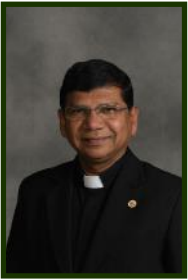


Sunday, September 21st and Sunday, September 28th
The Twenty-Fifth & Twenty-Sixth Sundays in Ordinary Time.

Prayer



A man had a dream in which he was taken up to heaven. He was blissfully looking around and enjoying all what he saw when Jesus came along and began to walk with him pointing out and explaining the different sights.

Then Jesus let him have a vision of something happening on earth. It was a beautiful Sunday morning.

The church was packed, and Mass was going on. He could see people praying and signing with gusto, but no sound could be heard. He could see the fingers of the organist dancing on the keyboard, the keys jumping up and down, but no music could be heard.

Puzzled he turned to Jesus for an explanation, “You see”, Jesus said, “Unless the people pray or sing with their heart, they are not heard here.”

Prayer recited and ceremonies performed routinely simply due to custom or religious commands are just a sheer waste of time and energy. Prayers that do not rise from one's heart are nothing more than loss of breath.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

St. Bridget Website



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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: SEPTEMBER 21ST-SEPTEMBER 8TH	
Sunday, September 21st The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - DeWayne Meyer+
10:00 a.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget, & St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass
6:30 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
Monday, September 22nd	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 23rd	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Doug Lenzen+
Wednesday, September 24th	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Moms & Muffins</i>
9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek+
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
6:45 p.m.	Faith Formation Opening Mass - <i>For the Students and Leaders of Faith Formation</i>
Thursday, September 25th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Charles "Butch" Kahut+
1:30 p.m.	Mass @Comforts of Home Lodge
Friday, September 26th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Dennis Alan Johnson+
Saturday, September 27th	
11am-3pm	St. Bridget School Fall Festival 
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Victoria Gouze+
Sunday, September 28th: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Intention Open
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget, & St. Thomas More Newman Center
6:00 p.m.	Mass @ Newman Center

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 29TH-OCTOBER 5TH	
Monday, September 29th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 30th	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Doris Langer+
Wednesday, October 1st	
9:00 a.m.	School Mass- Anthony Jilek+
1:30 p.m.	Mass @ Comforts of Home Falls
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	Kindergarten-6th Grade Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
Thursday, October 2nd	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Tim Trollan+
1:00 p.m.	Euchre
Friday, October 3rd	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Healing Mass- DeWayne Meyer+
6:00 p.m.	Baptism Prep: 2nd Child
6:30 p.m.	Baptism Prep: 1st Child
Saturday, October 4th	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Meeting
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- John Meyer+
5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus : Lifesavers for Life
Sunday, October 5th: The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Intention open
10:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus : Lifesavers for Life
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget, & St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus : Lifesavers for Life
6:00 p.m.	Mass @ Newman Center

DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD: SEPTEMBER 21ST-SEPTEMBER 28TH

Sunday, September 21st	Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13
Monday, September 22nd	Ezra 1:1-6 / Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday, September 23rd	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday, September 24th	Ezra 9:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6
Thursday, September 25th	Haggai 1:1-8 / Luke 9:7-9
Friday, September 26th	Haggai 2:1-9 / Luke 9:18-22
Saturday, September 27th	Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a / Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday, September 28th	Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31

DAILY WORD: SEPTEMBER 29TH-OCTOBER 5TH

Monday, September 29th	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / John 1:47-51
Tuesday, September 30th	Zechariah 8:20-23 / Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday, October 1st	Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Luke 9:57-62
Thursday, October 2nd	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday, October 3rd	Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16
Saturday, October 4th	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Luke 10:17-24
Sunday, October 5th	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

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
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
Jeff Carow
Karla Furlano Berra
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
Patricia Meyer
Chuck Kamrowski

TITHES & OFFERINGS

September 7th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$14,712
Loose Collection	\$947
Scrip Rebate	\$423

September 14th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$10,264
Loose Collection	\$873
Scrip Rebates	\$366

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Parents expecting their first child will need to prepare for their child's Baptism by involving themselves in a Baptism session.

Parents expecting their second child are highly recommended to review and consider their role in living out their Baptismal promises.

Sessions are held in the library on the first Friday of every month at 6:00pm for the second child, and at 6:30pm for the first child. Contact the office to join a session.

Congratulations on receiving the sacrament of Baptism to:

- † Samuel Carrion-Sotil
- † Percy Lennon Niccum
- † Charlotte Louise Niccum

Marriage

Participation in the marriage preparation process is a requirement for all couples seeking to be married.

If you are interested in being married at St. Bridget Catholic Church, **the first step is to call the parish office** to secure your date.

Marriage prep must be done 6 months in advance from your wedding date.

Order of Christian Initiation

OICA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the new name and is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into continuous process of spiritual formation.

As we move to "order" we strive to prepare the candidate and catechumen for an ongoing faith journey that will continue throughout their lives.

Contact the office if you are interested in OICA.

First Friday Anointing/Healing Mass

There will be an opportunity for anointing and healing on the first Friday of every month at the 8:00 am Mass.

Contact the office if you have any questions.

PARISH LIFE

SCRIP

SCRIP is a fundraising program to benefit St. Bridget Church and School while shopping and is *celebrating more than 30 years in the parish.*



Parish and school families purchase SCRIP gift cards at face value. St. Bridget purchases gift cards from local vendors and a national fundraising company at a discounted value and credits the difference, or "rebates", to an approved St. Bridget account of the buyer's choice.

Just regularly using SCRIP for everyday purchases can easily generate funds to help with parish and school expenses. SCRIP isn't just for gifts! Make it part of your family's budget.

Please consider joining or re-energizing your purchases today!

Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Social Justice: Food Pantry Needs

To date, the parish has contributed **1020** food and nonfood items to the River Falls Food Pantry. **124** items were contributed in August. The highest number of items contributed in August were **spices. Condiments, toothbrushes and toothpaste.**

Members of the River Falls community continue to struggle with food insecurity. As a parish we are able to help ease this struggle. The Food Pantry is now in need of paper towels (unable to get any from their suppliers), cleaning supplies, crackers of any and all kinds, toothbrushes and toothpaste, personal care items, and wipes. It is worth noting that non-food items cannot be purchased with SNAP.

Again, the parish's generosity and sensitivity are greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry and its guests.

Prayer Shawls

Through the handiwork and care of those who knit and crochet, we have many prayer shawls that have been blessed, and are ready to be shared. If you know of someone who is struggling and could be "wrapped in prayer", please stop by the office to pick one up.



PARISH LIFE

A Note from One of Our Parishioners...

*In growing up at the parish of St. Bridget, I have learned so much about the sweet love and goodness of Jesus. I desire to give my whole heart and life to Him. I will be spending these next nine months discerning **Religious Life with The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in Atlantic City, NJ.** I will be working with them as they serve the poor of the city and I will be entering into a life of greater simplicity and prayer to seek God's call for my life. I would be so grateful for your prayers throughout this journey and please know of mine for you and your families as parishioners of St. Bridget.*

-Elly Bjork (pictured on the far right).

Let us all pray for Elly as she enters this period of discernment.

We are so proud of you Elly, for following the call and will of Christ!



St. Bridget Youth Choir for Students in Grades 3-9

*Do you like to sing?

*Would you like to learn some sign language?

*Are you looking for a fun way to serve God and your church?

If you answered yes to any of these question then the **St. Bridget Youth Choir** is something that you should try. We rehearse at church in the multi-purpose room on **Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00**. You will have time to eat and go to faith formation after. We sing one Sunday a month at the **9:00am Mass** and at the children's Mass at Christmas. If you are interested or want more information, please contact **Peggy Krasin at (715)425-2670** for details, or just come to the first practice at **4:30pm September 24th**.

I look forward to making music with you as we praise God and inspire others with our singing.



PARISH SCHOOL

School is in full swing, and we're loving every moment of it!

This year, we are excited to offer **Orchestra** to our students, and last week marked the first week of practice for our budding



musicians! The students are already doing an incredible job, and we can't wait to see their progress throughout the year.

Our **Home and School** group also hosted the **Back to School Kickoff event** last week, and there's something truly heartwarming about watching families come together to celebrate the start of a new school year. A big thank you to Home and School for all your efforts to make it such a special day!

We also had our **first school Mass** of the year, and it was beautiful to see our students back in church. We are looking forward to seeing them take part in many more Masses throughout the year, growing in faith and community together.

Volleyball season has officially kicked off, and our middle school girls are working hard on the court! Their first games will be away on **9/15 and 9/18**, so be sure to check our school Facebook page for game details and updates. While the middle school girls are competing at the next level, our **3rd and 4th grade girls** are sharpening their skills at Skills & Drills. Good luck to all the players—we're cheering you on!

Looking to show off your school spirit? **River City Stitch** has a fantastic collection of St. B apparel available—perfect for proudly representing our school wherever you go. Go Celtics!

Save the Date! Our much-anticipated **Fall Festival** is just around the corner! Join us on **Saturday, September 27th from 11 AM to 3 PM** in the school parking lot for food, raffles, games, and more.

To our wonderful **parishioners**: we invite you to become an active part of our school mission by sharing your talents through volunteering. We can't wait to collaborate with you to make this year even more memorable. As always, we hope your days are filled with **sunshine, joy, and love!**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ST. CROIX COUNTY

About twenty years ago,

a group of people from various parishes in St. Croix County came together to do something they knew would be difficult at best. They worked to bring a Catholic High School to St. Croix County. This group spent a great deal of time and effort researching, studying, and envisioning. Unfortunately, despite their great effort, it did not happen.

While our county has four excellent Catholic schools, they provide Catholic education only through eighth grade. A majority of the graduates of our schools go on to a public high school. To go to a Catholic High School, if you live in St. Croix County, requires one to travel into the Twin Cities. To the east, the closest Catholic High Schools are in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. Currently there are no Catholic High Schools in our Diocese, the **Diocese of Superior**.

In addition, we know many people who are not Catholic that choose to send their children to Catholic schools because they are faith-based and known for quality instruction.

Fast forward to today: another group of people has come together recently to again research, study, and envision something that will take great effort and not come without significant cost, but could also be instrumental in the formation and education for kids from the Catholic Parishes of St. Croix County and beyond. This group is made volunteers from each of the parishes in our county that currently operates a school. The group is working with the support and knowledge of our Bishop.

The group has reviewed the research done by the prior group and has learned much from their work. This fall the group will update some of the research that was done previously by sending out a survey to families enrolled in the Catholic Schools of St. Croix County. This survey will also be made available to others who wish to complete it. The group has also launched a webpage with just some basic information about the effort to form a new high school in our county. You can sign up on the webpage to receive communication from the team.

Later this fall, the group will study some Catholic Schools that have recently opened in **Wisconsin, Minnesota,** and the **Dakotas**. With survey results and lessons learned from other places where Catholic High Schools have recently begun, the group will try to envision the strength of the desire for a Catholic High School in our area, the strength of support - especially financial, and what a school in our area might look like.

As you can imagine this is a tremendous undertaking, requiring great effort. Watch for the survey to come out this fall, check out our webpage (**[Home - St. Croix Catholic High School](#)**), and finally pray for the work the committee is doing.

Committee Members: Dan Bell, Father John Gerrits, Steve Harrold, Maria Helgersen, Brian Hinz, Maureen Koranda, Steve Lorence, Larry Mitchell, Joe Studnicka, Paul Wenzel.

PARISH LIFE

Eucharistic Consecration

Bishop James Powers is calling on all Parishes in the Superior Diocese to participate in a special pilgrimage to Eucharistic Consecration. He observed that "A pilgrimage is a journey designed to reorient our lives: we commit to prayer, penance and transformation. It is not intended for our comfort, but for our conversion." We will be using Dynamic Catholic's *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. St. Bridget has utilized this book and pilgrimage twice before, but this will be different so please put this pilgrimage on your calendar. Our journey begins **October 22** and ends on **November 23**, which is the *Feast of Christ the King*. There will be many ways to participate (one of which are small groups). ***Watch for more details.***



Ministry Sign Ups

Come! Love and serve the Lord! Share your time and talents by joining a liturgical ministry. We invite and welcome all to support the needs of our church in whatever ways you are called... Ministries include: Altar Server (youth AND adults), Church Decorating, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Worker, Greeter, Ministers of Care (Homebound & Health Care Center Ministers), Lay Leader of Prayer, Liturgical Linens Launderer, Music, Plant Watering, Reader (Proclaimer of the Word), Usher, and Video Projection Technicians. There will be a ministry summary and sign up sheet at the information desk throughout the month of September. You can also contact the Liturgical Ministries Coordinator, Tara Huebel, in the church office for more information or to get signed up.

Catholic Services Appeal

The **2025/26** Catholic Services Appeal kickoff is **September 20/21**. No parish could exist on its own without the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). It is a "united parish" campaign that funds over thirty vital programs, services, and ministries throughout our 16-county Diocese. As wide-ranging as they are, they have one thing in common. They touch each one of us! The Appeal reaches across parish boundaries, tying us together with a common thread in areas of Education, Service, Worship, Prayer, Social Concern, Charity and so very much more. This year our goal is **\$129,680.00**. We ask that every family participate to the best of their ability. Thank you for your past and future support!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration is Happening Now!

Grades K-12 begin Wed., September 24, at Opening Mass for Families, 6:45pm. Register today on the [St. Bridget website](#) or by [paper form](#). Contact Tessa (Gr. K-8) or Jessie (Gr. 9-12) in the church office with questions.

NEW: Liturgy of the Word with Children for Grades Prek-1

Starting Oct. 5, during the 9 a.m. Mass, children will be invited by Fr. Bala to proceed with leaders to a nearby room to hear the Scriptures proclaimed in language they can understand, reflect, & pray. The children will return to their family pews during the Offertory. It is helpful if children are signed up, even if they will only attend sporadically. [Sign Up HERE](#)

Leaders for Liturgy of the Word with Children

We need two more Adult Leaders to help with LWC one Sunday per month on a rotating schedule. We also need youth helpers for LWC, who are in grade 4 or older, to assist one Sunday per month. Thanks for considering! Please contact Tessa.

Leaders for Wednesday Faith Formation

We are in need of 5 more leaders for grades K-4. This commitment involves working with a co-leader to prepare and lead classes three Wednesdays per month. Leaders get free Faith Formation tuition for their own children, and the joy of spending time with the young people of our parish and sharing Jesus' love with them.

First Reconciliation (Grade 2+)

We will have a meeting for Parents and Candidates in Church on Sunday, September 28, 1:00-2:00 p.m. to begin the process of preparing for this beautiful sacrament.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Bridget Church will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of Faith Formation for ages 3-6 in the fall of 2026! The catechists have participated in training and are preparing a special environment for the children, called the Atrium. To learn about the method of CGS visit www.CGSUSA.org

CGS Atrium Needs

As we prepare our atrium, we have some needs. Contact Tessa to see pictures and discuss details if you'd like to help! [Sewing Projects](#): one 18" doll-sized baptismal garment, model altar cloths, four model albs, and four tablecloths for a small prayer table. [Wood Projects](#): a model altar, possibly resembling the altar we have in church.

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