

St. Bridget Catholic Community

April 6th & April 13th

The Fifth Sunday in Lent & Palm Sunday

The Triple Filter



People often wonder why some have such great friends and manage to keep them, and others don't. But if you manage to apply the following advice from the great philosopher, Socrates, you may also develop and keep some great friends.

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Just a minute," Socrates replied, putting a stop to the conversation. "Before you tell me anything, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter test." "Triple filter?" his friend hesitantly inquired. "That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you are going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test."

"The first is 'the filter of Truth.' Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man said, actually I just heard about it and..." "All right," said Socrates, "So you don't really know if it is true or not. Now let's try the second filter, 'the filter of Goodness.' Is what you are about to tell me, about my friend something good?" "No, on the contrary..." "So," Socrates continued, "You want to tell me something bad about him, but you are not certain if it's true. You may still pass the test through, because there's one filter left, 'the filter of Usefulness.' Is what you are about to tell me, about my friend going to be useful to me?" "No, not really." "Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true, good or useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Always speak the truth, speak pleasantly and do not speak unpalatable truth. If what is told is neither true, nor good, nor useful, why tell or listen?

-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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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 6TH-APRIL 13TH**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, and Saint Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

Monday, April 7th

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare
6:30 p.m.	Knights for Dad's Men's Group
7:00p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, April 8th

7:45 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th

9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Linda & Tom Ross+
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
5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study
6:45 p.m.	Grades 7-11 Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	Reconciliation

Thursday, April 10th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Laurie Germanson+
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom

Friday, April 11th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Clarence Heit, Jr.+
2:50 p.m.	School Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12th

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Jeannie & Carman Anderson+
6:00p.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Gervase, Vera, & Michael Maier+
10:30 a.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Morris Marsolek+
12:00 p.m.	Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: APRIL 14TH- APRIL 20TH**Monday, April 14th-Holy Week**

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus meeting

Tuesday, April 15th

7:45 a.m.-7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
3:00 p.m.	Mass-Wellhaven
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass- Saint Bridget, Saint Mary's, and Saint Thomas More Newman Center

Wednesday, April 16th

7:00 a.m.	Dad's and Donuts
9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Clarence, Forence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek+
1:30 p.m.	Mass-Our House
4:00 p.m.	No Faith Formation (Holy Week)

Thursday, April 17th: Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass- Jack Brown+
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Friday, April 18th: Good Friday

11:00 a.m.	Confessions
12:00 p.m.	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m.	Evening Vespers

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:45 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass- James L. Murphy+

Sunday, April 20th: Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Mass - Int. Open
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Arnold & Delores Pechacek, & Barb Meier+



DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD FOR APRIL 6TH-APRIL 13TH

Sunday, April 6th	Isaiah 43:16-21,Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11
Monday, April 7th	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/John 8:12-20
Tuesday, April 8th	Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 9th	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/John 8:31-42
Thursday, April 10th	Genesis 17:3-9/ John 8:51-59
Friday, April 11th	Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42
Saturday, April 12th	Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56
Sunday, April 13th	Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-7,Philippians 2:6-11/ Luke 22:14-23:56

DAILY WORD FOR APRIL 14TH-APRIL 20TH

Monday, April 14th	Isaiah 42:1-7/ John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 15th	Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 16th	Isaiah 50:4-9a /Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday, April 17th	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 ,1 Corinthians 11:23-26 /1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Friday, April 18th	Isaiah 52:13-53:12,Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 /John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 19th	Genesis 1:1-2:2 ,Genesis 22:1-18,Exodus 14:15- 15:1,Isaiah 54:5-14,Isaiah 55:1-11,Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4,Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 /Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, April 20th	Acts 10:34a, 37-43,Colossians 3:1-4/John 20:1-9

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 23, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$7,671
Loose Collection	\$1,081
Scrip Rebates	\$281
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$22,481

March 30, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$12,932
Loose Collection	\$1172
Scrip Rebates	\$402

PARISH LIFE

Holy Week 2025

Holy Thursday Mass, April 17th: 7:00pm.

**Confession on Good Friday, April 18th:
11:00am-11:30am.**

**Good Friday Services, April 18th: 12:00
noon, & Vespers at 7:00pm.**

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19th: 8:45pm.

**Easter Sunday, April 20th: 9:00am
(live-stream) & 11:00am.**



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.



Ministry help needed

Holy Week and Easter are challenging times when we need extra help for various ministries.

Please sign up in the Sacristy or Ushers room. If you are not currently part of a ministry and would like to join, please contact the office training is provided for all ministries.

In Remembrance

Joyce Grove
Janice Vanden Heuvel
Elaine Johnson

PARISH LIFE

Scrip Updates

There will be no Scrip In Person Sales or Scrip Distribution on Easter weekend. Scrip will be available up to Palm Sunday weekend and again after Easter.



Donut Schedule

The remaining weekends for donuts after Mass are April 6th & 27th, and May 4th.

There are no donuts on April 13th & 20th, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



Thank you!

Thank you to those who have contributed to the many extra collections helping with national disaster relief along with the Diocesan collections and Catholic Services Appeal. Your extra participation is greatly appreciated.



Prayers for Confirmation Candidates

Dear Parish Family,

As we approach the final weeks leading up to Confirmation on May 4th, I kindly ask for your prayers and support for our Confirmation candidates. This is a deeply important time for them as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and make a lifelong commitment to their faith. Over the next few weeks, let us surround them with prayer, asking God to guide them, strengthen their hearts, and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Your prayers will be a source of encouragement and grace as they prepare for this sacrament.

Thank you for your continued support and love for our young people as they take this important step in their spiritual journey. May God bless you all!



Reconciliation Opportunity on April 9th

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:45pm-8:15pm.

There will be multiple priests available!

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

PREPARE NOW

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27, centering around the 3:00 pm hour.

During Lent our prayers, fasts, good deeds, and Confessions are the way to prepare yourself to receive the graces from **Divine Mercy Sunday**. This particular Sunday focuses on Jesus'



limitless love and mercy for all mankind. He promises to pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those who approach the Font of His Mercy. Our celebration will include veneration, recitation of the Chaplet, petitions, prayers, and optional adoration. Join us to participate in this great Gift of Mercy to receive God's complete forgiveness. Exact times in the next bulletin.

Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery cleanup will be Saturday, May 3rd. You are welcome to help anytime between 8:30am and 4:00pm. We need people to rake, pick up sticks and garbage.

Also, we will need anyone with a truck and/or trailer that can haul debris to the city composite site.



PARISH SCHOOL

Spring is here!

The kids have been enjoying the unpredictable rollercoaster of spring weather! Some days are filled with sunshine, and jackets get tossed aside as students rush outside to play. Other days bring cold winds and even snow! We're all eagerly anticipating the warmth that is slowly but surely making its way here.



Our students have been working hard on their spring musical, **Frozen the Musical**, and it's been wonderful to hear their songs echoing through the halls as they practice throughout the day. They've been putting in extra time after school and on weekends, not only rehearsing but also working on costumes and scenery. A big thank you to the families and staff who are helping to make this a success. Be sure to mark your calendars for our performances on April 25th & 26th at 7:00 pm!



We're also looking forward to **Dads & Donuts on April 16th**. Dads are invited to enjoy donuts with their children and join us for Mass at 9:00 am. It promises to be a wonderful morning!

Our amazing 2nd graders will be receiving their **First Communion** at the end of April, and we're excited to celebrate this important milestone in their faith journey.



April 28th is Step-Up Day, where students will have the chance to spend part of their day in the classroom they'll be in next year. The new students enrolled are also welcome! It's hard to believe the end of the school year is already so close!



Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up from May 5th-9th. While we are always grateful for our teachers, this week will give us a special opportunity to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. We are so blessed to have such amazing educators!

As we approach the final months of the school year, there are many exciting events planned at the school. We're deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our church community and hope everyone enjoys the beautiful spring days ahead!

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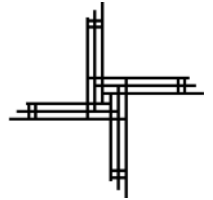
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News from St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Hammond

News from St. Thomas More Newman Center



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