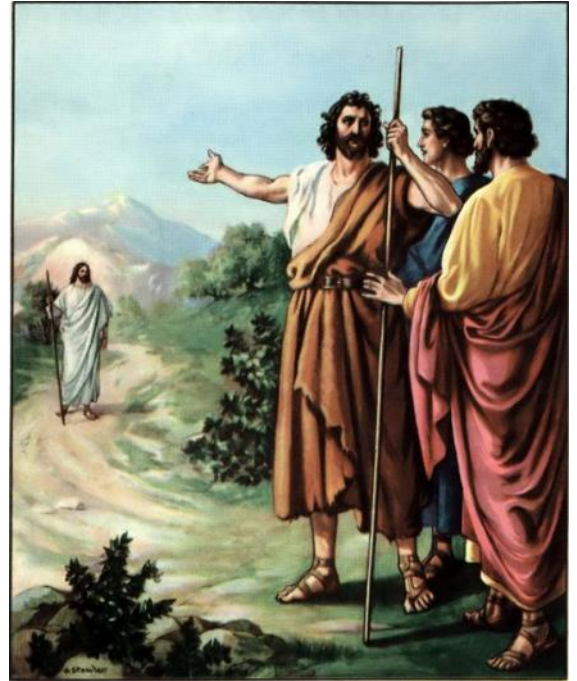
"John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming... and said "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about" -John 1: 29-30.

Describing his life in post war Germany, Bruce Larson says, "I felt that I was swimming in a sea of garbage. Worse yet, the garbage was inside me." Then one night Bruce was standing guard in a bombed-out building in Stuttgart. As he lifted his eyes skyward, he could see millions of stars shining through the charred rafters of the wrecked building. With all the faith he could muster, he prayed, "Lord, if you are really there, and if you really care, take over my life." that night, Bruce Larson met Jesus Christ and understood for the first time what John the Baptist meant when he said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

What moment in my life comes closest to paralleling this moment in Larson's life?

"To understand, you must turn from evil." -Job 28: 28"

— Mark Link, S. J.



Ministry Fair

Thank you to those that began the work on the Ministry Fair that was going to take place in the Jerry Harris Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 21. We have decided to postpone this event until a later date. We will continue with regular Mass times on Sunday, January 21. If you would like to help out with the ministry fair please contact Barrett in the office.

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

Phone (715)-425-1870

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(612)405-8507

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 JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 20

Sunday, January 14

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Gary Arman+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters
9:00 a.m.	The Chosen (In The Library)
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Pat Blair+
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 a.m.	School Mass - Intention Open+
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 FF
6:30 p.m.	The Chosen Season 2
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation 7-11

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Jacqueline Heit+

Saturday, January 20

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Sue Steckbauer+

* Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel:

youtube.com/saintbridget.

* Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#), www.saintbridgets.org, or scan the QR code.



WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27

Sunday, January 21

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Jarves Madlung+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:00 a.m.	The Chosen
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Jacqueline Heit+
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 a.m.	School Mass - Norman Radtke+
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.	Grade 3-6 Per Grade FF
6:30 p.m.	The Chosen Season 2
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation 7-11

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Sue Steckbauer+

Saturday, January 27

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Roger Bruggeman+

Watering Plants

We are looking for a couple people to volunteer to water indoor plants on a schedule. We are also looking for a couple of people who could substitute on an on-call basis. If you are interested please contact the office at 715-425-1870 or at recept@stbparish.com.

DAILY WORD FOR JANUARY 15–JANUARY 21

Monday, January 15	1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Mk 2: 18-22
Tuesday, January 16	1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Mk 2: 23-28
Wednesday, January 17	1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mk 3: 1-6
Thursday, January 18	1 Sm 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7/ Mk 3: 7-12
Friday, January 19	1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Mk 3: 13-19
Saturday, January 20	2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ MK 3: 20-21
Sunday, January 21	Jon 3: 1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7: 29-31/ Mk 1: 14-20

DAILY WORD FOR JANUARY 22– JANUARY 28

Monday, January 22	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 23	2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3: 31-35
Wednesday, January 24	2 Sm 7: 4-17/ Mk 4: 1-20
Thursday, January 25	Acts 22: 3-16 or 9: 1-22/ Mk 16: 15-18
Friday, January 26	2 Sm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Mk 4: 26-34
Saturday, January 27	2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
Sunday, January 28	Dt 18: 15-20/ 1 Cor 7: 32-35/ Mk 1: 21-28

Christmas Flowers

In loving memory of:
Roger Bruggeman by
Arlyne Bruggeman



December Adult Envelope Totals

Actual	Budgeted	Over
\$137,633	\$118,379	\$19,254

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	Sonia Steiner
Michelle Radtke	Francis Ogden
Linda Radtke	Mike Simons
Tony Jilek	Kathleen Kusilek
Boyd Huppert	Emily Hennemann
Dorie Deiss	Dave Gavin
Kaleigh and	Kevin Larson
Jordan Wildauer	Kevin Shilling
Leah Krygowski	Andy Jaszczak
Donna Pechacek	Darlene Amdt
Alice Johnson	Katy Pupungatoo
Stephanie Clevenger	Judy Tretter
Ken Huppert	Chris Conner
Chester Huppert	Raven Schmitt
Mary Ellen Vorwald	LaVerne Zabel
Barb Ickler	Jerry Millin
John Benusa	Connie Cobian
Mary Moravec	Jim Hines
Mike Sutton	Elaine Hines
Coby Clark	Pat Hines
Pat Ryan	Irene Cashman
Ryan Sell	Larry Hennemann

TITHES AND OFFERING

December 31, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$22,955
Loose Collection	\$622
Scrip Rebates	\$284

January 7, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$7,731
Loose Collection	\$822
Scrip Rebates	\$355

FAITH FORMATION

All are Welcome at Faith Formation!

If you find in the new year that your schedule allows for your child to be part of Faith formation you are always welcome. 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) meet 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](#) or call Diane Wengelski for more information.

First Communion Meeting – Sunday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Youth in the 2nd grade and beyond are welcome to prepare for First Communion this spring. We will have a parent & candidate kick-off meeting with Fr. Joe on Sunday, 2/4, at 1:00 p.m. We will explain the preparation process and hand out materials. (Celebrations will be 4/20 and 4/27.)

PARISH LIFE

Prayer with Poses

Are you looking for a way to stay faithful to your New Year's resolution for exercise and prayer? Erica Reiff is offering Prayer with yoga Poses, beginning on Sunday, January 28, from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be a 6-week session and cost is \$60.00. Sign up and payment can be made directly to Erica. Contact her at Erica Reiff ericajreiff@yahoo.com

Small Christian Communities during Lent

Lent offers us a beautiful opportunity for prayer, study, and fellowship. Prayerfully consider taking a 33-day Spiritual pilgrimage using the "guide book" [33 Days to Eucharist Glory](#), from Dynamic Catholic. Invite someone along with you or just join in, knowing that you will meet others seeking as you are. The Pilgrimage Kick off will be Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in church. Here, the book will be introduced, ideas about Pilgrimage, and opportunity to sign up individually or to partake in a small Christian community. The evening will end with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please contact Jodie in the office with questions or if you'd like more information.

PARISH LIFE

Knights for Dads Rally – Sign up today

What does it take to be a great dad?

Every man has asked himself that question. On February 24, get answers! Register today to attend a free, half-day rally – Knights for Dads! – focused on helping you be the great dad God calls you to be.

Men of all ages and faith traditions are welcome. Register today!

8:30 am – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24,
St. Bridget Church in River Falls

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

REGISTRATION & DETAILS:

At Info Desk, SignUpGenius.com/go/KnightsForDads24 or click QR code.



9 Day Novena

Please join thousands of Catholics nationwide for the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Wednesday, January 24, 2024. We are planning to gather together at St. Bridget's during the timeframe below to pray the Novena together before Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (LWHC). Contact Paul Boespflug 763-228-8244 with questions. If you are not able to join us at church and would like to participate, you can go to the following web site with your computer, tablet or smartphone to download the materials and join in the Novena <https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-novena>

Knights of Columbus Scholarships Opportunity

Our River Falls Knights of Columbus Council 4902 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to two 2024 graduating high school seniors!

To apply for this award, you must be a high school senior student at an area high school, on schedule to graduate in the Spring of 2024, and planning to continue your education at a two or four-year university/college, or vocational school program. You also must be an active member of St. Bridget's, or St. Mary's @ Big River.

Applications will also be accepted from home-schooled students.

Please complete and return your application to the RFHS Counselor's Office or to Doug Weiss (715-425-2355) no later than February 29, 2024.

All St. Bridget's Men

Come, jump-start your faith-life with St Bridget's men at the Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota on February 8-11. There are also other (more than 40) weekend opportunities to select from. See Doug Weiss or Jim Beix following a weekend Mass for their personal experiences, and information on how to easily get registered Or Call Doug (651-216-2582) or Jim (715-425-6981).

2023 MARTHA QUILT GROUP

This year over 400 quilts of various sizes were distributed plus Baptismal Car Seat Blankets, Fidget quilts, Dignity bags, knitted hats and sewn fleece hats/headbands.

Adoray Home Health & Hospice
Among Friends – 1st Congregational Church
Barron/Polk Cty Shelter-Salvation Army
Catholic Charities, St. Paul
Comforts of Home
Grace Place, New Richmond
St. Bridget's Holiday Helpers Families
Kinnic Falls Ada
Kinnic Long Term Care
Options for Women
Our House Senior Living
Our Neighbor's Place
Regions Pediatric Surgery
St. Bridget's School-Elementary
Steubenville Youth Conference
RFHS Wiley's Wardrobe
River Falls Elementary Schools
Westfield Hospital – Birth Center
Our Neighbor's Place - Benefit
Pierce County Veteran's - Benefit
Relay for Life - Benefit
St. Bridget's School Gala - Benefit
Individual Requests & Benefits

We welcome new members with willingness to share their gifts and talents.

We appreciate donations of fabric, gently used sheets and financial donations to purchase batting. Blessings to all who have supported Martha Quilt Group in any way!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Eucharistic ministers are needed for all masses. With simple training this ministry allows you to help distribute communion at Mass. If you are interested in becoming part of a team, please contact Bethany Johnston for more information. We would love to have you!

Life in the Spirit

Sign-up today!

Join us for **Life in the Spirit** on Friday evening, Jan. 26, and all day Saturday, Jan. 27.

Speakers: Father Joe, Father Anil and Father Jerry – and videos – will present salvation history, God's love for us, receiving God's gifts, release of the Spirit, and praise and worship.

Sign up now at the Information Desk, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CA5AA2EA2F94-46071914-life#/> or contact Mary Joan 715-441-9699.

Space limited to 40. Free childcare for Saturday; must sign-up in advance.

Registration ends at Noon Sun., Jan. 21!!

PARISH SCHOOL

Gala 2024

The Gala is one of our parish's largest fundraisers and we need your help to make it successful again this year! Tickets are now available, please visit this website to learn more and to purchase tickets <https://one.bidpal.net/stbgala2024> For every 50 tickets sold students will earn a school wide incentive (beach day, classroom game time, crazy hair/hat day, and more). On January 2, the students and staff enjoyed a pajama day since our first 50 tickets have been sold! If all the Gala Tickets are sold out by January 15, students will earn an extra fun surprise during Catholic Schools Week! So hurry and buy your tickets.

SCRIP

We are now holding SCRIP sales Thursdays afternoons from 3:15-4 p.m. All are welcome to stop by and order gift cards. [Cash or Check only].

Roller Skating

The students are looking forward to participating in a roller skating unit in Phy Ed during the month of January!



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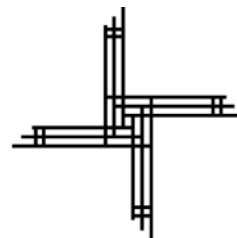
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