

St. Bridget Catholic Community

March 22nd & March 29th
The Fifth Sunday in Lent & Palm Sunday

Give As You Receive From God



A wealthy man pondered Jesus' teaching on giving and he was deeply depressed by the whole thing. He prayed and prayed that he might be able to accept the teaching, but the more he prayed, the sadder he became.

One day, when he was near despair, an angel came to comfort him. "Why are you so sad?" the angel asked him. "I am sad," the man replied, "Because of master's teaching on giving. Does it mean that I have to give again and again, and again, without any stop?"

"Oh no, not at all," said the angel, "You have to give only as long as God gives to you. If God ever stops giving to you, then you won't have to continue to give to others. God will continue to give to you - except in much greater abundance, than you could ever give."

What come down from God must go sideways to others. Otherwise, it stops like the spring in the well. This applies to love, forgiveness, compassion, etc.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

-Philippians 2:8-9



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.*

St. Bridget Weekly Masses & Events...

MARCH 22ND—MARCH 29TH	
Sunday, March 22nd: The Fifth Sunday in Lent	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Bob & Pat Girardi+
10:00 a.m.	<i>KC Baby Bottle Fundraiser</i>
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	<i>KC Baby Bottle Fundraiser</i>
Monday, March 23rd	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group
Tuesday, March 24th	
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
Wednesday, March 25th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Tim Engel+
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Family Activity Night
6:30pm	The Chosen: The Last Supper
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
Thursday, March 26th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Intention Open
1:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Lodge</i>
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 27th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Intention Open
7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, March 28th	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Gerry Johnson+
5:00 p.m.	<i>Catholic Jewelry Sale</i>
Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Gary & Billy Johnson+
10:00 a.m.	<i>Catholic Jewelry Sale</i>
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	<i>Catholic Jewelry Sale</i>
6:00 p.m.	<i>Newman Center Mass</i>

MARCH 30TH- APRIL 5TH: HOLY WEEK	
Monday, March 30th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 31st	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass- Intention Open
Wednesday, April 1st	
9:00 a.m.	Mass-For The Protection & Preservation of Our Country
	<i>No Faith Formation because of Holy Week</i>
1:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Falls</i>
Thursday, April 2nd: Holy Thursday	
7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass- <i>Intention Open</i>
Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday	
10:30 a.m.	Good Friday Confessions
12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m..	Good Friday Vespers
Saturday, April 4th: Holy Saturday	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group
8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass- Sue Steckbauer+
Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunday	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Arnold & Delores Pechacek & Barb Meier+

Fr. Bala's Birthday!



In Remembrance

Carol Murphy
Michael Jagg
Duane Pechacek

DAILY WORD

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Sunday, March 22nd	Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45
Monday, March 23rd	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / John 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 24th	Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 25th	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, March 26th	Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59
Friday, March 27th	Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42
Saturday, March 28th	Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56
Sunday, March 29th	Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27:66

DAILY WORD: MARCH 30TH—APRIL 5TH

Monday, March 30th	Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 31st	Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 1st	Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday, April 2nd	Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Revelation 1:5-8 / Luke 4:16-21
Friday, April 3rd	Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 4th	Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1-18, Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 54:5-14, Isaiah 55:1-11, Baruch 3:9-15, 32-44, Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28, Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, April 5th	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9

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: pjpurfeerst@gmail.com or 715-222-9533.

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

† **Holy Thursday Mass, April 2:**
7:00 p.m.

† **Good Friday Confessions, April 3:**
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

† **Good Friday Services, April 3:**
12:00 Noon, and Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

† **Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Night, April 4:**
8:30 p.m.

† **Easter Sunday, April 5:**
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PARISH LIFE

Save the Date: Catholic Jewelry Sale

Our youth, going to Extreme Faith Camp this summer, are selling Catholic jewelry, rosaries, and saint medals after all Masses on **March 28th-29th**, and **April 11th & 12th**.

Proceeds from this fundraiser directly support our parish youth activities and programs. Your purchase is a meaningful way to support our youth while sharing your faith.

Thank You!

The family of Patricia Meyer would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the St Bridgets Team, Fr. Bala, Fr. Jerry for their work and words of comfort as we said goodbye to our beloved mother and wife. Special thanks to the kitchen crew for serving lunch and to the ministers and musicians who made her service so special.

Thanks to all for keeping her in your prayers.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus Council 4902 will again be holding its Baby Bottle Fundraiser starting **March 21-22**. When you leave church following Mass that weekend, you'll be invited to take a baby bottle with you. Bring it back to church the following weekend filled with cash or checks. All money raised will benefit **Options for Women Pregnancy Resource Center**.

PARISH LIFE

Now Hiring!

We are hiring for the Head of Maintenance for both Church and School, the Parish Administrator position, and the Accountant position.

If you're interested or know of someone who might be, contact Father Bala in the parish office.



Temporary Administration Changes

During this transition with our open positions, some parish members have generously stepped forward to assist temporarily. **Bob Casey** and **Sharon King** will help with the financial and accounting responsibilities, and **Paul Boespflug** will assist with the day-to-day parish administration until permanent replacements are found. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Bala in the parish office.

Food Pantry Needs

The River Falls Food Pantry continues to meet the community's growing food insecurity needs.

Currently, it could use donations of canned tuna, refried beans, rice (brown, white, basmati, instant, or long cooking), noodles of any kind and shape, mac and cheese, and baby wipes. Anything we can do in these areas is deeply appreciated by the Food Pantry.



The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12th, centering around the 3pm hour.
During Lent, our prayers, fasts, good deeds, and confessions are the way to prepare yourself to receive the graces from Divine Mercy Sunday. This particular Sunday focuses on Jesus' limitless love and mercy for all mankind. It is the culmination of Easter Sunday. He promises to forgive our sins and their punishments if we have followed his requests. Our celebration will include recitation of the Chaplet, veneration of His image, petitions, prayers, and optional adoration. Join our parish family and receive God's complete forgiveness. Exact times will be in the next bulletin.



PARISH LIFE

Happy Birthday Fr. Bala!

Fr. Bala's birthday is on March 31st! Please continue to pray for him and wish him well on his special day.



Anointing of the Sick: March 21st/22nd

On March 21st and 22nd at all Masses we will have an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament Anointing of the Sick.

Men's Rally for Christ

More than 200 men from 41 different communities gathered at St. Bridget Church on Feb. 28 for the Men's Rally for Christ.

"We were especially pleased to welcome a growing number of young men," said Doug Weiss, who spearheaded the rally. "Brotherhood" quickly emerged as the day's theme.

The rally, organized by Knights of Columbus members from St. Bridget, St. Pat's and St. Mary Big River, started with praying the rosary and Mass celebrated by **Bishop James Powers** who preached



about the beatitudes, assuring attendees that "there is no greater gift to give ourselves than to forgive another."

Dominic Hietala, a River Falls High School student, said Jesus put little things in his life to bring him to faith. From his parents' examples of faith to new friends like the one who texted him one day and said, "Let's start a Bible study." Today, some 40 RFHS students gather each Tuesday to study the Bible.

VO-Tech Scholarship

Heidi Knegendorf, a longtime member of our parish is celebrating 50 years of technical nursing! To celebrate, she is giving away a \$300 scholarship to a member of St. Bridget Parish pursuing a vo-tech degree in healthcare. For more information and to apply, contact Heidi at heidilpn@hotmail.com.



PARISH SCHOOL



It's almost officially spring, which means many exciting events are right around the corner!

We are quickly approaching our biggest celebration of the year – **The Great Gala!** Get ready to step into the **Roaring '20s** at **St. Bridget School's 2026 Gala: The Great Gala**, on Saturday, April 25, at Belle Âme Vineyard. It will be an evening filled with glitz, glamour, and generosity, all in support of St. Bridget Parish School. Businesses and individuals can support the event through sponsorships, donations of goods or services for the auction, or monetary contributions of any size. Your generosity truly makes a meaningful impact for our students. **Raffle tickets are also available now!** One lucky winner will take home a **stunning 2.00-carat round diamond** generously provided by **The Emerald Karat**. This beautiful diamond features F color, VS2 clarity, and an excellent cut, a truly dazzling prize! A second prize of \$500 cash will also be awarded. Raffle tickets and event tickets can be purchased from any St. Bridget School family or at the school office. You won't want to miss the fun! Spring also means spring sports season, and registration for baseball and softball is now open. We are excited to cheer on our student athletes this season!

During Catholic Schools Week, all of our middle school students participated in the **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contests**, where they were tested in the areas of math and spelling. Two local **Knights of Columbus** members joined us at Mass on Wednesday to announce the winners and present them with certificates and \$25 gift cards. **Go Celtics!**

Our classroom prayer series continues as well. This week we invite you to keep Mrs. Langlois and her Pre-K class, along with Mrs. Hering and her 2nd grade class, in your prayers. If you have a free moment, we hope you will lift them up in prayer.



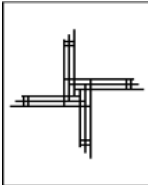
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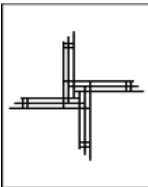
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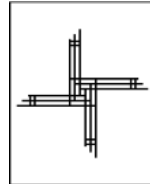
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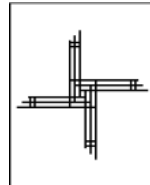
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