

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 10

AND

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 17

2024



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From Fr. Joe's Desk:

Holy Communion and intinction. Some people asked if they could dip the host in the Precious Blood and receive in this manner. The simplest answer is No. This is called intinction and it is reserved only for priests or deacons. The people in the congregation "cannot" intinct the host into the precious blood at all.



The Month of March: There are two very popular Saints' feast days this month and they are only two days apart. One is designated as a "Feast Day" and the other is designated as a "Solemnity." Every Saint is ranked. Those Saints that are listed as a Memorial Saint can either be recorded as an "Obligatory Memorial" or an "Optional Memorial". "Obligatory Memorial" simply means that they must be celebrated (unless it falls on a Sunday). If any Solemnity, Feast day, or Memorial falls on a Sunday, it is not celebrated during the Mass, because Sunday is reserved for the resurrection of Jesus. If it is a Solemnity, and it falls on a Sunday, it is usually moved to Monday. If the saint is designated as an "Optional Memorial," they don't have to be celebrated at all. **Which two saints are this month?** The Feast Day of St. Patrick-March 17 and the Solemnity of St. Joseph (husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus). St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. He is a very popular saint in places like Chicago that fill their river with green dye, or New York City and their St. Patrick's Day parade. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, fathers, adopted fathers, carpenters, craftsmen, and laborers. He is mentioned in the Eucharistic prayers for the celebration of the Holy Mass since Vatican II (1962-1965). He has many titles. To learn more about our two saints this month, you can search Google or catholicsaints.org

Fr. Joe

Additional Individual Reconciliation Times

Saturday March 16 from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday March 19 from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place on Divine

Mercy Sunday will now be from 3:00—5:00 p.m. instead of 2:00—4:00 p.m.



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

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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.

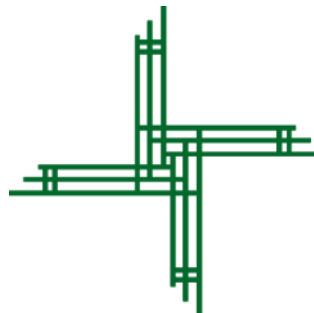
WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS MARCH 10 – MARCH 16

Sunday, March 10	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Gervase & Vera Maier+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass (At St. Bridget)
Monday, March 11	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 12	
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Jacqueline Heit+
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 13	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - LaVern Kolvō+
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
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation 7-11
Thursday, March 14	
12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Men's Choir
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom
Friday, March 15	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Peace in the World
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16	
3:30- 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Glenn Cobian+

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS MARCH 17 – MARCH 23

Sunday, March 17	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Mary Lou Nolan+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
	No Newman Center Mass
Monday, March 18	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 19	
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters
5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 20	
	No School Mass
	No Youth Choir Rehearsal
	No Faith Formation Meal
	No Faith Formation
Thursday, March 21	
12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Men's Choir
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice
Friday, March 22	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Alice Johnson+
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 23	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Rita Mountain+

Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://www.youtube.com/saintbridget). Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#), www.saintbridgets.org, or scan the QR code.



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DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 11 – MARCH 17

Monday, March 11	Is 65: 17-21/ Jn 4: 43-54
Tuesday, March 12	Ez 47: 1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 13	Is 49: 8-15/ Jn 5: 17-30
Thursday, March 14	Ex 32: 7-14/ Jn 5: 31-47
Friday, March 15	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22/ Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 16	Jer 11: 18-20/ Jn 7: 40-53
Sunday, March 17	Jer 31: 31-34/ Heb 5: 7-9/ Jn 12: 20-33

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 18 – MARCH 24

Monday, March 18	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62/ Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday, March 19	2Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1: 16: 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51
Wednesday, March 20	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-91, 95/ Jn 8: 31-42
Thursday, March 21	Gn 17: 3-9/ Jn 8: 51-59
Friday, March 22	Jer 20: 10-13/ Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday, March 23	Ez 37: 21-28/ Jn 11: 45-56
Sunday, March 24	Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16/ Is 50: 4-7/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Mk 14: 1– 15: 47 or 15: 1-39

Remembering

+Alice Johnson
+Larry Hennemann
+Robert Smith



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.

Michelle Radtke	Emily Hennemann
Linda Radtke	Darlene Arndt
Tony Jilek	Katy Pupungatoa
Boyd Huppert	Jeanne Rohl
Dorie Deiss	Patricia Bujalski
Donna Pechacek	Carol Ann Gregg
Chester Huppert	Arlyne Bruggeman
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Tara Olson
Barb Ickler	Richard Bujalski
John Benusa	Steve Hines
Mary Moravec	Jim Hines
Mike Sutton	Elaine Hines
Ryan Sell	Andre Armstrong
Francis Ogden	John Hueg
Kathleen Kusilek	Marge Dusek

If you do not see yours or your loved one's name listed in the bulletin their name has been moved to our prayer book in the West Entrance. If you would like a person added to this prayer list, please stop in or contact the Parish Office. The name will appear in the bulletin for one month (unless indicated longer) and then moved to the West Entrance Prayer book. May the Grace of God continue to anoint you and your loved ones.

February 25, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$13,346
Loose Collection	\$1,095
Scrip Rebates	\$614

March 3, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$25,819
Loose Collection	\$873
Scrip Rebates	\$434

February Adult Envelope Totals

Actual	Budgeted	Over
\$77,371	\$76,378	\$993

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 Preparation

Please pray for our First Communion candidates who are now preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament in April. (It is not too late to start! Students in grades 2 or beyond are welcome to prepare for First Communion. Contact Diane at ChildrensFF@stbparish.com to register.)

Vacation Bible School

June 10-13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Students who will be going into grades K-5 next fall are invited to participate in our super fun VBS on June 10-13! Our theme this year will be: **"SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God!"** Registration opens Monday, April 1. (Middle and High school leaders, please save these VBS dates, and Thursday, June 14, which will be our leader-only fun day!)



Youth Group For Grades 6-8:

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to Youth Group on Sundays: Mar. 24, and Apr. 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the St. Bridget School Gym. Led by Tessa, Diane, and other adults and HS youth of the parish, each night will include high energy games, service projects, snacks, music, Bible skits, and prayer. Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/MYm3T6pyjQNb4j97>

Catholic Jewelry Sale

Rosaries, medals and Catholic jewelry will be for sale by our youth after the Masses April 6-7, and 13-14 in the Garden View Room. These items make great gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's Day! This sale will help the youth attending Extreme Faith Camp and the Steubenville Conference this summer. Thank you for your support!



PARISH LIFE

Easter Memorial Flowers

To make a donation for an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one:

- +Place donation in an envelope labeled "Easter Flowers"
- +Clearly print your name, phone number and the person(s) to be remembered with the memorial.



Donations can be mailed in or put in the drop box at the front entrance. Memorials are due to the church office by **Friday, March 15** to be sure they will be listed in the **bulletin for Easter**.

Knights for Dads

The Knights for Dads Rally on February 24 at St. Bridget was an outstanding success with 225 men from 41 western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota communities attending, getting inspired by Mark Berchem and Matt Birk presentations on Fatherhood: Man's Highest Calling, and enjoying a hearty lunch prepared by Kevin/Craig Pechacek and his team. We hope that this rally helps men/Dads take that step up, on their journey toward being great Dads.

Thank You from the Knights

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following for their significant contributions enabling the Knights for Dads Rally to be a success: River Falls State Bank, First National Bank of River Falls, Westconsin Credit Union, Helmer Printing, Tim Nowak Insurance Agency, The Joany Fund at St. Bridget, Kevin Pechacek Catering, and Lois Cemohous and her fine team for serving lunch. Our deepest appreciation to all people involved in making this a great success!

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Did you know that there are at least 100 people in our Parish who have embarked on the Spiritual Pilgrimage to Eucharistic Consecration using the book 33 days to Eucharistic Glory. What is Eucharistic Consecration? It is a specific intention to make the shift from knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus in the most intimate relationship through the reception of Holy Communion. There are at least five small groups and family units within the parish, gathering weekly to discuss, pray, and strengthen their bonds of faith, as they read their way through this book. This is not only a Lenten pilgrimage and if you would like more information, I'd be happy to help. Just contact Jodie Rubenzer at jrubenzer@stbparish.com or call the parish office.

PARISH LIFE

Good Friday Men's Choir

All men are invited to sing at the noon service on Good Friday, March 29. Rehearsals will be 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, and March 21, and Tuesday, March 26. Simply show up for rehearsal or contact George Hanson at 715-425-8261 with any questions.



The Catholic Athletic Association

The Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on Monday, April 15, 2024. The event will honor Hannah Brandt, Joe Mauer, and the Mauer Family. The event will also honor the families of the organization's founders. Registration and sponsorship opportunities for this event can be found at www.stpaulcaa.org. Help share the stories and memories of the CAA by sharing your photos, jerseys, or other memorabilia. For more information contact Megan Jacobson at megan.jacobson@stpaulcaa.org or (651) 321-1013.

Find Healing from Divorce

DivorceCare is a 13-week, faith-based program where people experiencing separation and divorce can find help and healing. A different topic is covered each week and it is not necessary to attend every session. New members are welcome to join at any time. The group will meet at St. Bridget on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from March 18 through June 17. To register or to find more information go to <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/182028> or call the parish office.

Among Friends Dementia Social Respite Program

Provides a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment that caregivers can trust and that enhances participants' quality of life through socialization, exercise, healthy food, and mental engagement. One day each week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Among Friends welcomes participants with memory loss to a program that engages their physical, social, and cognitive abilities. For more information: 715-293-2561 or amongfriendsrf@gmail.com

Social Justice

Food Pantry Needs this month: (These can be dropped off at the pantry or the church) Salad Dressings, Breakfast Cereals, Tooth brushes, Tooth paste.

SCRIP

SCRIP is in need of volunteers for weekend in person sales for all Masses as well as the weekday processing work on Monday and Friday mornings and local card pick-ups on Thursday mornings. Training will be provided. Sign up forms are available at the SCRIP Desk or contact the office with your interest.

Masses

We are looking for two people to sponsor Masses for Easter. One for Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:00 p.m., and the other for the Easter Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed. If you are feeling compelled to sponsor one of these Masses or would like more information, please contact Lindsey in the office.

Green Tips

With spring right around the corner, think about setting up a compost pile to fertilize your lawn and your garden areas. Set up a rain barrel and use rain water instead of sprinkling to water your yard and garden areas.

PARISH SCHOOL

Registration

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open! We have a few openings at each grade level so register soon. We plan to offer a Preschool program for students turning three by June 1, 2024. We offer both a 3 day and 5 day full day Pre-Kindergarten program for students who are four by September 1, 2024. New families are welcome to call the office to schedule a tour at 715-425-1872.



Principal Interviews

Interviews have begun in search for a principal to lead our school for the 2024-25 school year and beyond. Please keep the candidates and committee members in your prayers during this time. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in learning more about the principal position please reach out to Barrett Grove.

St. Bridget Musical

This year's spring musical will be Alice In Wonderland! Practices will be starting soon. We are looking for an assistant director, someone to take the lead with costumes, and some people to help with building scenes. Please contact Mr. Leary if you can help mleary@stbparish.com.

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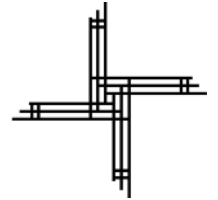
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