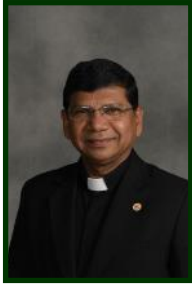


St. Bridget Catholic Community

June 15th & June 22nd 2025

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Practice Dying



While on his deathbed, Plato, the great philosopher (429-347), was asked by a friend to sum up his whole life's work. After much reflection, he replied two words, "Practice dying". Plato was saying: why wait until you are dying, be transformed now! This is something we can practice dying from moment to moment. Dying to the past, dying to the known, dying to the false, surrendering to the unknown, trusting what it is, and trusting God.

Stephen Levine once said, "If you had a year to live, what would you do, whom would you call, what would you say and why are you waiting?"

It could be a year, a month, a week, a day and an hour. Nothing is certain except the fact that each and every one of us will die. Knowing this (without fearing it) can inspire us, take us deeper into the present moment, help us to live more fully and passionately, encourage us to give everything of ourselves, to love, laugh, share and become closer to one another. Plato's final instruction to his disciples, just before death, is an admonition we should all take to heart. It affects not only our behavior at the time of death and how we deal with that, but our preparation prior to the time of death - that is, how we live our life.

This is all of a piece, for the moment of death and its quality depends on what has gone before and where our consciousness is placed. We need a philosophy of life that ultimately become a practice for the act and art of dying and our transition in the ongoing continuation of consciousness.

"Throughout the whole of life, one must continue to learn how to live; and, what will amaze you even more, throughout life, one must learn how to die". - Seneca

-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: JUNE 15TH-JUNE 22ND

Sunday, June 15th: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Donald Foley⁺
11:00 a.m.	Mass- John Meyer⁺

Monday, June 16th

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

Tuesday, June 17th

8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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- Alfred & Kristine Vento⁺

Wednesday, June 18th

1:30 p.m.	Mass- Our House
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Thursday, June 19th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Charles (Butch) Kahut⁺
8am-8pm	St. Bridget Garage Sale (School Gym)

Friday, June 20th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Dorothy Maule⁺
8am-8pm	St. Bridget Garage Sale (School Gym)

Saturday, June 21st

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8am-12pm	St. Bridget Garage Sale (School Gym)
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- James & Josephine Vanda⁺

Sunday, June 22nd: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Eric Pechacek⁺
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget, St. Mary's, and St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi Procession
1:00pm-2:30pm	Farewell Open House

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: JUNE 23RD-29TH

Monday, June 23rd

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

Tuesday, June 24th

	<i>No Centering Prayer</i>
9 a.m.-7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Mass- Jacqueline Heit⁺

Wednesday, June 25th

1:30 p.m.	Mass-Comforts of Home Lodge
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Thursday, June 26th

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

Friday, June 27th

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Samantha Trebus⁺

Saturday, June 28th

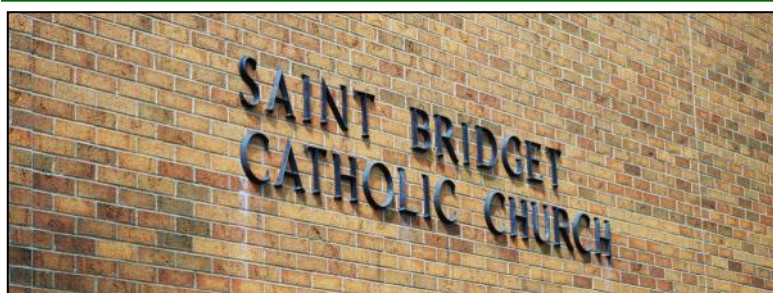
4:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Tim Engel⁺

Sunday, June 29th: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:45 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:30 a.m.	Mass- Patricia & Virgil Delander⁺
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget, St. Mary's, and St. Thomas More Newman Center

In Remembrance

Mary Purfeerst
Mark Skordahl
DeWayne Meyer
Annie Marshall



DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD: JUNE 15TH-JUNE 22ND

Sunday, June 15th	Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5 /John 16:12-15
Monday, June 16th	2 Corinthians 6:1-10 /Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday, June 17th	2 Corinthians 8:1-9 /Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday, June 18th	2 Corinthians 9:6-11 /Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, June 19th	2 Corinthians 11:1-11 /Matthew 6:7-15
Friday, June 20th	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 /Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday, June 21st	2 Corinthians 12:1-10 /Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday, June 22nd	Genesis 14:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 /Luke 9:11b-17

DAILY WORD: JUNE 23RD-JUNE 29TH

Monday, June 23rd	Genesis 12:1-9 /Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday, June 24th	Jeremiah 1:4-10 ,1 Peter 1:8-12 /Luke 1:5-17
Wednesday, June 25th	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 /Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday, June 26th	Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 /Matthew 7:21-29
Friday, June 27th	Ezekiel 34:11-16 ,Romans 5:5b-11 /Luke 15:3-7
Saturday, June 28th	Genesis 18:1-15 /Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday, June 29th	Acts 3:1-10 ,Galatians 1:11-20 /John 21:15-19

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

June 1, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$10,320
Loose Collection	\$770
Scrip Rebates	\$478

June 8, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$9,516
Loose Collection	\$698
Scrip Rebates	\$299

NEW MASS TIMES

New Mass Times Beginning July 5/6

As we begin our new cluster formation on July 1, Father Bala requested that the Parish Council gather input from parishioners and make recommendations regarding our Mass schedule. After thoughtful discussion and consultation, the Parish Council presented their suggestions at the most recent meeting, and the following changes were approved.

Effective the weekend of July 5/6, our new Mass times at St. Bridget will be:

- ♦ Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM
- ♦ Sunday Masses at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
- ♦ Additionally, our Tuesday evening Mass will move to 5:00 PM, and Saturday confessions will begin at 3:30 PM.

We appreciate everyone who provided input during this process and look forward to worshipping together at these new times.

PARISH LIFE

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, June 22 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). All are invited to join us for a Eucharistic Procession after the **11am Mass** around the block of the school and library ending back in church for Benediction.

Farewell Open House

Please join us on **Sunday, June 22 from 1-2:30pm** as we say farewell to **Fr. Anil, Deacon Dan Kohler and Jodie Rubenzer**. Jodie is moving into retirement after serving our church and school in various roles for the past 25 years. Fr. Anil and Deacon Dan will begin serving a new cluster of parishes which includes Hammond, Glenwood City and Wilson on July 1st.

Thank you to all of them who have blessed our parish in various ways, may God continue to journey with you.



JOANY SHEPARD LIBRARY

St. Bridget's Joany Shepard Memorial Library

See the NEW folder on the desk for summer reading.

- ♦ ***Lord, RENEW YOUR WONDERS, Spiritual Gifts for Today*** by Damian Stayne.
- ♦ The ***Spiritual Gifts Handbook*** by Mary Healy & Randy Clark.
- ♦ ***The Prayer Book for Tired Parents*** by David & Debbie Cowden.
- ♦ ***Rembrandt is in the Wind*** by Russ Ramsey.
- ♦ ***Listening For God*** by Teresa Tomeo.
- ♦ ***You'll Get Through This*** by Max Lucado.
- ♦ ***Nothing is Impossible with God*** by John Michael Talbot.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Please join us in celebrating the

70th

ANNIVERSARY

OF

Leo & Marlys Karras

Saturday | June 21st | 2pm - 6pm

St. Croix Lanes
1153 St. Croix St, River Falls, WI

Hosted by their children
Judy, Luanne, Bill, Dianne, Lisa & Cindy

PRINCIPAL POSITION

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 LIFE

Welcome Tara!

We extend a warm welcome to our new Liturgical Ministries Coordinator, **Tara Huebel!**

Tara started last week so if you see her settling in, be sure to say hello!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*God took the **strength** of a mountain, the **majesty** of a tree, the **warmth** of a summer sun, the **calm** of a quiet sea, the **generous** soul of nature, the **comforting** arm of night, the **wisdom** of the ages, the **power** of the eagle's flight, the **joy** of a morning in spring, the **faith** of a mustard seed, the **patience** of eternity, the **depth** of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it ... **Dad**.*

-Author Unknown

May God bless all of our fathers, whether they be in Heaven, on Earth, father figures, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, or spiritual fathers.



Healing Your Marriage

Retrouvaille (French for "**Rediscovery**") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call **1-877-922-HOPE (4673)** or visit website:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Fully Confidential and affordable.

The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, **August 15-17, 2025.**



PARISH SCHOOL

That's a Wrap on the 2024-2025 School Year at St. Bridget Parish School!



First and foremost, thank you.

In the wake of the recent vandalism at our school, we were overwhelmed by the incredible love and support from families, parishioners, and friends near and far. Your generosity, encouragement, and unity reminded us just how strong and special this community is. We are deeply grateful to everyone who stood by us—you reminded us that we are never alone.

On a lighter note... Mr. Leary kissed a pig!

Yes, you read that right! Thanks to the overwhelming participation in our *Kiss A Pig Fundraiser*, Mr. Leary was the lucky "winner" who got to smooch the cutest little piggy at our school pep rally! This event had students cheering, laughing, and celebrating the hard work they poured into the fourth quarter—and the entire year!



We also proudly celebrated our incredible 8th grade graduates!



On June 3rd, we gathered for a beautiful Graduation Mass, followed by a heartfelt dinner and slideshow honoring the Class of 2025. These students have grown into compassionate, thoughtful leaders, and we're so proud of everything they've accomplished. Congratulations, graduates—you'll always have a home at St. Bridget!



PARISH LIFE

Scam Email Reminder

Scam emails are still going around pretending to be Fr. Bala asking for help or money. One way to tell if an email is a scam is to look at the email address the message is coming from. All official emails from Fr. Bala will be from pastor@stbparish.com.

Call the office if you ever have any questions about potential scam emails.

ST. BRIDGET GARAGE SALE

Don't Miss the St. Bridget Garage Sale!

The St. Bridget Garage Sale is just around the corner **June 19th-21st**. Volunteers are needed to sort and display donated items and to help with checkout.

Garage Sale Times:

June 19th: 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

June 20th: 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

June 21st: 8:00 a.m.- 12 noon.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up online, or at the information desk. Volunteers get to shop early!

Donation drop off at the school gym:

Saturday, June 14th	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 15th	10:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday June 16th and 17th	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday June 18 th	8:00 a.m. - noon



PARISH LIFE

Thank you!

Special thanks to all who prayed for Sunita Johnston. She is recovering well from cancer surgery, and is grateful for your prayers.

Thank
You!

Cemetery Clean Up

Thank you to St. Bridget's parishioners, the St. Bridget's fourth grade class, and the Knights of Columbus members for helping with the cemetery clean-up.

We would also like to thank **Chris Rohl** for donating his time and equipment for repairing the potholes and wash out areas in the driveway.



Parish Nurse Available: June 14-15

Someone from the parish nurse team will be in the Westview room after all Masses the weekend of June 14-15 doing blood pressures and answering simple health questions.



PRAYER REQUESTS

As a parish we join our prayers together for the following requests:

- ✦ **Awaken Faith** — We pray that we, and all Catholics, may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of our lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all of our brothers and sisters.
- ✦ **Build community** - We pray in this time of transition, that we continue to join together in pray, faith, and action to strengthen our parish community.
- ✦ **Make disciples** - We pray for each of us to be open and inviting others to come to know Jesus through our daily lives, invitation, and accompaniment in their journeys.

awaken FAITH

build COMMUNITY

make DISCIPLES

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Social Justice

Did you know that you can bring Food Pantry donations to church when you come for Mass each week?

There is a grocery cart parked under the stairwell near **the East entrance** where you can leave your contributions.

In a time when food insecurity is becoming more and more of an issue and when families need to make difficult decisions on where and how to spend their money, your donations are especially appreciated by the Food Pantry and by their clients.



Thank you all for your continued generosity.



Current Food Pantry needs:

Rice, Cereal, Bread, Honey, Granola Bars, Snack Crackers, & Canned pineapple & mandarin oranges.

PARISH LIFE

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a contemplative, communal form of prayer where one comes together with others.

Centering prayer begins with the reading aloud of a psalm, short scripture passage or short reflection to center our hearts on the Lord. After this a timer is set for 20 minutes of quiet prayer and then ends with praying aloud together the Our Father.



Centering Prayer group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Garden View room. We will not be meeting on June 24 or July 1 but will resume on July 8th.

PARISH SCHOOL CONT'D...

Field Day Fun!

Students and staff gave it their all during Field Day, organized by the amazing Mr. DeLong. From gunny-sack races to extreme bowling, everyone enjoyed the sunshine, the games, and each other's company. We wrapped it up with lunch in the park and memories we'll carry into summer.



Our Pre-K students stole the show

With adorable songs and big smiles, our youngest learners took the stage and proudly celebrated their growth. They crossed the stage with pride, and we're so excited to see many of their shining faces back in the fall!

The Grand Finale: Our Last Day of School

The red carpet was rolled out, music filled the air, and students danced their way into the building one last time this school year.



We ended the day with a joyful all-school picnic—families, staff, and students soaking up every moment together under the summer sky. It was the perfect,

bittersweet send-off to an unforgettable year.

Now... bring on the sunshine!

Our students have poured their hearts into learning, growing, and thriving this year. This summer break is well-earned, and we can't wait to see their bright smiles again in the fall—ready for another year of faith, knowledge, love, and laughter.



**HELLO SUMMER!
SEE YOU IN AUGUST!**



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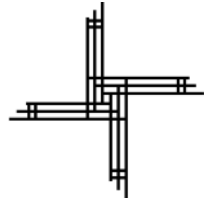
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