

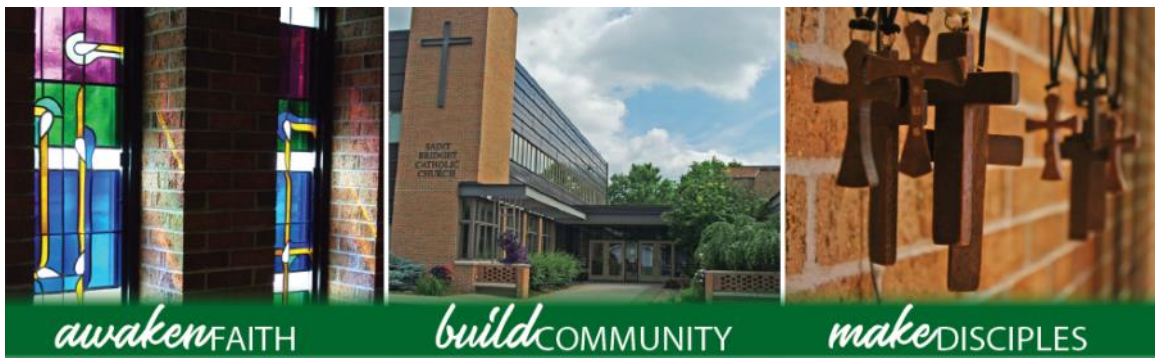
# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 5

AND

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
SUNDAY, MAY 12

2024



## Encountering Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This is a prayer opportunity open to everyone: those seeking, wounded, the prodigal, and those who aren't sure that a relationship with God is even possible. It is a nonthreatening way to help foster a new or deeper relationship with God, it is not only a devotion for the already devout. Sherry Wedell shares in her book Forming Intentional Disciples, "Adoration can be described as "Spiritual Radiation Therapy," because it places the soul in the direct presence of Jesus Christ through the Blessed Sacrament. He will act if we leave the door open the merest crack. All it requires is the ability to sit down." She goes on to say that "Eucharistic Adoration with teens and adults has been a powerful experience of the presence of Christ. Eucharistic Adoration gives them an experience of encountering God." We do not initiate our own experiences of prayer. God invites us and places the desire to pray within us, because God doesn't seek to control us, God gives us the ability to determine how we will respond. Have you felt curious about sitting before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, let that curiosity lead you to a time of sitting before Jesus. Here at St. Bridget, you are welcome at anytime to stop in when the church is unlocked and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, he waits there for us in the tabernacle. We also invite you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Just sit before Him, He always shows up. When we place ourselves before God in Mass, or Adoration or in our backyard hammock enjoying the beauty of God's creation, we are responding to God's gracious invitation with a loving and grateful response for all we've been given.



## Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day, May 12- The most important thing to remember is to thank our moms or those women who are like mothers to us. The nurturing we receive from them forms us into the people that we are today. Happy Mother's Day!

## St. Bridget Cemetery Clean-up

Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Due to the poor weather this past weekend, we will have another day of clean up at our cemetery. Stop in anytime that day and help get our cemetery cleaned up and ready for mowing. Bring your own rakes, shovels, tarps, trailers and wheelbarrows. This is a great opportunity for individuals or families to join together for our parish community.

## Welcome

We hope that everyone feels welcome in our parish whether you are visiting, wanting to become a new member, or coming back after the pandemic. If you are not sure where things are, don't be afraid to ask. We are here to help you. If you would like to register and become a member of our parish, contact Lindsey in the office at 715-425-1870. New member booklets with registration forms can also be found on the resource center wall. We have so many things going on in our parish that there is something for everyone.

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 MAY 5 – MAY 11

Sunday, May 5	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Darleen Dusek (Schraufnagel)+
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
6:00 p.m.	<b>Newman Center Mass</b>
Monday, May 6	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 7	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters
5:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Jaqueline Heit+
Wednesday, May 8	
9:00 a.m.	<b>School Mass</b> - Irene Cashman+
Thursday, May 9	
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, May 10	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Denise Maiert+
Saturday, May 11	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Dorothy Maule+

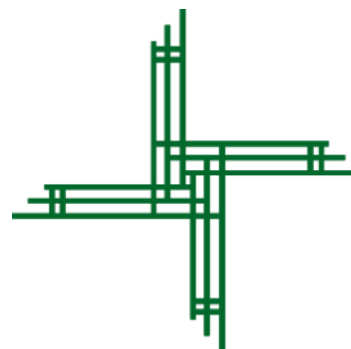
## WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS MAY 12 – MAY 18

Sunday, May 12	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Arnold and Delores Pechacek and Barb Meier+
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
Monday, May 13	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 14	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
5:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> - For Marilyn Karras' 90th Birthday
Wednesday, May 15	
9:00 a.m.	<b>School Mass</b> - Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Joseph Peter and Linda Dusek+
Thursday, May 16	
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, May 17	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Cletus Koller+
Saturday, May 18	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> - Open Intention

### Now Hiring

St. Bridget Catholic Community is hiring a full-time Parish Communications Coordinator. This position will be responsible for all communications including social media platforms, website, indoor and outdoor signs and the parish bulletin. Contact Barrett for more details.

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](http://www.saintbridgets.org), or scan the QR code.



# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## DAILY WORD FOR MAY 6 – MAY 12

Monday, May 6	Acts 16: 11-15/ Jn 15: 26– 16: 4a
Tuesday, May 7	Acts 16: 22-34/ Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday, May 8	Acts 17: 15, 22– 18:1/ Jn 16: 12-15
Thursday, May 9	Acts 18: 1-8/ Jn 16: 16-20
Friday, May 10	Acts 18: 9-18/ Jn 16: 20-23
Saturday, May 11	Acts 18: 23-28/ Jn 16: 23b-28
Sunday, May 12	Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ 1 Jn 4: 11-16/ Jn 17: 11b-19

## DAILY WORD FOR MAY 13 – MAY 19

Monday, May 13	Acts 19: 1-8/ Jn 16: 29-33
Tuesday, May 14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15: 9-17
Wednesday, May 15	Acts 20: 28-38/ Jn 17: 11b-19
Thursday, May 16	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11/ Jn 17: 20-26
Friday, May 17	Acts 25: 13b-21/ Jn 21: 15-19
Saturday, May 18	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31/ Jn 21: 20-25
Sunday, May 19	Acts 2: 1-11/ 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5: 16-25/ Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15



### Remembering

Mary Wolf  
&  
Melita Graf  
&  
Chester Huppert

## 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](mailto:pjpurfeerst@gmail.com) or 715-222-9533.

Michelle Radtke	Richard Bujalski
Linda Radtke	Steve Hines
Tony Jilek	Jim Hines
Boyd Huppert	Elaine Hines
Dorie Deiss	Andre Armstrong
Donna Pechacek	John Hueg
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Marge Dusek
Barb Ickler	Missy Tarnowski
John Benusa	Kathleen Brown
Mary Moravec	Sonia Steiner
Mike Sutton	Tom Gunderson
Ryan Sell	Kaye McFarland
Francis Ogden	Jim McFarland
Kathleen Kusilek	Bob Leary
Emily Hennemann	Dave Gerish
Katy Pupungatoa	Richard Dean Andrea
Jeanne Rohl	Barb Pechack
Patricia Bujalski	Robert R. Raehsler
Carol Ann Gregg	Beverly Benson
Tara Olson	

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.

### April 21, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$12,046
Loose Collection	\$1,222
Scrip Rebates	\$345

### April 28, 2024

Adult Contributions	\$7,851
Loose Collection	\$947
Scrip Rebates	\$234

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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!"** (Middle and High school leaders, please save these VBS dates, and Thursday, June 14, which will be our leader-only fun day!)



### Confirmation

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed:

Madelyn Adams	Geoffrey Orso
Riley Andersen	Alex Pollard
Savannah Blair	Maketalena Pupungatoo
Elsa Brunner	Alexa Rivera
Sydney Cegielski	Rilee Smith
Grace Dalske	Nicholas Toffolon
Krisjanis DeBoe	Lincoln Tremain
Charles Friemann	Cal Usgaard
Sydney Herr	Riley Usgaard
Kaelin Jalowitz	Kaitlyn Vargas
Morgan Killian	Madeline Vitt
Grace Kinney	Katelyn Wayne
Justin Maier	Logan Webster
Zachary Miller	Anna Weyer
Maria Moran	Ella Woznak
Connor O'Malley	

### First Communion Love Banks

Thank you to all of our First Communicants, who raised \$566.19 in their Love Banks! These funds will be donated to the charities that they chose: St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, Coco's Heart Dog Rescue, and the Wounded Warrior Project. God will use these donations to truly make a difference in many people's lives! Well done!

## PARISH LIFE

### Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

Graduation Mass at St. Bridget Church will be May 19, at 11:00 a.m. The Baccalaureate at the River Falls High School will be May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All are welcome! Congratulations to the graduating high school seniors of St. Bridget Parish! We are proud of you! It has been a blessing to witness all that God has done in your lives and we'll be praying for you.

## PARISH LIFE

### Catholic Watchmen

The Catholic Watchmen meeting will be moved to the second Saturday of each month beginning May 11, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. All men of the parish welcome. Contact Tony Jilek for details at 715-220-7527.

### Lost and Found

There will be a card table in the north entrance with Lost and Found Items that have been in the Usher's Room for awhile. The table will be there the next 2 weekends and throughout the week. Please check the table and grab any items belonging to you. If there are any items left they will be donated. Thank you!

### 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.

### Spring Cleaning?

**Keep St. Bridget Garage Sale in mind, June 20th – June**

**22nd. Sale Dates :**

**Thursday, June 20**

8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 21**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday June 22**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Drop-off Times:**

**Weekend of June 15 and**

**16** after church Masses

**Monday June 17 • 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday June 18 • 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Furniture, bikes, and other large ticket items are needed. If you are splitting up perennial plants, we will also take those. Remember we cannot accept large appliances, electronics, infant car seats, computers or computer monitors, mattresses, chemicals, light bulbs or exercise equipment. All items should be in good clean condition. No tears, holes or stains on clothes.



### A Thanks From the Knights of Columbus

Thank You to all who supported the Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive! Together, we raised \$3,768.61 for the intellectually challenged. Each year, our council donates to Have a Heart, Pierce County Special Olympics, and the River Falls Schools from funds raised by this drive. Thank you for your generosity.

## Well - Read Mom Group

This month the Well - Read Mom group will be reading *The Ghost Keeper*, by Natalie Morill. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month to discuss and will be meeting on May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Garden View room. ALL WOMEN are welcome to join. For more information visit <https://wellreadmom.com> or contact Marijana at [mjekvall@gmail.com](mailto:mjekvall@gmail.com)

## Centering Prayer Group

Centering prayer is a contemplative form of prayer. A group will be gathering from 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the Garden View Room. Please contact Jodie at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com) for more information.



## Parish Nurse

Tom Zenk, Parish Nurse, will be in the Westview Room after all Masses the weekend of May 11-12, providing blood pressure checks and answering simple health questions .

## Social Justice / Green Team

**Environmental Tip:** Choose *native* plants with brightly colored red, purple and yellow flowers if you want to attract pollinators and provide shelter. Providing a source of water, whether via natural springs, birdbaths, or ponds, will also help to attract birds and other wildlife.

### **Social Justice:**

Food Pantry Needs: Meal Kits, Mayo, Cereal, Ranch Dressing, Feminine care products. You can drop off your donations at church in the grocery cart under the stairs.

The Social Justice/Green Committee meets once a month, Sept – May. If you would like to join, please contact Jeanne Poole: [jkjp@aol.com](mailto:jkjp@aol.com)

## Parish Council Candidates needed

We have three (3) parish council members terms expiring this spring. Donna Licht, Jerry Liddell and Paul Kliszcz . God bless you for serving the parish this way. Ideally, we need 2 candidates for each open position. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in serving, please contact Barrett Grove, Parish Administrator. To serve on the Parish Council, you must be a member of the parish and active in the Catholic faith. The Parish Council meets once a month, eight times a year. It is a great opportunity for bringing new ideas built on our faith tradition.

## Prayer Shawls

Through the handiwork and care of those who knit and crochet, we have many prayer shawls that have been blessed, and are ready to be shared. If you know of someone who is struggling and could be “wrapped in prayer”, please stop by the office to pick one up.



# PARISH SCHOOL

## St. Bridget Musical

Our Middle School students put on a fantastic show of *Alice In Wonderland*! We are SOOOOO proud of all



the students involved in this production. We are grateful for the teachers and staff who volunteered many hours to help with this production as well! Thank you to the parishioners and community members who also joined us for the show!



## National Day of Prayer

On May 2, in recognition of National Day of Prayer the students and staff met as Spirit Families to pray together and create prayer cards of thanks for local Law Enforcement/Fire/First Responders. We invite all local Law Enforcement/ Fire/ First Responders to join us for a Recognition Mass on Wednesday, May 15, at 9 a.m. Please help us spread the word by inviting those you know serving our community in any of these ways.

## Staffing Updates

We would like to thank our wonderful Before and After Staff who will be heading back home for summer! Due to them leaving, we are looking for **After Care Staff** to help cover openings through the month of May and early June. We are looking for individuals from 3:30-6 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are available to help and have completed your safety training and background check please email us at [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com). St. Bridget Parish School is now hiring the following positions for the 2024-25 School year: Before and After Care, Kindergarten Teacher, and Music Teacher. Positions available are part-time, with full-time options available. If you have a passion for working with our youth and helping form the future, please contact [principal@stbparish.com](mailto:principal@stbparish.com) or 715-425-1872.

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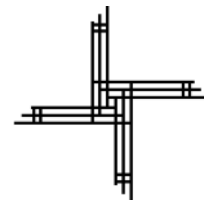
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