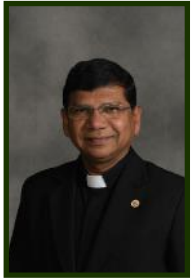


## **Sunday, September 7th and Sunday, September 14th** **The Twenty-Third & Twenty-Fourth Sundays in Ordinary Time.**

### **Barber Does not Exist**



A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. They eventually touched on the subject of God.

The barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the streets to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond, because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy dirty hair and untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber.

"I am here, and I am a barber. And I have just worked on you." "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers do exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly" - affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, does exist!"

*What can a doctor, or for that matter, even a barber can do, if the people who need their services do not approach them. What God can do if people do not seek His help?*

***-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: SEPTEMBER 7TH-14TH	
<b>Sunday, September 7th: The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - <i>Al Synicck</i><sup>+</sup></b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</i></b>
6:30 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
<b>Monday, September 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
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
<b>Tuesday, September 9th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 10th</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>School Mass- <i>DeWayne Meyer</i><sup>+</sup></b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Mass @ Kinnic</b>
<b>Thursday, September 11th</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>Andrew &amp; Beatrice Graetz &amp; Family Living &amp; Deceased</i><sup>+</sup></b>
<b>Friday, September 12th</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>Lew Allen Luusman &amp; Michael Herman Maier</i><sup>+</sup></b>
<b>Saturday, September 13th</b>	
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- <i>Roger Bruggeman</i><sup>+</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
<b>Sunday, September 14th: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - <i>Kathleen Kusilek</i><sup>+</sup></b>
10:00 a.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</i></b>
12:00 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass @ Newman Center</b>

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 15TH-21ST	
<b>Monday, September 15th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday, September 16th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
	<i>No Adoration</i>
5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday, September 17th</b>	
	<i>No 9am School Mass—Fr. Bala out of town</i>
<b>Thursday, September 18th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Friday, September 19th</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>Clarence Heit Jr.</i><sup>+</sup></b>
<b>Saturday, September 20th</b>	
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- <i>Dori &amp; Frank Holter 60th Wedding Anniversary</i></b>
5:00 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
<b>Sunday, September 21st: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>DeWayne Meyer</i><sup>+</sup></b>
10:00 a.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- <i>St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</i></b>
12:00 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session
6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass @ Newman Center</b>
6:30 p.m.	Strategic Plan Listening Session

### In Remembrance

Tim Trollan

## DAILY WORD

### DAILY WORD: SEPTEMBER 7TH-SEPTEMBER 14TH

<b>Sunday, September 7th</b>	Wisdom 9:13-18b, Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33
<b>Monday, September 8th</b>	Micah 5:1-4a / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
<b>Tuesday, September 9th</b>	Colossians 2:6-15 / Luke 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday, September 10th</b>	Colossians 3:1-11 / Luke 6:20-26
<b>Thursday, September 11th</b>	Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 6:27-38
<b>Friday, September 12th</b>	1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Luke 6:39-42
<b>Saturday, September 13th</b>	1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Luke 6:43-49
<b>Sunday, September 14th</b>	Numbers 21:4b-9, Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

### DAILY WORD: SEPTEMBER 15TH-SEPTEMBER 21ST

<b>Monday, September 15th</b>	1 Timothy 2:1-8 / John 19:25-27
<b>Tuesday, September 16th</b>	1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Luke 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday, September 17th</b>	1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 7:31-35
<b>Thursday, September 18th</b>	1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Luke 7:36-50
<b>Friday, September 19th</b>	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 / Luke 8:1-3
<b>Saturday, September 20th</b>	1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Luke 8:4-15
<b>Sunday, September 21st</b>	Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13

## 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](mailto:ppurfeerst@gmail.com) or 715-222-9533.

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

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### August 24th, 2025

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	<b>\$9,127</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$817</b>
<b>Scrip Rebate</b>	<b>\$406</b>

### August 31st, 2025

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,716</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$774</b>
<b>Scrip Rebates</b>	<b>\$306</b>

## 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.*

### 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

OCIA (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 OCIA.**

### 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.

### Confession Times

**Tuesdays:** 4:30pm before the 5:00pm Mass.

**Thursdays:** 7:30am before the 8:00am Mass.

**Fridays:** 7:30am before the 8:00am Mass.

**Saturdays:** 3:30pm before the 4:00pm Mass.

## PARISH LIFE

### Holy Spirit 101 2025

Holy Spirit 101 is an introductory course to the Pauline Charisms given to us at Baptism. This course will cover Intercessory Prayer, Healing, Prophecy and more plus combine the Church teaching with stories, and practical exercises.

#### ***Requirements:***

Sign up at the Information Desk. The 6 sessions are Tuesdays in October and November 11th and 18th from 7 to 8:30pm in Lubich Hall. Purchase the book Holy Spirit 101 by Victoria Harris and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first class.

Contact Mary Joan Sutton with questions @ [maryjoansutton@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoansutton@gmail.com).



### Prophecy 102 2025

The Prophecy Course 102 is an advanced course in how to operate in the gift of prophecy to bless others in the church and world around you. It consists of presentations, stories, and practical exercises.

#### ***Requirements:***

Must have taken the course:

#### **Holy Spirit 101**

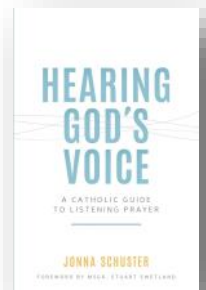
1. Sign up at the Information Desk

2. Purchase the book Hearing God's Voice by Jonna Schuster

The 3 Sessions are on Monday

**October 6, 20, 27<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8:30pm in Lubich Hall.

Contact Mary Joan Sutton with questions @ [maryjoansutton@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoansutton@gmail.com).



### Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee is looking for new members. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The committee is focused on providing help to local nonprofits and to the community at large. We are especially interested in attracting younger people to the group. We are looking for fresh perspectives and outlooks. If interested, please contact Jeanne Poole, Chair, at **419-704-2678** or at [jkjp@AOL.com](mailto:jkjp@AOL.com) or leave a note in the committee's mailbox in the parish office.  
*Thank you for considering this ministry.*



## PARISH LIFE

### Strategic Plan Listening Sessions

Following some Masses in September, there will be an opportunity to voice your feedback on communication, transparency, youth participation, welcoming culture, and evangelization to the Strategic Planning Team. This information will be used as they develop the Strategic Plan. The full schedule is below.

Sunday, September 7	6:30 PM
Saturday, September 13	After 4 PM Mass
Sunday, September 14	After 9 AM Mass
Sunday, September 14	After 11 am Mass
Saturday, September 20	After 4 PM Mass
Sunday, September 21	After 9 AM Mass
Sunday, September 21	After 11 am Mass
Sunday, September 21	6:30 PM

### Music Ministry & Retreat Workshop

All involved in parish music ministry are invited to attend the 2025 diocesan *Music Ministry Retreat and Workshop* taking place Friday, September 26 from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday, September 27 from 8:30am to 3:15pm at St. Joseph Church in Amery. Dominican Priest, preacher, composer and woodwind instrumentalist **Fr. Jim**



**Marchionda, OP** will be our presenter. For more information and the registration flyer go to this page on our diocesan website: <https://catholicdos.org/diocesan-workshop-1>

### Job Opening: Head of Maintenance

We are hiring for a Head of Maintenance position. This position is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and janitorial duties for the church and school and maintenance needs at the rectory and cemetery as needed. An office space in the school and workspace in the church will be provided. More information is available on our website.

### It's Almost Donut Time!



Get ready for Donuts, Coffee, & Fellowship beginning on **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**.



Donuts will also be available to purchase following the Saturday evening mass on **September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## PARISH SCHOOL

### **Welcome Back! The 2025-2026 School Year Has Officially Begun!**

We're so excited to begin another year together!

Our school year kicked off with a special

blessing from

Father Bala, who gathered with us

to bless the students' backpacks. It was a beautiful, heartfelt moment—especially meaningful in a world that often feels heavy with sadness and hardship. Moments like these remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such a strong, faith-filled community.

Last week, our church and school staff reunited after a summer apart, reconnecting and preparing for the year ahead. It's always a joy to come together and witness the dedication behind everything that helps our parish and school thrive.

**Orientation Day** was another highlight! The school halls were once again filled with laughter, chatter, and the happy buzz of students reconnecting after summer break.

A big thank-you to our amazing **Home & School** group for wrapping up summer with a fun family movie night! *Encanto* lit up the gym, popcorn and snacks were enjoyed by all, and the space echoed with laughter and joy. **Home & School**—thank you for always going the extra mile for our school!

We're also so appreciative of everyone who came out to support us during Culver's Night! Your continued generosity and encouragement mean the world to us.

### **Coming Up:**

*Moms & Muffins* is just around the corner! We can't wait to welcome all of the amazing mother figures in our students' lives for a morning of muffins and Mass.

### **Save the Date:**

*Fall Food Festival*— Saturday, September 27  
School Parking Lot

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Stay tuned—more details coming soon!**

Wishing you a joyful end to your summer and a smooth transition into the cooler, cozier rhythms of fall!



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