

St. Bridget Catholic Community

February 8th & February 15th 2026

The Fifth and Sixth Sundays in Ordinary Time.

WE ARE ASKED NOT TO JUDGE OTHERS



There was once a holy man who earned his living by selling all sorts of odds and ends. It seemed as if the man had no judgement, because people would frequently pay him in bad coins, and he would accept them without a word of protest.

When it came time for him to die, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, “O God, heavenly Father, I have accepted many bad coins from people, but never once did I judge them in my heart. I just assumed they were not aware of what they did. I am a bad coin too. Please do not judge me.”

And a voice was heard saying, “How is it possible to judge someone who has not judged others?”

He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God. “How easy it is to misjudge and how difficult it is to be impartial in judgement? Because we can’t see the inside person, our judgement of others is usually ‘off the mark’. Therefore, let us look at our frail, fragile, and weak selves. The very faults we spot in others lurk in us too, in a more magnified form.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us that it ill-behooves any of us to find fault with the rest of us. – Author Unknown

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: February 17th & 18th

Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5pm

Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8am and 7pm

Starting February 20th, we will once again have the Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Fridays during the season of Lent.



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...

FEBRUARY 8TH - FEBRUARY 15TH	
Sunday, February 8th: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
11:00 a.m.	Mass- Gary Arman+
6:00 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Newman Center</i>
Monday, February 9th	
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, February 10th	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 11th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Deceased members of Joe & Theresa Fusilier Family
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
3:30 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ Kinnic Health & Rehab</i>
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Faith Formation
6:30pm	The Chosen: The Last Supper
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
Thursday, February 12th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday, February 13th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Jacqueline Heit+
Saturday, February 14th	
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Frank Holter+
Sunday, February 15th: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Bob & Chris Radke+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
6:00 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Newman Center</i>

FEBRUARY 16TH—FEBRUARY 22ND	
Monday, February 16th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, February 17th	
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
3:00 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Bay Harbor</i>
4:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass- <i>Tim Engel+</i>
Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday	
8:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass- <i>For the Protection and Preservation of our Country+</i>
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass- Intention Open
Thursday, February 19th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30am	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Intention Open
9:30 a.m.	<i>Mass @ Our House</i>
7:00 p.m.	<i>SATB Choir Rehearsal</i>
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom
Friday, February 20th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Geraldine Langer+
7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, February 21st—Safe Haven Sunday	
7:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group
3:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Norma Smith+
Sunday, February 22nd: The First Sunday in Lent -Safe Haven Sunday	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Deceased members of Joe & Theresa Fusilier Family
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Saint Bridget & Saint Thomas More Newman Center
6:00 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Newman Center</i>

Baptism

Congratulations to **Lynn Aveline Larson**, daughter of Kathryn & Jacob Larson on her Baptism! May God bless you all the days of your life!



DAILY WORD

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Sunday, February 8th	Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16
Monday, February 9th	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 10th	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 11th	1 Kings 10:1-10 / Mark 7:14-23
Thursday, February 12th	1 Kings 11:4-13 / Mark 7:24-30
Friday, February 13th	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mark 7:31-37
Saturday, February 14th	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mark 8:1-10
Sunday, February 15th	Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37

DAILY WORD: FEBRUARY 16TH– FEBRUARY 22ND

Monday, February 16th	James 1:1-11 / Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 17th	James 1:12-18 / Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 18th	Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 19th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
Friday, February 20th	Isaiah 58:1-9a / Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday, February 21st	Isaiah 58:9b-14 / Luke 5:27-32
Sunday, February 22nd	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 25th, 2026

Adult Contributions	\$10,503
Loose Collection	\$1,135
Scrip Rebate	\$225

February 1, 2026

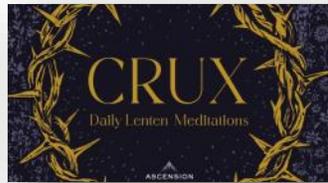
Adult Contributions	\$14,649
Loose Collection	\$905
Scrip Rebate	\$505

CRUX FOR LENT

CRUX: A Lenten Journey of Surrender

On Ash Wednesday, we will begin a Lenten Journey of Surrender with Fr. Columba Jordan using *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations*. The journey focuses on the Gospel of Mark and includes encouragements to commit to a Daily Examen as well as daily exercise and a dietary fast that are meant to be adapted to your individual circumstance.

You can undertake the journey individually or with a small group. Stop by the information desk to pick up an official action plan for more details and to sign up for a small group.



YOUNG ADULT EVENT

St. Croix Valley Catholic Young Adult Event

Calling all young adults(18-29)! Celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras on February 15th 2:45pm-6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church in New Richmond, Wi. Feel free to come at any time during the event, all are welcome. For more updates follow their Instagram (@Saint.C.V.C.) **Timeline:**
2:45pm - Meet in church
3pm- Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:10pm- Social, card games, and snacks



PARISH LIFE

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl for Lent

Are you wondering what you as an individual or you along with your family can do this Lent to draw closer to Christ? After Masses on February 14 and 15, families will hand out Lenten Rice Bowls for you to take home.

The bowl includes a calendar with prayer and alms giving suggestions. Your donations will help farmers have good harvests despite drought, families have access to nutritious food for their children, and vulnerable communities thrive. Please return the bowls to the church entrances at Mass on Holy Thursday or Palm Sunday.



PARISH LIFE

Parish Nurse Available: February 14th & 15th



A member of the Parish Nurse Team will be in the Westview Room following all weekend Masses, **February 14-15** providing B/P tests and answering simple health questions.

Men's Rally: Feb 28- Win Baseball Tickets and Much More!

- The Men's Rally for Christ program features:*
- **Mass with Bishop James Powers**, Diocese of Superior
 - **Lively praise and worship** with singer/songwriter Luke Spehar
 - **Rosary and Masculine Sainthood keynote** by Mike Sweeney, Major League Baseball All-Star
 - **Testimonials from Dominic Hietala**, RFHS senior; video by Alex Call, outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers and RFHS alum
 - **Book and rosary to take home** to continue growing in faith
 - **Tools to continue or start a Men's Group** in your area

Advance registration recommended: Use your phone to scan the QR code.



Pancake Supper Night: February 17th

St. Bridget Parish & School invite you to: Pancake Supper Night! Join us for a warm and welcoming Pancake supper filled with fluffy pancakes, good company, and community spirit!
Tuesday, February 17th from 4pm-7pm in the St. Bridget Fellowship Hall. Enjoy pancakes, syrup and smiles for all ages!
Suggested donation is \$5 per person.
All are welcome—bring your family, friends, and an appetite!



PARISH LIFE

Life in the Spirit - The Perfect Lenten Retreat

Many people attend Life in the Spirit every year. Wonder why? They say it's like a reunion with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It's time that you set aside to put Jesus and the Holy Spirit front and center in your life.

Friday, March 6 6:30-9:00 pm Saturday, March 7 all day, followed by Mass at 4 pm St. Bridget Lubich Hall
Cost: \$10 per adult payable at the door (covers snacks, lunch and materials).

For details and to register, use your phone to scan the QR code below and click the link OR pick up a flyer at the Info Desk.



Choir Rehearsals

St. Bridget (SATC) Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, February 19, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. If you can't come to this rehearsal, come to the next one! We will sing at the 9am Sunday Mass for Lent and Easter Sunday. Join us in singing glory and praise to the risen Lord!



Questions? Contact Marlys Mueller (715-425-9621).

Safe Haven Sunday: February 21st and 22nd

The Diocese of Superior has asked all parishes to set aside February 21st and 22nd to celebrate the third annual Safe Haven Sunday in order to provide free resources to assist you with confidently talking to your children about internet dangers, as well as their online and offline choices.



Add Divine Mercy to Your Lent

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a powerful prayer asking for the mercy of God for the entire world.

A simple way to enhance your Lenten journey would be to remember Jesus each day at the 3pm hour. Quietly say to yourself, "Jesus I Trust in You." If you would like to add more to your prayer practice, you are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Click [HERE](#) for a link to learn how to pray the Chaplet.

PARISH SCHOOL



Brrrr! Even with below-zero temperatures outside, the fun was heating up as we celebrated **Catholic Schools Week!** Students and staff enjoyed an action-packed week filled with Sky Zone jumping, bowling, students-vs.-staff volleyball, thumb wars, a spirited pep fest, and so much more. Our students worked hard and earned every moment of fun!

We were also blessed to attend a beautiful Bishop's Mass at St. Patrick Church alongside St. Anne's, St. Mary's, and St. Pat's. It is always such a joy to gather together as a faith community. Basketball season is on a roll, and we are so proud of



the effort, growth, and teamwork our athletes show each week. Our cheer team has also done a fantastic job bringing energy and school spirit to our home games!

Our musical is quickly approaching! Join us at the end of the month to

celebrate our students in *Annie Jr.*, a classic, upbeat musical perfect for the whole family. Follow Annie, Sandy, and the orphans on a heartwarming journey filled with humor, heart, and the unforgettable reminder that "Tomorrow" is always just a day away. Featuring over 30 talented students, this joyful production is one you won't want to miss!
Showtimes: • Friday, February 20 at 7:00 PM • Saturday, February 21 at 1:30 PM Tickets are available at <https://our.show/stbanniejr> or at the door.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our **Meat Raffle at River Falls Golf Club.**

We are extremely grateful for you!

Registration is now OPEN for the 2026-27 school year! Please visit our website or Facebook page for more details. We look forward to partnering with you as your child continues their faith-filled educational journey.

Don't forget to join us for the Pancake Supper at the church on February 17!

We hope your cold winter days are filled with warm sunshine and the comforting reminder that God loves you!

PARISH LIFE

2025 Martha's Quilt Group

St. Bridget's Martha Quilt Group is grateful for the support from St. Bridget's Church by making Lubich Hall available for a gathering place each month. We appreciate donations of cotton fabric, quilting tools, gently used sheets and financial donations we have received this past year. We exceeded the number of twin/throw quilts distributed in 2025 beyond the past year of 400. In addition, other items as Baptismal Car Seat Blankets, Fidget quilts, Dignity bags, knitted hats, fleece hats/headbands have been made and distributed by members. We welcome new members who wish to share their gifts and talents in making items to give to the greater community. Our distribution area has broadened to meet the needs in our surrounding communities; **see below:**

Adoray Home Health & Hospice, Bay Harbor Assisted Living Community, Catholic Charities, St. Paul, Comforts of Home, River Falls, Family Resource Ctr., Baldwin, Gillette Children's Hospital (Regions Hospital), Grace Place, New Richmond, Kinnic Falls, Ada Kinnic Long Term Care, Neighboring Minnesota Schools, Options for Women, Our House Senior Living, Our Neighbor's Place, Peer Perspectives, Inc. River Falls District Schools, St. Bridget's Baptismal Blanket Gift, St. Bridget's Parish School, St. Bridget's Pastoral Gifts, St. Bridget's Sharing Families, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, THUG - Truly Humble Under God Turning Point, River Falls, Our Neighbor's Place - Benefit, Pierce County Veteran's - Benefit, Relay for Life - Benefit, River Falls Free Clinic - Benefit and St. Bridget's School Gala - Benefit.

Free Baby Clothes and Breakfast: Saturday February 14th

From 9am- noon on Saturday, February 14th at Spirit of Grace Methodist Church in River Falls Wi, there will be free clothes from NB to 4T as well as some shoes and children's books. Come early on February 14th, for a free community breakfast from 8am-10am!

If you have clothing that you'd like to donate to this giveaway, please bring them to the Spirit of Grace church office M-F, 8am-5pm.



PARISH LIFE

2025 Social Justice Committee

At the end of a year, it is customary to take stock of what has been accomplished in the previous year. The Social Justice Committee would like to let you know what we did in 2025. We:

- Wrote Bylaws for the committee
- Gave financial gifts to local organizations and people: Among Friends; assisting three families; purchasing taxi vouchers for the Priest's Emergency Fund; Los Amigos Food Program; Sleep in Heavenly Peace; Extreme Faith Camp; Tabora Mission; the Free Clinic; Grace Place; and the Priest's Emergency Fund.
- Requested the Parish to provide ongoing funding for Our Neighbors' Place.
- Treated the faculty and staff of St. Bridget School on major holidays.
- Collected Spanish and bilingual books for the Los Amigos Literacy Program.
- Q&A program for immigrants providing them with information regarding their rights and proper procedures.
- Met with the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Continue to check with the Food Pantry regarding their needs and track the number of contributions made to it.

The committee would like to express its appreciation to the parish for its support in what we sponsor and do. If anyone is interested in the group, please feel free to attend our meetings: second Tuesday of each month; 6:00 p.m.; the church library. We are interested in hearing others viewpoints.

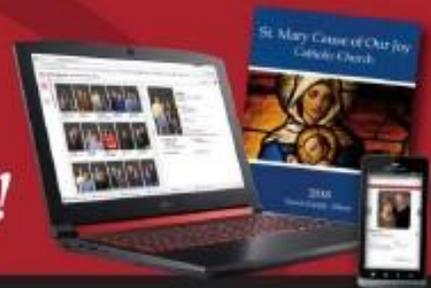
The Priest's Emergency Fund is designed to help people who need a hand up. Contact the Parish Office for assistance.

The Social Justice Committee is tasked with gathering tips and tricks to live more eco friendly. Every bulletin will provide one or two ideas for all of us to focus on for a two week period, in order to make us more aware and more responsible with regard to taking care of our environment. We are starting at the most basic level:

1. **Recycle.** Waste Management offers weekly recycling of the following:
 - o Plastics: Bottles, jugs, tubs (keep caps on).
 - o Metals: Aluminum, steel, tin cans & lids.
 - o Paper: Newspapers, magazines, mail, cartons.
 - o Cardboard: Flattened
 - o Glass: clear and cluttered
2. **Shop with reusable bag.**

DIRECTORY PHOTOS: SIGN UP TODAY!

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Please be included in our New Pictorial Directory! It won't be the same without YOU!

Our Photo Dates are: Tuesday - Saturday, March 10 - 14 and Wednesday - Saturday, March 18 - 21

Schedule your photography appointment online! Just scan the QR code to the right → → → →

Or - go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Session Sign-Up" button.



The "Church Code" is **wi449** The "Church Password" is **bala** The Church Code & Password are case sensitive!
Online signup may not be available on Saturday & Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at Mass on the weekends.

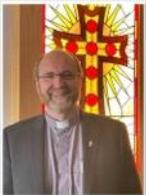
You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of our Directory just for coming in for a portrait!

We also have photography scheduled for March 26 - 28 Those dates will become available as we fill the dates above.

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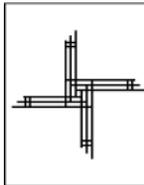
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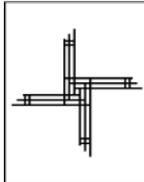
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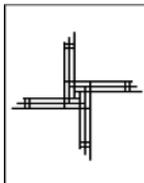
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