

St. Bridget Catholic Community



April 20th & April 27th 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord and the Second Sunday of Easter.



Sacrifice that Saves



There was an earthquake in China. When it happened, a farmer was standing on a hilltop surrounded by his rice fields. Suddenly he saw the ocean rush the shore like some large animal crouching for a leap. He knew that leap would be a devastating tidal wave. He saw his neighbors working in the low fields. When the tidal wave came, they would be swept away in an instant. He had to call them to safety—somehow. Without thinking twice, he set fire to his straw hut and rang the temple bell with urgency and force. The smoke and sound drew his fellow villagers up the hill, running to help him save what they thought was his burning home. They had just reached the hilltop when they turned and saw the wall of water crash through the valley below, flooding everything in its path. Only then did they realize—the fire had been a signal, a **sacrifice**. The farmer had willingly given up everything he had so that others might live. The burnt offering of his meager earthly possessions became the means of their salvation.

But Christ, of course, *went even further*. He had no hut to burn, no fields to offer, no wealth to give. He offered only **Himself**. His own body, beaten and broken. His own blood, poured out. On the cross, Jesus gave all that He had, not for a few, but for all. He willingly became the sacrifice so that the whole world might be saved. And yet the story does not end with His death. Because on the third day, **Jesus rose**. The tomb was empty. The stone was rolled away. **Life had triumphed over death**. Hope had shattered despair. **The resurrection was God's declaration that the sacrifice was not in vain—that love is stronger than death, and that all who trust in Christ will rise with Him**. The villagers were saved that day by the sacrifice of a man who saw danger and gave all he had. We are saved eternally by the Savior who saw our need and gave **Himself completely**. The comfort, the peace, the hope we hold as Christians—it did not come cheap. It is the fruit of a sacrifice beyond measure. May we never forget what was given. And may we live lives that echo that same self-giving love—lives that, in the face of a broken world, ring out like the bell on that hilltop, calling others to safety, calling others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.



May this saving grace of Christ help all of us to live eternally. May you have a wonderful and glorious Easter, and may the Risen Lord bless every member of your family.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Good Friday: 11:00 a.m. Confessions, Noon Service, & 7:00 p.m. Vespers.

Holy Saturday: 8:45 p.m. Mass. Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Mass (live-stream) & 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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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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: APRIL 20TH-APRIL 27TH

Sunday, April 20th: Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Mass - Joyce Grove+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Arnold & Delores Pechachek & Barb Meier+

Monday, April 21st

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 22nd

7:45 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass- Tim Engel+

Wednesday, April 23rd

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

Thursday, April 24th

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

Friday, April 25th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Clarence, Forence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek+

Saturday, April 26th

4:30 p.m.	KC Tootsie Roll Drive
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Gary Karras+

Sunday, April 27th: The Second Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Calvin Nelson+
10:30 a.m.	KC Tootsie Roll Drive
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Marjorie & Johanna Marsolek+
3:00 p.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Celebration</i>

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: APRIL 28TH- MAY 4TH

Monday, April 28th

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 29th

7:45 a.m.-7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group Extra Day
9:30 a.m.	Fearless & Free: Women's Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass- James Murphy+

Wednesday, April 30th

9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Doris Langer+
6:45 p.m.	Closing Faith Formation Mass- <i>Frances Dusek+</i>

Thursday, May 1st

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Barbara Moorhouse+
12:00 p.m.	Walking Rosary
1:00 p.m.	Euchre
2:30 p.m.	<i>Mass-Comforts of Home Gardens</i>

Friday, May 2nd

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

Saturday, May 3rd

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Group
4:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Deceased Members of the Bruggeman & Buscher Families+

Sunday, May 4th: The Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Kathleen Kusilek+
11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Mass- Saint Bridget, Saint Mary's, and Saint Thomas More Newman Center

Happy Easter!

We wish the St. Bridget Catholic Community a joyful Easter Season!



Fr. Bala's priestly ordination anniversary is on April 30th. As he enters his 30th year of priesthood, please continue to keep him in your prayers.



DAILY WORD

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Sunday, April 20th	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9
Monday, April 21st	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 22nd	Acts 2:36-41 / John 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 23rd	Acts 3:1-10 / Luke 24:13-35
Thursday, April 24th	Acts 3:11-26 / Luke 24:35-48
Friday, April 25th	Acts 4:1-12 / John 21:1-14
Saturday, April 26th	Acts 4:13-21 / Mark 16:9-15
Sunday, April 27th	Acts 5:12-16, Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / John 20:19-31

DAILY WORD FOR APRIL 28TH-MAY 4TH

Monday, April 28th	Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 29th	Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 30th	Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21
Thursday, May 1st	Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36
Friday, May 2nd	Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15
Saturday, May 3rd	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14
Sunday, May 4th	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14 / John 21:1-19

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 Tarnowski	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

April 6th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$11,943
Loose Collection	\$752
Scrip Rebates	\$337

April 13th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$10,776
Loose Collection	\$1,166
Scrip Rebates	\$233
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$22,516

PARISH LIFE



Spring Cleaning?

Keep St. Bridget Garage Sale in mind, June 19th-June 21st. We need a lot of items to make this a successful event.

When you clean out your basement, garage or closets this Spring, think of us!! We welcome donations of clothing, bikes, furniture, toys, books and household items. All items should be in good clean condition. Sorry, we cannot accept large appliances, computers or computer monitors, infant car seats, mattresses, light bulbs, chemicals and exercise equipment. Please contact Lauren Baillargeon, laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com or 715-821-4308 with questions.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Council 4902 would like to thank you, the parishioners of St. Bridget, for your continued generous support of our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. All money raised supports Options for Women - River Falls.

Catholic Home Mission Collection April 26-27

The Catholic Home Missions Collection will take place **April 26-27**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. This past year, thanks to our generous collection response, the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions awarded the Diocese of Superior \$90,000 for Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education support, Priestly Education, and Diaconate Formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Envelopes will be available during that weekend.

Social Justice

Food Pantry Needs: Creamed Corn, Canned Diced Carrots, Canned Pineapple, Cereal, Crackers, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste.

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 LIFE

Congratulations to those who are celebrating their First Communion!

Natalie Bartch, Leo Bauer, Bailey Berg, Bridgett Blonigen, Adalee Brault, Alaina Brault Addilynn Brown, Jackson Burnap, Jane Cernohous, Loretta Cowles, Liam Ewald, Parker Ewald, Violet Hamlin, Genevieve Hayden, Wesley Hayden, Wesley Heinen, Alice Jenkins, Aftonn Kusilek, Letizia Medina, Meya Monson, Maximus Mortel, Declan Mulhollam, Leo Nicolai, Kiera Niesl, Amelia Paschke, Evelyn Paschke, Oscar Peterson, Grady Quade, Connor Quilling, Anthony Rodriguez, Lucas Schmitz, Cristofer Seraquive Gualán, Calan Tiffany, Annabelle Van Nurdén, Lainey Vander Vorst, AnnElyse Weiberg, Rebecca Wersal.



Register for Vacation Bible School

Students going into grades K-5 next fall are invited to Vacation Bible School, June 9-12, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The theme is **"TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World."** Register on our website, or pick up a paper form in the church information rack. Contact Tessa with questions.



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #4902 will be conducting our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 23rd - April 26th, and after mass on Sunday, April 27th. Proceeds are used to help people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.



Rosary Walk

Join us for a Rosary walk for the month of May! Each Thursday in May we will gather by the North Entrance of the church and set out to pray a rosary as we walk the neighborhoods nearby the Church.

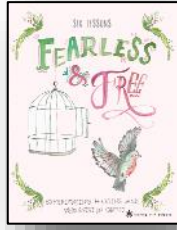
In Remembrance

Melissa Brand Hollenback, sister of Barb Liddell.
Bill Sazama.
Sharon Pechacek, sister of Kay Andrea, Ann Delander, and Jill Scheel.

PARISH LIFE

New Bible Study

Women's Bible Study: ***Fearless & Free*** Tuesdays from 9:30am-10:45am in the Garden View Room. April 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & June 3rd. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way. With an emphasis on healing and wholeness, Fearless and Free is the most personal and transformative study that Walking with Purpose offers. Sign-up at the information desk or by emailing Jodie Rubenzer: spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 27 from 3pm to 4pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday
A day of Extraordinary Grace for the whole world. Jesus said, *"tell the whole world about My inconceivable Mercy...complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."*

How to receive the Graces of Divine Mercy:

- repent of all sins in Confession prior to, and trust in His Mercy.
- receive Holy Communion on that day.
- be merciful to others.
- venerate the Image of Divine Mercy.
- celebrate the Feast on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Our Feast Day Celebration will include prayers, veneration of the Image, and Chaplet recitation. Father Bala will also hear Confessions and have a blessing of articles. Bring any items you would like to have blessed. Take this opportunity and join your parish family to receive God's special Graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

***We REJOICED in Jesus' RESURRECTION
Now REJOICE in God's DIVINE MERCY***

Catholic Elementary School Principal

St. Bridget Catholic Community is seeking a full-time Principal to lead our PreK - 8 fully accredited school. Visit our website for the full job description. Please send your resume along with a cover letter, transcripts and a copy of your licensure to Barrett Grove in the parish office.



PARISH SCHOOL

Frozen, Dad's & Donuts, & Sports!

Our students have been working hard this Lenten season, focusing on personal growth and reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made so that we may have life. We hope your Easter was filled with peace, reflection, and meaningful moments with those closest to your heart.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who donated toward purchasing new chairs for our school! The old chairs have been recycled, and the new ones are on their way—just in time for our Spring Musical! That means... it's almost showtime! Frozen the Musical, performed by our incredibly talented students, is just around the corner!

Showtimes:

- Friday, April 25 at 7 PM
- Saturday, April 26 at 7 PM We hope to see you there to support our amazing cast and crew!

Last week, we celebrated Dads &

Donuts, one of our favorite events of the year. It's always heartwarming to see our students spending special time with their dads and father figures.



In athletics, don't miss a great day of school spirit! Our softball and baseball teams will ALL be playing on **Wednesday, April 23 at Hoffman Park, starting at 4**

PM. Come out and cheer on our student athletes! For updates on schedules and locations, be sure to follow our Facebook page.

Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their **First Communion** on April 26—a beautiful and important milestone in their faith journey. As the school year begins to wind down, our students are finishing up testing, enjoying end-of-the-year field trips, and completing all the final pieces of their academic work.



We're incredibly proud of their dedication and perseverance. There are still many exciting events ahead, and we can't wait to continue sharing them with you.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community!





Easter Flower Memorials 2025

In Loving Memory of...



- + Arnold & Delores Pechacek & Barb Meier by Jeff & Jeannie Aws.
- + Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek, by Marlys, Jim & Dan.
- + Ben Dado by the Dado family.
- + Roman, Dolores, Paula Pechacek, & Raymond, Delores & Jerry Edgar by Richard & Barbara Pechacek.
- + Alfred and Kristine Vento, by Gina Vento.
- + Matt, Rose, Bob, Craig & Matt Jr. Gradinjan from Wayne "Swede" & Kathy Svoboda.
- + Bill & Florence Hinders, Matt & Alyce Kunzweiler by Sharon Kunzweiler.
- + Walter Kunzweiler by Sharon, Kay, Kristy, Karla.
- + Tim Engel, Peter & Marge Huppert, Bill & Norma Engel by Karen Engel.
- + Alan & Dale Rothamer by Diane Rothamer & family & Staci Rothamer.
- + Deceased members of the Gene and Debbie Cernohous families by Gene & Debbie Cernohous.
- + Walter Wienke by Berneita & family.
- + Ed, Rose, Donald Huppert by Kay Huppert family.
- + Lawrence Huppert by Kay Huppert family.
- + Carroll, Delaine & Cherryl Kjos by Jason and Lori Kjos.
- + Deceased members of Ron & Mary Giles family.
- + Garry Kitzmann & Stan & Barb Prochnow by Sue Kitzmann.
- + Roger Bruggeman by Arlyne Bruggeman.
- + Carl Harp & Chuck & Esther Carow by family.
- + Joe Gillen, Lorraine Gillen & Travis Gillen, by Cathy Hughes.
- + Jim Jackman by Joyce & family.
- + Joseph & Angeline Falteisek by Joyce Jackman, Jeanne Meier & Elaine Baker.
- + Deceased members of Cegielski & Mrozek families, by Joseph & Doreen Cegielski.





Easter Flower Memorials 2025

In Loving Memory of...



- + Deceased members of Ricci, Raiter & Haydon Families by Ron & Katherine Ricci.
- + Emil & Margaret Langer, Frank & Hattie Holter, Ken, Gene & Larry Langer, Larry Holter & Hannah Ducklow by Frank & Dori Holter.
- + Joel K. Velure by Conrad & Terri Bekkum.
- + Richard & Edith Heinkel by Sharon King.
- + Andrew Huppert by Janet Huppert.
- + Corey Hawkins, by Sally & Mike Hawkins, Korinn, Gavin & Marin Hawkins.
- + Frank & Rose Furlano, Lorin Beirne and Frank Deja by Marie Deja.
- + Edward V. Marek, Jr., Lloyd Marek, Edward V. Marek, Sr., Myrtle Marek & Elmer & Marjorie Von Kuster by Judy Marek & family.
- + Don, Cherie, Mitch, Joe & Emily Croes & George, Laura, Vern, & Betty Johnson by Arlene Croes family.
- + Thomas & Audrey Pfremmer, by Linda Romberg.
- + Jerry Jensen, Marvin and Dolores Dopkins, Roy Dopkins, Charlie Dopkins, Ken & Betty Dopkins & Jerry Dopkins, by Ann Jensen.
- + Darlene Harvatine, by Pat & Tim Trollan.
- + Maurice, Joe, & Mike Fern by Hazel & Connie Fern.
- + James & Josephine Vanda, by Barb & Tom Belongia.
- + Michael & Corrine Drost by the Tometich family.
- + Robert & Donna Huppert & all the deceased family members, by the Huppert family.
- + Bob Vorwald & Barb Cernohous by Eunice Vorwald.
- + Deceased members of the Elsie & Leo Schmidt family by Tilly & Dennis Riemenschneider.



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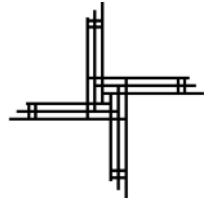
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News from St. Thomas More Newman Center



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