

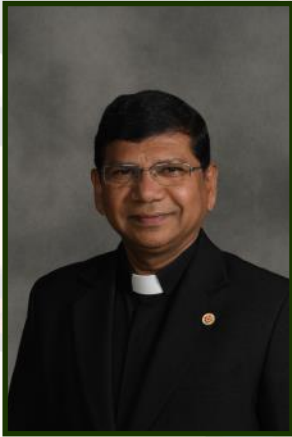
St. Bridget Catholic Community

February 23rd 2025 & March 2nd 2025

The Seventh & The Eighth Sundays in Ordinary Time



Fear Paralyzes



A little bird was enjoying her evening flight, flying from branch to branch, chirping all the time, when she suddenly notices that a snake was watching her from below with the intent of swallowing her. Frozen by fear she sat quietly. The terrifying thought of the snake below made her faint, and fell directly into the expectant mouth of the snake.

Fear paralyzed the little bird and she forgot that she could fly and escape the danger solely on the strength of her wings. Many fears are like bubbles, which would burst with the slightest prick with the needle of 'trust', trust in one's own God-given ability to confront.

"Fear imprisons; faith liberates; fear paralyzes; faith empowers; fear disheartens; faith encourages...." Henry Emerson.



-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

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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Pastoral Emergency

(651) 300-4028

www.saintbridgets.org

Immaculate Conception Hammond Mass Times

Tuesdays: 5PM Confessions; 5:30 PM Mass
Fridays: 8AM Mass; 8:30 Confessions
Thursdays: 8AM Mass
Saturdays: 7PM Mass
Sundays: 8AM Mass

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS

FEBRUARY 23RD- MARCH 2ND

Sunday, February 23rd-The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Christopher & Robert Radke+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Paul Sadee & Keith Hanson+

Monday, February 24th

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 25th

7:45 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Keeping in Balance Bible Study

Wednesday, February 26th

9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Jim Yanish+
1:30 p.m.	Mass-Comforts of Home Lodge
3:15 p.m.	7-8 Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	3-6 Per Grade Class
6:30 p.m.	The Chosen
6:45 p.m.	Grades 7-11 Faith Formation

Thursday, February 27th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Saint Bridget, Saint Mary's, and Saint Thomas More Newman Center
8:30 a.m.	What We Believe as Catholics

Friday, February 28th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Dorothy Maule+

Saturday, March 1st

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Meeting
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus+

Sunday, March 2nd- The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Walter Wienke+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Gary Arman+

In Remembrance

Alice Hickey

Joseph Helmueller



WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS

MARCH 3RD-MARCH 9TH

Monday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 4th

8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
7:45 a.m.-7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
3:00 p.m.	Mass- Wellhaven
4:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass With distribution of Ashes- The living & Deceased members of the Wiskerchen Family+

Wednesday, March 5th-Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	School Mass With Distribution of Ashes- David Ruscher+
1:30 p.m.	Mass- Comforts of Home Falls
3:15 p.m.	Grades 7-8 Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
6:45 p.m.	Grades 7-11 Faith Formation
7:00 p.m.	Mass With distribution of Ashes- Frances Dusek+

Thursday, March 6th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Tim Engle+
1:00 p.m.	Euchre
1:30 p.m.	Mass- Wellhaven

Friday, March 7th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Linda & Tom Ross+
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8th

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Don, Evelyn, Gerry, & Dennis Johnson+

Sunday, March 9th-The First Sunday of Lent

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Betty & Max Merriman+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Mike Maier+

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes.

Tuesday, March 4 at 5:30pm.

Wednesday, March 5 at 9am(School Mass) and 7pm.



DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD FOR FEBRUARY 23RD-MARCH 2ND

Sunday, February 23rd	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49/Luke 6:27-38
Monday, February 24th	Sirach 1:1-10/Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday, February 25th	Sirach 2:1-11/Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday, February 26th	Sirach 4:11-19/ Mark 9:38-40
Thursday, February 27th	Sirach 5:1-8/ Mark 9:41-50
Friday, February 28th	Sirach 6:5-17/ Mark 10:1-12
Saturday, March 1st	Sirach 17:1-15/ Mark 10:13-16
Sunday, March 2nd	Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 3RD-MARCH 9TH

Monday, March 3rd	Sirach 17:20-24/Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday, March 4th	Sirach 35:1-12/Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday, March 5th	Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, March 6th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Luke 9:22-25
Friday, March 7th	Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday, March 8th	Isaiah 58:9b-14/ Luke 5:27-32
Sunday, March 9th	Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13/ Luke 4:1-13

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: ppurfeerst@gmail.com or 715-222-9533.

Michelle Radtke	Kaye McFarland
Linda Radtke	Jim McFarland
Tony Jilek	Richard Andrea
Boyd Huppert	Beverly Benson
Dorie Deiss	Mary Parsons
Donna Pechacek	Robb Scott
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Miranda Carlson
Barb Ickler	Patricia Bujalski
John Benusa	Robert R. Raehsler
Emily Hennemann	Matt Huppert
Jeanne Rohl	Carol Ann Gregg
Andre Armstrong	Richard Bujalski
Marge Dusek	Ryan Sell
Missy Tarnowski	Fred Larson
Kathleen Brown	Virginia Steiner
Sonia Steiner	Angela Tatone
Russ Henke	Dan Reis
Raphael Timp	Bernice Deiss
Stanley Meyer	Kevin Cegielski

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 9th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$7,870
Loose Collection	\$782
Scrip Rebates	\$300



PARISH LIFE

"There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every purpose under heaven..." -Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Having been richly blessed with the opportunity to serve in Ministry here at St. Bridget Parish and School, it is now time to announce that in June I will be retiring from parish work and entering the next season of life.

I am so extremely grateful to all the people and opportunities that grew and strengthened my faith. I consider the book of Ecclesiastes and anticipate with excitement all that awaits. A time to garden, time to heal; time to build. Time to weep, time to laugh; and time to dance with my husband Dan. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather (and paint) time to read, and a time to sew (or needle felt and knit); a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love and worship in community, and a time to bring peace. I am very honored to have worked in this parish for 25 years. Thank you to all who formed me in faith, I am forever grateful.

Joy and Peace,
Jodie.

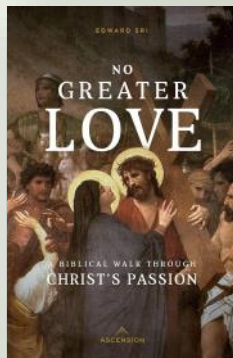


DivorceCare Group!

DivorceCare group will meet Monday evenings March 17th through June 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Westview room at St. Bridget Church. To register go to www.divorcecare.org/groups/257823

No Greater Love

Enhance your Lenten Journey with the opportunity to walk Christ's Biblical Passion using the book and video series No Greater Love, by Edward Sri. Even if you are not a reader, plan to join the small group discussion time where we will come together to watch the video and share. ***Please sign up by February 21*** so we can have adequate time to order materials. Information can be found on our website or at the Information Desk. Morning and/or Evening opportunities offered.



PARISH LIFE

SATB Choir

This is an invitation to sing with the SATB Choir for Lent and Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, March 6.

The choir will rehearse from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Join us in singing praise to the risen Lord!

Questions: Contact Marlys Mueller
(715-425-9621)

Parish Nurse Available

Someone from the parish nurse team will be in the back of Church the third weekend of every month doing blood pressure screening and answering simple health questions.



National Black and Indian Mission Collection

March 8th & 9th, our parish will take up the 141st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

What is the Purple Candle near the Altar for?

This candle means that we (the Church) stand in solidarity with all those impacted by the priest scandal. We stand with those who were abused, with those who received their sacraments from a priest who was convicted of this crime (who were not abused but know the priest involved), and for anyone who has been affected by the priest abuse scandal. The Purple Candle is placed in a special place in each church in our Diocese. Together we will pray for healing for everyone. For, this crisis in our Catholic Faith affects all of us. May we come together to listen, to pray, and to allow Jesus to heal us.

What should I do with my old palms?

Please bring in your blessed palms from previous years. There will be baskets by the north and west entrances to place them in and they will be burned.

PARISH LIFE



Safe Haven Sunday—Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. **March 8,9th 2025 St. Bridget Parish will be celebrating our second annual *Safe Haven Sunday*.** This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact the parish office or visit our website.



PARISH SCHOOL

St. Bridget Parish School is buzzing with excitement as we welcome the approaching spring! The energy is contagious, especially after our amazing Tropical Oasis Gala on the 22nd. What an unforgettable evening it was, filled with fun and success! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event possible. As our largest fundraiser, we truly couldn't have done it without your incredible support. Our staff and students are beyond grateful for all of you!

Basketball season has come to a close, and our athletes have truly shown their dedication and skill on the court—great job to both our boys' and girls' teams! As one season ends, spring sports are just around the corner. Looking ahead, Mardi Gras is right around the corner, and we'll be hosting our Pancake Supper on March 4th, from 4-7 in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and come enjoy pancakes, sausage links, ham, hashbrowns, fruit, cinnamon rolls, and beverages, for a free will donation! Save the date! Our school musical will be performed on April 25th & 26th. The students have been working hard on their lines and can't wait to share their talent with you. More details will follow soon!



Lastly, registration is open! If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our school, please give us a call at 715-425-1872 to schedule a tour.

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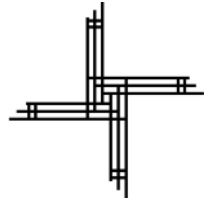
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News from St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Hammond

News from St. Thomas More Newman Center



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