

St. Bridget Catholic Community

July 13th and July 20th

The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time.

The City of Joy



Father Francis Laborde, a man of multifaceted personality, a friend of the people in the gutter, a creative thinker and a committed visionary was born in France in 1927 to middle class parents. In his early childhood itself, he was infused with a spirit of service to the poor and felt an invitation in his inner most heart by God to do something enriching for the marginalized and downtrodden.

As a young priest, he landed in Pilkhana, in 1965. He saw the trials, tribulations and hardships endured by the poor people of Pilkhana. To mitigate the curse of poverty and underdevelopment with his vision of education, health care and social emancipation, he was instrumental in providing better amenities of life by way of job opportunities and income generation. Indeed, he transformed the Pilkhana slum into a City of Joy with all sections of society joining hands with him regardless of linguistic, religious and cast affiliations.

Later on, the famous writer, Dominique Lapierre, wrote his best-seller novel, The City of Joy, based on the life of this vibrant community.

Like St. Theresa of Kolkata (Mother Theresa), the saint of the gutters, Father Francis Laborde saw the face of Jesus in the suffering faces of needy people benefitted in various ways on account of his zeal, generosity and service. Let Father Francis Laborde's attitude of service out of love for the divine and for humanity inspire our lives.

If we want to know God, if we want to know God's most complete portrait, Jesus, we must either be in love with Him, or learn from those who loved Him most. (Please read the lives of the saintly people for the inspiration).

-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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*we awaken faith,
build community,
and make disciples.*

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: JULY 13TH -JULY 20TH	
Sunday, July 13th: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Charles (Chuck) O'Connell+
10:00 a.m.	Donuts & Dios
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Corrine & Michael Drost+
Monday, July 14th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00p.m.	Community Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, July 15th	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
2 p.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (delayed start because of a funeral that day).
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
3:00 p.m.	Mass- Wellhaven
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Tim Engel+
Wednesday, July 16th	
8:00 a.m.	Mass- DeWayne Meyer+
1:30 p.m.	Mass- Our House
5:00 p.m.	Pizza & Prayer
Thursday, July 17th	
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, July 18th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Jacqueline Heit+
Saturday, July 19th	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- John Meyer+
Sunday, July 20th: The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Michael Boespflug+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: JULY 21ST -JULY 27TH	
Monday, July 21st	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
12:00 p.m.	Sliders & Saints
Tuesday, July 22nd	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m.-7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Living & Deceased Members of the Wiskerchen Family+
Wednesday, July 23rd	
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Mark Skordahl+
1:30 p.m.	Mass-Comforts of Home Lodge
6:00 p.m.	Kool-Aid & Confession
Thursday, July 24th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Open Intention
Friday, July 25th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Roger & Judy Graetz+
Saturday, July 26th	
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Deborah Carow+
Sunday, July 27th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:45 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Christopher Radke+
10:00 a.m.	Sundaes & Spirit
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Jim Jackman+

CSA Update

In September 2024, our parish was assessed a goal of **\$134,016.00** for the 2024-25 Catholic Services Appeal. We're pleased to share that, as of **June 30, 2025**, we have received **\$131,902.00** in payments and pledges from **256 donors**, leaving a remaining balance of **\$2,114.00**.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this campaign. In past years, we've had to cover between \$25,000 and \$50,000 from our parish budget to meet our goal—so this year's generosity is truly a blessing. Thank you for your continued support!

DAILY WORD

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Sunday, July 13th	Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20 /Luke 10:25-37
Monday, July 14th	Exodus 1:8-14, 22/ Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday, July 15th	Exodus 2:1-15a /Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday, July 16th	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 /Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday, July 17th	Exodus 3:13-20 /Matthew 11:28-30
Friday, July 18th	Exodus 11:10—12:14 /Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday, July 19th	Exodus 12:37-42 /Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday, July 20th	Genesis 18:1-10a ,Colossians 1:24-28 /Luke 10:38-42

DAILY WORD: JULY 21ST—JULY 27TH

Monday, July 21st	Exodus 14:5-18 /Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 22nd	Song of Songs 3:1-4b /John 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday, July 23rd	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday, July 24th	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b /Matthew 13:10-17
Friday, July 25th	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 /Matthew 20:20-28
Saturday, July 26th	Exodus 24:3-8 /Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday, July 27th	Genesis 18:20-32,Colossians 2:12-14 /Luke 11:1-13

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
Linda Radtke
Tony Jilek
Dorie Deiss
Donna Pechacek
Mary Ellen Vorwald
Barb Ickler
John Benusa
Emily Hennemann
Jeanne Rohl
Andre Armstrong
Marge Dusek
Missy Tarnowski
Kathleen Brown
Sonia Steiner
Russ Henke
Raphael Timp
Stanley Meyer
Judy Pechacek Harri
Kaye McFarland
Jim McFarland
Richard Andrea
Jim Carow

Beverly Benson
Mary Parsons
Robb Scott
Miranda Carlson
Patricia Bujalski
Matt Huppert
Carol Ann Gregg
Richard Bujalski
Ryan Sell
Fred Larson
Virginia Steiner
Angela Tatone
Bernice Deiss
Ed Hanson
Mabel Rohl
Kathy Vorwald
Guillermo Guzmán
Maverick
Wyatt
Dr. Kathleen Delander
David Trebus
Leo Wolf

TITHES & OFFERINGS

June 29, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$8,276
Loose Collection	\$823
Scrip Rebates	\$255

July 6, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$15,286
Loose Collection	\$675
Scrip Rebates	\$227

GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!

This year's garage sale was a tremendous success. We raised slightly more than \$15,000 dollars that were distributed to the main missions of our church community. People who worked at the garage sale designated the mission that they wanted to sponsor and as a consequence our school, church, faith formation, K of C's, women's ministry and Martha's quilting group *all* received funding from this event.

Your wonderful donations and the work of our community not only had a great impact on the lives of others by providing low cost items necessary for families of our community but it had a much farther reach. We helped several community ministries such as **Our Neighbors Place, Treasures, RF Food Shelf, Goodwill**, etc. with donations of items after our sale. We also had the second hand sports equipment business in town come and take equipment that did not sell. Our school teachers were able to pick out items and we donated several balls, gym equipment, religious statues and pictures, books, and DVD's to the school. All of the leftover shoes will eventually make their way to Africa. Some books and socks were given to an organization that helps our immigrant communities. Some shirts and sweatpants were donated to Regions Hospital.

We may never know how much or who all were touched by our efforts, but I know God is smiling on us right now!! A HUGE thank you to this giving Christian community we all belong to.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Please stop by or call the church office if you would like to have a Mass offered for someone. The suggested donation is \$20 (radio Masses are \$85). Please mail payment or bring your payment into the office.

PARISH LIFE

St. Bridget Softball Team Schedule

Come cheer on the St. Bridget Softball team at their games this summer!

7/14/25: Field 1 @ 7:15pm
7/21/25: Field 1 @ 6:00pm
7/28/25: Field 2 @ 7:15pm
8/4/25: Field 2 @ 6:00pm
8/11/25: Field 1 @ 6:00pm



Dorothy Maule Scholarship

The Maule family will again award Dorothy Maule Scholarships to members of our parish and pursuing a nursing B.S.N degree. Nursing students attending school now may also apply. See Barrett Grove to pick up the applications and give back when completed. Applications must be submitted by August 1st. Five scholarships have already been awarded.



Pierce County Fair

The Pierce County Fair is coming soon. **Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10, 2025.**

The St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Food Booth is looking for volunteers to help staff at the booth each of those days. Come enjoy fellowship with other Knights and Parish members while helping with a shift at the booth. *Thanks in advance!* Signups will be held at the Parish information booth the weekends of **July 26th and 27th and August 2nd and 3rd** before and after the 4:00 pm, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

You can also signup online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/PCFair25> or use the QR Code.



In Remembrance

Carol Hubanks
Pearl Kittleson

FAITH FORMATION

THANK YOU for supporting our Extreme Faith Campers!

Our 32 youth and adults returned home from a week of faith and friendship at camp!

We participated in extreme activities such as rock climbing, boating, crate stacking, archery, and more. We celebrated Mass, Reconciliation, and spent time in adoration and prayer. Our high schoolers prepared testimonies of what God has done in their lives and shared them with the middle schoolers. Each day we learned about the theme, “**The Heart of God,**” and returned home on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Thank you for supporting our youth financially and with your prayers, both of which make camp possible!

July Faith & Food Frenzy:

Led by Dominic Hietala and Alexa Rivera-Guzman for youth going into grades 6-9!

- Sunday, July 13, 10am: **Donuts & Dios (God).**
- Wednesday, July 16, 5-6pm: **Pizza & Prayer.**
- Monday, July 21, Noon-1pm: **Sliders & Saints.**
- Wednesday, July 23, 6-7:30pm: **Kool-Aid & K~~X~~onfession.**
- Sunday, July 27, 10am: **Sundaes & Spirit.**

Please sign up **HERE** or call/email Tessa in the Church Office.



PARISH NURSE

Parish Nurse Available

Someone from the Parish Nurse team will be in the **Westview** room following all Masses the weekend of **July 19-20** providing blood pressure checks and answering simple health questions.



PARISH SCHOOL

Summer fun is in full swing, and we're just getting started!



From princesses and pirouettes, to baking, art, and Going Greek, our summer camps have been packed with excitement—and there's still so much more to come!



And what's summer without River Falls Days?

You know what that means... our famous food stand will be open at the school! Stop by on **Friday, July 11th, from 4-8 PM** for hot dogs, chips, soda, and more. Great food, great company—what more could you ask for? While you're out and about, keep an eye out for our school in the **River Falls Days**



parade, or better yet—**walk with us** and be part of the fun!

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support. We can't wait to see you there!

PARISH LIFE

Social Justice

If you need help providing diapers for your baby (or know of someone who does), United Way has a diaper subscription service. To receive further information, contact **Betsy Byker**, the program coordinator, at betsy.byker@unitedwaystcroix.org or call her at 715-377-0203. There are two other local resources available: **Our Neighbors' Place** has diapers and wipes and **Options for Women** has diapers.

River Falls Community Food Pantry needs:

Salt & Pepper
Onion & Garlic Powders
Pickles
BBQ sauce
Paper towels



DIOCESAN NEWS

"The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

Bonnie Thom 715.718.1110.

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well."

"La Iglesia Católica está trabajando arduamente para evitar que sus empleados, voluntarios, diáconos y sacerdotes cometan abuso sexual. Si usted ha sido abusado sexualmente por alguien asociado con la iglesia y le gustaría poder reportarlo o hablar con alguien, le pedimos que por favor se comuniquen con:

Bonnie Thom 715.718.1110.

La diócesis de Superior entiende que es difícil pedir ayuda en casos de abuso sexual. Por eso el número telefónico es estrictamente para reportar estos casos y la llamada es confidencial. Su llamada será tratada con respeto y dignidad. Conforme a la ley civil y de la iglesia, la diócesis de Superior está obligada a reportar a las autoridades cualquier reporte de abuso sexual a un menor. A cualquier persona que piense que ha sido abusada sexualmente se le sugiere o recomienda reportarlo."

If there are questions about the above notice, please contact Dan Blank, Director of Administrative Services: 715.394.0211, dblank@catholicdos.org.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

BETHANY BRUNCH | JULY 19

Young adult women ages 18 to 40, we have an invite for you!

The Diocese will be hosting a morning of prayer, formation and beautiful hospitality for young adult women called a ***Bethany Brunch*** at St. Joseph Church in Rice Lake beginning with morning Mass at 9:00am.

There will be young sisters there joining us and leading us deeper into our relationship with the Lord as young women.

It's a unique opportunity for young women to freely come together and spend time with young sisters that understand where they are at.

The morning is not at all designed exclusively for young adult women that are thinking about religious life. It's designed for any young woman!

[Here's a link to register!](#)

Upcoming Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. This 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to rebuild loving relationships.

For more information about /or to register for the program beginning with a weekend stay on August 15-17, 2025 in the Wausau area, call (confidential+toll free) 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or visit the website at **HelpOurMarriage.org**

PARISH LIFE

Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adoration partners for the 11am-noon Adoration hour, and for the 1pm-2pm Adoration hour.

Contact Tara in the parish office if you are able to help!

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have stopped by and for the beautiful notes and cards I received as I retired from St. Bridget. My life has been blessed because of this parish community and I cherish the time I served here and all the wonderful people I served with. **Joy and Peace,**
Jodie.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Martha's Quilt Group

About Martha's Quilt Group

The Martha's Quilter's Group is a group here at St. Bridget that meet **every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** in Lubich Hall (the basement of St. Bridget's Church). The group donates all their finished work to charity.

In 2024, the Martha's Quilt Group donated their finished quilts (plus other items such as Baptismal Car Seat Blankets, Fidget quilts, Dignity bags, Fleece hats headbands and knitted hats/scarves) to **27 businesses** in our communities.



Doreen Cegielski, Martha Coordinator and our Spotlight Minister for the Martha's Quilt Group this month, welcomes new members no matter what their skill level may be.

"Every Christian woman is welcome who is willing to share their God given talents to help others. The ability to sew or quilt is not a requirement."

What Doreen wanted to share:

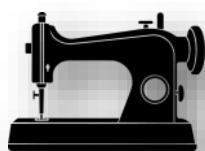
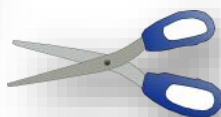
"It warms my heart to partake in providing comfort and warmth to families who are experiencing difficult times in their lives."

"The quilts made by members of Martha Quilt group are given to keep individuals/families warm and hopefully they will feel the love sewn into them."

"Connecting with other women interested in sharing and inspiring each other in a safe, social environment."

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the parish office, and we will put you in contact with Doreen.

Thank you quilters for all you do for our parish & community!



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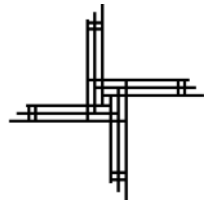
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News from St. Thomas More Newman Center



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