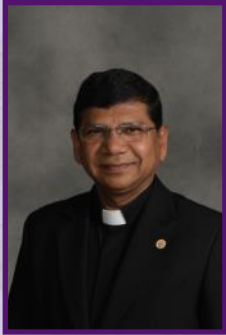


St. Bridget Catholic Community

March 23rd 2025 & March 30th 2025

The Third and Fourth Sundays in Lent

God Speaks to us, Listen



One day a young man was on his way back home. He recalled what he had heard in Bible class, “You must listen to the voice of God.” As he drove out, he prayed, “O God, if you are talking to human beings even now, speak to me. I am ready to do what you ask of me.” Suddenly he felt that someone was telling him to buy a packet of milk. He thought it was just a feeling. He continued to drive back home. Again, he felt he heard the same voice.

He brought a packet of milk and continued his journey. When he reached the next junction, he was told to turn back. The car stopped in a colony where poor people lived. As though inspired, he went and knocked at the door of a house just opposite where he had parked the car. A tired-looking man opened the door. The young man gave him the milk saying, “This is for you.” The man took the milk, went inside and returned with a small child. He said, “We were in great financial difficulty this month. Today we did not have money to buy milk. When the baby began to cry. We asked the Lord to show us a way to get some milk for this baby. Just then you knocked at our door.” His wife asked. “Are you an angel? We asked God to send milk with an angel.”

The young man gave them all the money he had and left with the assurance that God still speaks to human beings today.

Listening is one of the greatest secrets of entering into the temple of God. To listen mans to forget yourself completely - only then you can listen. When you listen attentively to somebody, you forget yourself. If you cannot forget yourself, you never listen. Every time we listen to the voice of God; he tells us that he is dwelling with us and speaking to us.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

St. Bridget Website



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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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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

MARCH 23RD-MARCH 30TH

Sunday, March 23rd: The Third Sunday in Lent	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Jack Brown+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- David Heinisch+
Monday, March 24th	
11:00 a.m.	<i>Mass of Christian Burial for Morris Marsolek</i>
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 25th	
7:45 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass- Doris Langer+
Wednesday, March 26th	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Tim Engel+
1:30p.m.	<i>Mass-Comforts of Home-Lodge</i>
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.	Lenten Bible Study
6:45 p.m.	Grades 7-11 Faith Formation
Thursday, March 27th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Mary Wolf+
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 28th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Jacqueline Heit+
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 29th	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Rita Mountain+
Sunday, March 30th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Mary Carol Weghorn, Barbara, Amanda, & Emily Stolp+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Saint Bridget, Saint Mary's, & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
1:00 p.m.	1st Communion Learning Centers

In Remembrance



Dan Reis
 Morris Marsolek
 Jim Murphy
 LeAnn Wilson (sister of Mary Jo Ferguson)

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS

MARCH 31ST-APRIL 6TH

Monday, March 31st	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, April 1st	
7:45 a.m.-7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
9:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Mass-Wellhaven
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass - Doug Lenzen+
Wednesday, April 2nd	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Jim Yanish+
1:30 p.m.	Mass-Comforts of Home-Falls
3:15 p.m.	7-8 Faith Formation
4:00 p.m.	FF Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	Family of Faith Class
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study
6:45 p.m.	Grades 7-11 Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	FF Stations of the Cross
Thursday, April 3rd	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Frances Dusek+
1:00 p.m.	Euchre
3:30p.m.	1st Communion Learning Centers
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 4th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 am.	Mass- Dorothy Maule+
2:50 p.m.	School Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 5th	
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 - Jerome & Leola Marek+
6:00 p.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser
Sunday, April 6th: The Fifth Sunday in Lent	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Jim Kubiak+
10:30 a.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Saint Bridget, Saint Mary's, & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 23RD-MARCH 30TH

Sunday, March 23rd	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9
Monday, March 24th	2 Kings 5:1-15ab/ Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 25th	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday, March 26th	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 27th	Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 28th	Hosea 14:2-10/ Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 29th	Hosea 6:1-6/ Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, March 30th	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

DAILY WORD FOR MARCH 31ST-APRIL 6TH

Monday, March 31st	Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54
Tuesday, April 1st	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/John 5:1-16
Wednesday, April 2nd	Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30
Thursday, April 3rd	Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47
Friday, April 4th	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, April 5th	Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53
Sunday, April 6th	Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11

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	Sunita Johnston
Linda Radtke	Kaye McFarland
Tony Jilek	Jim McFarland
Boyd Huppert	Richard Andrea
Dorie Deiss	Beverly Benson
Donna Pechacek	Mary Parsons
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Robb Scott
Barb Ickler	Miranda Carlson
John Benusa	Patricia Bujalski
Emily Hennemann	Robert R. Raehsler
Jeanne Rohl	Matt Huppert
Andre Armstrong	Carol Ann Gregg
Marge Dusek	Richard Bujalski
Missy Tamowski	Ryan Sell
Kathleen Brown	Fred Larson
Sonia Steiner	Virginia Steiner
Russ Henke	Angela Tatone
Raphael Timp	Bernice Deiss
Stanley Meyer	Meg Byram
Judy Pechacek Harri	Ed Hanson
	Pearl Kittleson

TITHES & OFFERINGS

March 9, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$11,115
Loose Collection	\$871
Scrip Rebates	\$236

March 16, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$10,566
Loose Collection	\$686
Scrip Rebates	\$327

PARISH LIFE

Holy Week Services & Masses at St. Bridget
Holy Thursday Mass, April 17: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services, April 18: 12:00 Noon & Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 19: 8:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights Of Columbus are sponsoring the annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser beginning Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23. That weekend after all Masses, members of the Knights Of Columbus will be handing out baby bottles. You are invited to take a bottle home with you and fill it with cash and checks and bring it back the following weekend. All money raised supports Options for Women.



Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope

"2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of 'Jubilee' has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as 'Pilgrims of Hope.'"—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For more information, head to the Diocesan website, catholicdos.org.



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.

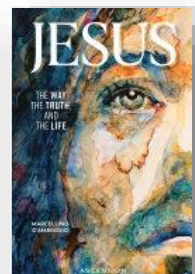
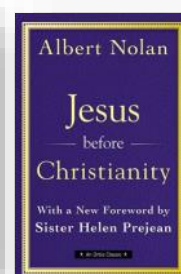
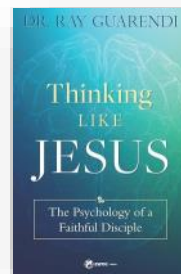
Memorials are due to the church office by **Friday, April 4th** to be sure they will be listed in the **bulletin for Easter**.



St. Bridget's Joany Shepard Memorial Library

Lent is a great time to learn more about Jesus!

- † Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life by Marcellino D'Ambrosio.
- † Thinking like Jesus by Dr. Ray Guarendi.
- † Practicing the Way. Be with Jesus by John Mark Comer.
- † Jesus Before Christianity by Albert Nolan.
- † "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.
- † Following Jesus: Finding our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety" by Henri Nouwen.
- † What Have They Done With Jesus by Ben Witherington.



International Priest Collection

The weekend of March 29/30 we will have the World Concerns Collection. This year the Diocese has announced this collection will become the International Priest Collection for those parishes served by an international priest. This means that 100% of the money collected will be sent Fr. Bala's home Diocese in India. There will be envelopes available for your use, those that get envelope packets will use the Catholic Concerns Collection envelope.



PARISH LIFE

Diocesan Maintenance to Mission Parish Re-clustering

As part of the multi-year Diocesan plan of Maintenance to Mission, we received word from the Diocese that beginning July 1, St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church in Hammond will no longer be clustered with St. Bridget and St. Thomas More Newman Center but become a new cluster with the Churches in Glenwood City and Wilson. Fr. Bala will remain the Parochial Administrator here and Fr. Anil will become the new Parochial Administrator for Hammond, Glenwood City and Wilson.

Social Justice

Food Pantry Needs: Cereal, Spices: cumin, chili powder, cinnamon, etc., Creamed Corn, Crackers (not saltines), Juice.

Thank you received from one of the beneficiaries of our Parish tithe:
To the members of the St Bridget's Parish:



On behalf of Among Friends I am extending our heartfelt thanks for the generous gift of \$500.00 that was used for musical instruments. This makes possible so many afternoons of joy for everyone in our Social Respite for Individuals living with dementia and their families.

If your committee would like us to present a brief overview of how we used the funds or a short video of our folks playing the instruments, we will be happy to do so.

Again, thank you for gracing us with these funds to expand and enhance the musical experiences of our participants at Among Friends.

-Respectfully, Bonnie Jones Witthuhn, Among Friends Board Chair.

Green Team



Mark your calendars for Earth Fest - April 26 at the University Center UWRF.

Free Event - Food - Entertainment - Activities

<https://www.hopeforearth.org/earthfest>

PARISH SCHOOL

Welcome Back from Spring Break!



School will be back in session this next week, after a well-deserved spring break for students and staff.

We hope everyone was able to take some time to rest, rejuvenate, and re-charge in anticipation of the remaining couple of months of school.

Gala Feedback Meeting - Monday, March 24th at

6:00 pm: Join us for a Gala feedback meeting on Monday, March 24th, at 6:00 pm at St. Croix Lanes. We encourage everyone to attend and share their thoughts and feedback on how the event went, along with suggestions for improvement. Your input will help us make future events even better!



Spring School Musical: Frozen the Musical:

We are excited to announce that this year's spring school musical will be ***Frozen the Musical!*** Mark your calendars for the performances on April 25th and 26th. Our talented students have been practicing diligently and can't wait to share their hard work with all of you!



Culver's Share Night - Tuesday, April 1st (4:00 pm -

7:00 pm): Save the date for our Culver's Share Night on Tuesday, April 1st, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal or treat while supporting our Home & School program, as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to our school.



FAITH FORMATION

Catholic Jewelry Sale

Rosaries, medals and Catholic jewelry will be for sale by our youth after the Masses April 4-5, and 12-13 in the Garden View Room.

These items make great gifts for Easter, First Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's Day! This sale will help 27 youth attend Extreme Faith Camp this summer. Thank you for your support!



Vacation Bible School

Students going into grades K-5 next fall are invited to Vacation Bible School the second week of June, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. This year's theme is "TRUENORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Registration opens April 1.

Keep an eye out for exact dates and more information coming soon! Contact Tessa in the church office with questions.



PARISH LIFE

Job Openings!

We are hiring for a Liturgical Ministries Coordinator and a part-time accompanist to play on a rotating basis with our current accompanist.

Visit our website or contact the parish office for more information!



Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: (QR code on far left). You can also click the QR codes for our website (middle) and Facebook (right).



PARISH LIFE

25th Anniversary Divine Mercy Sunday April; 27, 2025

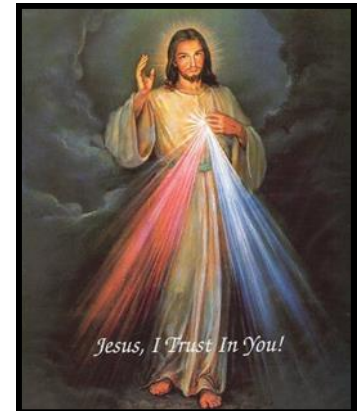
Ready to receive incredible Graces? At the Feast of the Divine Mercy "all floodgates through which graces flow are opened"(699) All your sins AND their punishments can be taken away. This gift from Jesus is yours for the taking.

All aspects of Lent are ways the Lord wants us to prepare for this Feast by doing the following:

A-Ask for His mercy daily for yourself and the whole world.

B-Be merciful through word, deed, and prayer.

C-Completely trust in Jesus.



Consider adding the Chaplet to your Lenten prayers, or remember His ultimate sacrifice for you mentally during the 3:00pm hour. With all the chaos in the world today, asking for God's Mercy would be time well spent for Lent.

Jesus promised He would "pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those who approached the Font of Mercy"(699). The person who has recently gone to Confession, received Communion on that Sunday, and follows the A,B,Cs "shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishments."(699)

The celebration Of The Feast of the Divine Mercy will take place **Sunday, April 27 around the 3:00pm hour**. Plan on taking part of this extraordinary Grace with your parish family.

Chrism Mass

All are invited to attend the Chrism Mass on April 8th, 2025, at Cathedral Christ the King in Superior, Wisconsin at 12:00 noon.

This Mass celebrates the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens, blessing the Oil of the Sick and the consecration of the Chrism.

PARISH LIFE

How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed
For each of the five decades

(On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*

(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

This can be prayed anytime but best if prayed during
the 3:00 p.m. hour when Jesus died for our sins. If
you are unable to pray the Chaplet at that time then
just take a moment to remember His Divine Mercy.

What's New on Formed?

St. Bridget Parish pays for a Formed account that is
FREE for all parishioners!

Simply search
for St. Bridget
Parish & enter in
your name &
email address to get signed up and get good Catholic
content! Formed offers everything from movies,
books/audiobooks, prayers & programs for the
whole family.



A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Safe Haven Sunday a Success!

Special thanks to everyone who helped make Safe Haven Sunday possible! Thank you also to the parish community for your openness to the topic of pornography awareness and internet safety. Safe Haven Sunday provided us with the opportunity to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriage and family life.

Even though Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, our efforts to support you in making your homes safe havens will continue. We invite you to stay informed at covenanteyes.com, and learn more about how to protect and guide your family in the internet age.

PARISH SCHOOL

St. Bridget VBS, Spring Sports, & Registration!

St. Bridget VBS - June 9th-12th (9:00 am - 12:00 pm): Our St. Bridget Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the second week of June (June 9th-12th) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Students entering grades K-5 next fall are invited to participate in our fun and faith-filled VBS, themed True North!

Registration opens Tuesday, April 1st. We also need Middle and High School volunteers to serve as leaders and make this an exciting experience for our younger students. Adult volunteers are welcome too! If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Tessa at ChildrensFF@stbparish.com.

Spring Sports: Baseball and Softball Spring sports will begin the week of April 14th and run through May 16th. Stay tuned for more details and **schedules and get ready to cheer on our teams!**



2025-2026 School Year Registration: Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! To register, simply visit the Enrollment page on our school website and complete the process through Option C. Please note that any current or new families registering between March 1st and May 31st will pay a \$100 registration fee. After May 31st, the fee will increase to \$200.

Wishing You a Blessed Week Ahead: We hope you have a wonderful week ahead and take some time to reflect during this Lenten season.



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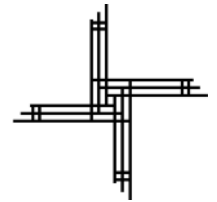
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News from St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Hammond

News from St. Thomas More Newman Center



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Due to spring break, The Newman Center will not have Sunday evening Mass on March 23rd.