

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 7

AND

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 14

2024



We continue to celebrate the Easter Season. What a joyous time in our Church Year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the well wishes...it was a little bit of a rough start to Holy Week for me. But prayer and this parish community pulled us through. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this week so wonderful. Our liturgical celebrations were truly a coming together of the Body of Christ.



The Easter Octave Gospels are such a powerful testimony to the mission of discipleship. Each of the Gospels of the Octave week present an invitation to each of us to be "feet on the ground" and be witnesses to all that God has done in our lives. Each Gospel (Matthew 28:8 – 15, John 20:11 – 18, Luke 24:13 – 35, Luke 24:35 – 48, and John 21 :1 – 14) guides us to ways in which we can become Jesus' disciples. It is through awareness, action, recognition, faith, trust and gratitude, that we are equipped and able to be workers for Christ in the kingdom.

In the last bulletin we presented one of the questions we are discussing as we face some of the situations facing the Church, not just here at St. Bridget, throughout the diocese of Superior. The first question we are asked to consider is the mass schedule and what would be ideal to meet the mission of evangelization, the care of our aging priests, and limited pool of volunteers, so as to assure the continuation of vibrant liturgical celebrations. One of the possibilities would be to shift to one mass time on Sunday. Because we know that this affects all of us, we want to hear from you. We want to invite you to attend a listening session where we can hear your thoughts. The first session will take place on **Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. and the second session will take place Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.** At these sessions criteria and information that has been gathered will be presented and you will be given an opportunity to share your comments.

Please keep in mind that this is not just a process we are doing here at St. Bridget/St. Mary and Newman, but it is a process that all churches within our diocese are prayerfully discerning.

May our Lord guide us as He did the first disciples and may we be strengthened in our faith through this time of discernment and change.

From The Diocese

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, please contact: Bonnie Thom 715-718-1110. The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.

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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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

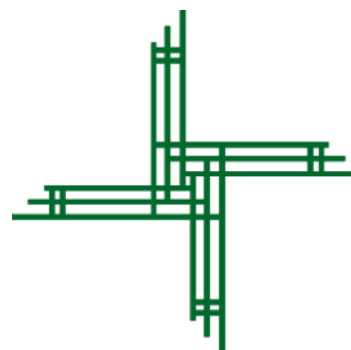
WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS APRIL 7 – APRIL 13

Sunday, April 7	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Jo-Ann Woeste+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
12:00 p.m.	Baptism
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass
Monday, April 8	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, April 9	
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Jaqueline Heit+
6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, April 10	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - Open Intention
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.	Per Grade 3-6 FF
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation 7-11
Thursday, April 11	
12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom
Friday, April 12	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - LaRena Kolvē+
Saturday, April 13	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Mary & Leonard Froelke+

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS APRIL 14 – APRIL 20

Sunday, April 14	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Calvin Nelson+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass
Monday, April 15	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, April 16	
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, and Linda Dusek+
9 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, April 17	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass - Ron & Alvin Pechacek+
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.	Family Based Grade FF
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation 7-11
Thursday, April 18	
12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Practice
Friday, April 19	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Open Intention
Saturday, April 20	
2:30 p.m.	First Communion Mass
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Gary Karras+

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 APRIL 8 – APRIL 14

Monday, April 8	Is 7: 10-14, 8:10/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38
Tuesday, April 9	Acts 4: 32-37/ Jn 3: 7b-15
Wednesday, April 10	Acts 5: 17-26/ Jn 3: 16-21
Thursday, April 11	Acts 5: 17-26/ Jn 3: 31-36
Friday, April 12	Acts 5: 34-42/ Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday, April 13	Acts 6: 1-7/ Jn 6: 16-21
Sunday, April 14	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2: 1-5a/ Lk 24: 35-48

DAILY WORD FOR APRIL 15 – APRIL 21

Monday, April 15	Acts 6: 8-15/ Jn 6: 22-29
Tuesday, April 16	Acts 7: 51–8: 1a/ Jn 6: 30-35
Wednesday, April 17	Act 8: 1b-8/ Jn 6: 35-40
Thursday, April 18	Acts 8: 26-40/ Jn 6: 44-51
Friday, April 19	Acts 9: 1-20/ Jn 6: 52-59
Saturday, April 20	Acts 9: 31-42/ Jn 6: 60-69
Sunday, April 21	Acts 4: 8-12/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2/ Jn 10: 11-18

Baptisms

Brooks Stuart Butler,
son of Allison Lea (Waldusky) Butler
and Nathan Patrick Butler



Emmett Steven Mora,
son of Brittany Jean (Stotmeister) Mora and
Steven Ledesma Mora

Wrigley Wilder Kusilek,
son of Meghan Jo (Plummer) Kusilek and
Wesley Ray Kusilek

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

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.

March 24, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$8,768
Loose Collection	\$1,092
Scrip Rebates	\$670

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday Collections	\$25,508
Loose Collection	\$3,036
Good Friday- Holy Land	\$2,662
Operation Rice Bowl	\$1,941

FAITH FORMATION

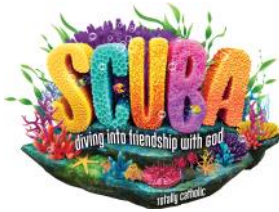
First Communion Preparation

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 opened 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!)



All are Welcome at Faith Formation!

Our formation year is nearing the end but we always welcome you to join us. For more information, please contact Diane Wengelski (PreK-6) or Tessa Schuermann (Grades 7-12).

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!



Youth Group For Grades 6-8:

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, Apr. 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the St. Bridget School Gym. Lead 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/MYm3T6pyjJQNb4j97>

PARISH LIFE

A Huge Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this Holy Week and Easter Celebration beautiful! From the decorating to the many volunteers for the ministries we are truly blessed to have you and appreciate the time and dedication you contributed to your ministry.

Thank You

Shoe Some Love

First National Bank of River Falls, Shoe Some Love 5k Saturday, April 27 at the River Falls Bank location. This event provides quality, branded athletic shoes to children in need both the River Falls and Prescott School Districts. Information can be found at shoesomelove.com.

Video Ministry

Please prayerfully consider joining our Video Ministry! We are looking for some new members to be a part of our Video ministry team! If you are interested in learning more or being trained, please contact Bethany! We would be honored to have you join this wonderful ministry!

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.

Retreat

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins Thursday evening May 16, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, May 19, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

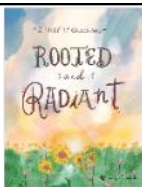
Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #4902 will be conducting our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 17th - April 20th and after Mass on Sunday, April 21st. Proceeds are used to help people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.



Women's Bible Study begins April 23

Rooted and Radiant is a 6-week study from Walking with Purpose. This is a study for any woman who wants to live her life grounded in Jesus Christ. In a world so often plagued with confusion and chaos you are invited to encounter the God of clarity and peace. This study will meet from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Garden View Room. Please sign up at the Information Desk. If morning study times are not convenient, please indicate on sign up sheet a time that would be better.



Do you like to plan parties?

The St. Bridget Parish Council is looking for people interested in planning and coordinating a family friendly event for the parish around the River Falls Days Parade on Friday, July 12, in the school parking lot. If you are interested, contact Barrett in the office.

PARISH SCHOOL

Holy Week

We pray you found time to partake in the many celebrations during the Triduum and Easter that the Church offers to honor this Holy Season. At school the Middle School students participated in a Seder Meal, led the younger students in a Resurrection Egg hunt teaching the younger students about the stories of Jesus this season, and helped lead us in Mass with the second graders.



Special Thanks!

The Wolfe family wants to thank all families who attended the spring break snack bag packing volunteer event for Our Neighbor's Place. We successfully filled 265 snack bags for kids in need. Way to go!

Scholarship Winners

The Catholic Women's Association of St. Bridget Parish invited 5th grade students to apply for a \$500 scholarship. After evaluating the entries, a panel of judges who are strangers to all of the children who applied for the scholarships, selected the following winners: McKenna Rohl - Scholarship for \$500 towards tuition, Ayva Manion and Nehemiah Grace Conway both received \$250 scholarships towards tuition. The applications were evaluated on how well the applicant answered the 5 questions. All the students submitted an excellent application, and the scores were quite similar. This was a hard choice for the judges. Congratulations to the above-named students!

Home & School Association News

Save the date for a Culver's Share Night on Tuesday, April 9th from 4pm to 7pm! If we reach \$600 or more in sales, Culver's will donate a custard coupon to each student/faculty at St. Bridget Parish School! Please join us!



Baptism Preparation for First time Parents.

There will be a Baptism Prep class for parents seeking Baptism for their first child. This will take place on Sunday, April 21 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Garden View Room. Please call the church office to register or if you have any questions, please contact Jodie Rubenzer in the church office.

Social Justice / Green Team

Environmental Tip:

Simplify your buying habits: consider patronizing thrift shops. There are three in River Falls: Our Neighbors' Place, Second Chances, and Treasures of the Heart. When shopping, buy things that last. E.g., use cloth towels instead of paper towels. They're reusable and don't fill up landfills.

Social Justice:

Food Pantry Needs: Cereal, Juice Boxes, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste. You can drop off your donations at church in the grocery cart under the stairs.

If you would like to join the Social Justice / Green Team, please contact Jeanne Poole: jkjp@aol.com

Joany Shepard Library

Please feel free to stop by the Joany Shepard Library located near the North entrance of the Church. We have a great selection of books to enhance your spiritual growth. Just stop by to browse or check out to take home. Thank you to Bonney Kopchinski and Carol Wallin who oversee this wonderful library space.

Additional Easter Flowers

In Loving Memory of:

† The deceased family members of
Todd and Carol Huppert



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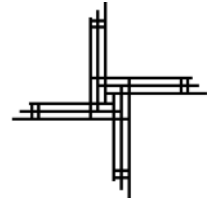
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