

St. Bridget Catholic Community

January 11th & January 18th 2026

The Baptism of the Lord and the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A Box of Kisses



The story goes that a man punished 3-year-old daughter for wasting some gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became irritated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, “This is for you, Daddy.” He was embarrassed by his earlier over-reaction, but his anger flared up again when he found the box empty. He yelled at her, “don’t you know that when you give someone a present, there’s supposed to be something inside it?”

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, “But, Daddy, it’s not empty. I blew kisses into the box, all for you, Daddy.”

The Father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl and begged her forgiveness. From that day the father kept that box of kisses by his bed for years and, whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In every real sense, each of us as human is given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from God, our children, our friends and family. There is no more precious possession anyone could have.

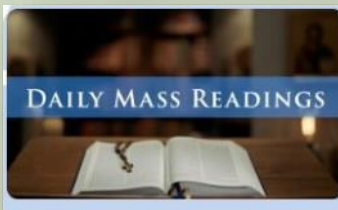
“Where there is love there is no burden. Of there is burden, the burden itself is loved”.
-Author Unknown.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

What's Trending On Formed?



Triumph of the Heart I
Trailer



Formed Daily Mass
Readings & Reflections



Brother Francis (English &
Español)

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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Pastoral Emergency

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

St. Bridget Weekly Masses & Events...

JANUARY 11TH – JANUARY 18TH	
Sunday, January 11th: The Baptism of the Lord	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget, & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Olive & Eugene Mulholland+
Monday, January 12th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, January 13th	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Gary Arman+
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
3:30 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ Kinnic</i>
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, January 15th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ Our House</i>
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom
Friday, January 16th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- David Trebus+
Saturday, January 17th	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass-Jarvis Madlung+
Sunday, January 18th: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Intention Open
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget, & Saint Thomas More Newman Center

JANUARY 19TH - JANUARY 25TH	
Monday, January 19th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, January 20th	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday, January 21st	
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Patricia & Vigil Delander+
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, January 22nd	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
1:30 p.m.	<i>Recorded Mass & Communion Offered @ Comforts of Home Lodge</i>
Friday, January 23rd	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Clarence Heit Jr. +
Saturday, January 24th	
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Rita & Steve Mountain+
Sunday, January 25th: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Arnold Pechacek+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget, & Saint Thomas More Newman Center

In Remembrance

Tom Kealy
Rolly Janetski

DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD: JANUARY 11TH—JANUARY 18TH

Sunday, January 11th	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17
Monday, January 12th	1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 13th	1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 14th	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mark 1:29-39
Thursday, January 15th	1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Mark 1:40-45
Friday, January 16th	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mark 2:1-12
Saturday, January 17th	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mark 2:13-17
Sunday, January 18th	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

DAILY WORD: JANUARY 19TH—JANUARY 25TH

Monday, January 19th	1 Samuel 15:16-23 / Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 20th	1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 21st	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mark 3:1-6
Thursday, January 22nd	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12
Friday, January 23rd	1 Samuel 24:3-21 / Mark 3:13-19
Saturday, January 24th	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mark 3:20-21
Sunday, January 25th	Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ,1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 /Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 28th, 2025

Adult Contributions	\$25,971
Loose Collection	\$717
Scrip Rebate	\$186
Christmas Collection	\$19,151

January 4th, 2026

Adult Contributions	\$12,536
Loose Collection	\$725
Scrip Rebates	\$405



PARISH LIFE

9 Day Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in 9 Days of Prayer for Life. The Knights will lead the prayers before Mass or Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion starting **Friday, Jan, 16 and ending Saturday, Jan. 24.**

If you are unable to attend Mass or LWHC, you can join us from home.

Resources for the Novena can be downloaded [HERE](#) or on the USCCB website.



Thank You!

To our volunteers, staff, and everyone else who graciously gave their time in helping out for Christmas; whether it was through your time, talents, donations, etc. **THANK YOU!**

The St. Bridget Catholic Community is very grateful.

Ministry Help

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us with our various ministries here at St. Bridget.



We have a list of our ministries on our information desk at Church, on our website, and in the Welcome Packet at the Resource Center! Please contact the parish office to learn more or if you would like to get involved.

We could not have a thriving parish life without all our volunteers and we are so thankful for them!

Baseball All-Star at St. Bridget Feb. 28

Former Major League Baseball All-Star, Mike Sweeney, is coming to St. Bridget Church on Feb. 28 to lead the Men's Rally for Christ, formerly Knights for Dads.

All men are invited to this inspiring, half-day event. **Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 8:00 am - 1:30 pm** | 7 am Registration | 7:30 am Rosary

Details and registration: Pick up a flyer at the Info Desk or scan the QR code with your phone.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Celebrating Excellence in Education

Catholic Schools Week 2026: Rooted in Faith, Focused on the Future!

Join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2026, running from **Sunday, January 25th, through Saturday, January 31st.** This is a special time dedicated to honoring the outstanding education provided by the 14 Catholic Schools throughout our Diocese. These schools highlight the unique qualities that make them exceptional: a rigorous academic foundation rooted deeply in faith, community, and service. We invite you to participate in the special events, open houses, and activities planned throughout the week. Let's come together to celebrate our shared commitment to excellence in education and the formation of strong, faith-filled leaders for the future of our Church and communities.

As we observe this important week, we also ask you to support the **Special Diocesan Collection for Catholic Schools.** This collection provides an immediate and essential source of support for our schools, allocated based on student enrollment. Your generous response is a beautiful expression of discipleship and unity with Catholic school communities across northern Wisconsin. Your gift will help ensure a vibrant future for Catholic education and a strong Church.



PARISH LIFE

Remember Your Loved Ones at Mass

We have openings in our calendar for parishioners to sponsor a Mass for loved ones.

Why do we offer Masses to be sponsored?

Sponsoring Masses is a nice way to commemorate the memory of a loved one, your spouse, friends, family, etc.

A suggested donation for Masses is **\$20** for the weekday and Sunday Masses, and the suggested donation for the radio Saturday Mass is **\$85.**

Please call Lindsey in the parish office if you'd like to sponsor a Mass.

PARISH LIFE

KC Food Drive

The River Falls Knights of Columbus Council 4902 are pleased to report that 1,477# of food was collected and \$8,491 in cash donations were given to the River Falls Community Food Pantry from the KC Annual Food Drive. A big **THANK YOU** to the St. Bridget community for your generous support.

Please continue to make donations to the Community Food Pantry throughout the year because the need exists all year long.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice

The River Falls Food Pantry is in need of crackers, cereal, body soap, and spices. The parish contributed 108 items to the Food Pantry in December, bringing the year's total contributions to 1894 items -- a sum that made life for our neighbors and friends easier and less stressful. That total exceeds that of 2024: **1054 food items**.

One of the areas we can effect change in the new year in is the environment and how we respond to it. There are simple things that we can do in our daily lives to help the environment. These things revolve around our use of plastics and single use items. Use storage containers instead of Ziplock bags. Consider a Bento lunch box with reusable containers for sandwiches, fruits, and snacks. Instead of buying plastic bags for your small waste baskets, line the baskets with the plastic bags your groceries come home in. Better yet, take reusable and washable tote bags to the grocery store with you. If everyone does just a little bit every day, together we can make a big impact.

PARISH LIFE

Connect with us on Social Media!

Facebook: St. Bridget Catholic Church, River Falls.

YouTube: @SaintBridget

Instagram: @rfsaintbridget

Website: saintbridgets.org

Follow us!

PARISH SCHOOL



Happy New Year! We hope you had a beautiful Advent season and found time to reflect on and embrace its meaning. School is back in session, and while the time at home was a blessing, we missed our students and are so happy to be back together again.

Before the break, our students shared the joy of the season by **caroling at Comforts of Home**. The spirit of Christmas was alive as we listened to the children sing beloved holiday songs and spread cheer to others.

Although the **Step Up Shoe Drive** has wrapped up, the celebration continues! Thanks to the incredible number of shoes collected, students will enjoy a few additional earned pajama days—thank you for your generosity and support.

Basketball season is in full swing, so be sure to come out and cheer on our Celtics! Game days are shared on Facebook, and the full schedule can be found on our website. Adding to the excitement, our new Cheer Team will also be cheering at home games. Let's pack the new bleachers and show our school spirit by supporting our teams!

Catholic Schools Week is coming up at the end of the month, and we are so excited to celebrate our wonderful Catholic school community. There is so much to be proud of!

Looking ahead, our students will be performing **Annie Jr. in February**. We can't wait to see their amazing talents shine on stage—stay tuned for more information about performance dates and times.

As we begin this new year, we wish you health, happiness, and new adventures. It's a new chapter—let's make it a great one!



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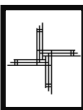


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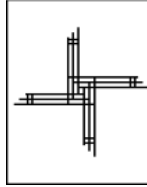
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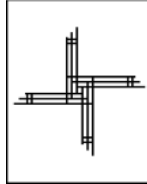
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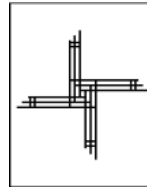
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