

# St. Bridget Catholic Community

April 19th & April 26th  
The Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter.

## Keep Off Fear



In the words of Frankil Delano Roosevelt, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” Fears are generators of affliction. Crush them at their very inception, or else, they will crush you. Fears are fires of destruction, put them down. Or else, they will plunge you into anguish.

In fact, fear must never be allowed anywhere near lest it ruin everything that is dear to you.

**Fear is, no doubt, destructive rust.** It can eat away your wish to turn a genius, your ambition to thrive in business, your determination to fight obstacles, your desire to do good to everyone and your dream to set new records. Hence keep fears under constant vigilance, only then will excellence and love become yours.

Let not fear overpower you, lest you lose power over yourself. Mark Twain says, “Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear-not absence of fear.” Hence, have courage to resist fear, to pose as its master and say a firm no to its destructive influence. The courage you demonstrate must break the very neck of fear with the force of a typhoon. Hence never to raise its ugly head ever again.

Most people are yet to know that a very close friend of fear is sorrow. Hence if you host fear, you’ve got to taste sorrow, too.

That is why it is often said that a fearful person today is bound to become a sorrowful person tomorrow, a trembling person today is bound to become a fumbling person tomorrow, and a timid person today is bound to become a sad, helpless person tomorrow. Further, if fears are your eyes what else will you be capable of other than seeing dangers and disasters?

Also, if fear constitutes your feet, what would you be capable of other than encountering defeats and failures? Hence, keep off fear.

In particular, never be afraid of suffering. If you are tempted to be so, please remember what Michel de Montaigne has said, “The man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.” Hence, keep off fear. You ‘ll ever be happy.

*-Fr. Balaraju Policetty*

Fr. Bala’s 30th priestly ordination anniversary is on **April 30th.**

Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he celebrates his anniversary!



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...

APRIL 19TH—APRIL 26TH	
<b>Sunday, April 19th: The Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive</i>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Bob Girardi+</b>
12:00 p.m.	<i>Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive</i>
<b>Monday, April 20th:</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday, April 21st</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 22nd</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Tim Engel+</b>
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Grade Family Activity Night
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
<b>Thursday, April 23rd</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
1:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Lodge</i>
<b>Friday, April 24th</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, &amp; Joseph Peter Dusek+</b>
<b>Saturday, April 25th</b>	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Jeannie &amp; Carman Anderson+</b>
<b>Sunday, April 26th: The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - Gene Andrie+</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - In Celebration of Jim &amp; Karin Jarosch 52nd Wedding Anniversary</b>
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass

APRIL 27TH—MAY 3RD	
<b>Monday, April 27th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday, April 28th</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 29th</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
6:45 p.m.	<b>Closing Faith Formation Mass—Intention Open</b>
<b>Thursday, April 30th</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
<b>Friday, May 1st</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Mass- Matz Skoog+</b>
6:00 p.m.	Baptism Prep (2nd Child)
6:30 p.m.	Baptism Prep (1st Child)
<b>Saturday, May 2nd</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Group
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3rd: The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - Sharon Kahler+</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - St. Bridget, &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass

***"There is no greater gift to give ourselves than to forgive another."***  
***-Bishop James Powers / Men's Rally for Christ 2026***

### In Remembrance

Harlyn Puhmann (husband of Helen Puhmann)

## DAILY WORD

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Sunday, April 19th	Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35
Monday, April 20th	Acts 6:8-15 / John 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 21st	Acts 7:51-8:1a / John 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 22nd	Acts 8:1b-8 / John 6:35-40
Thursday, April 23rd	Acts 8:26-40 / John 6:44-51
Friday, April 24th	Acts 9:1-20 / John 6:52-59
Saturday, April 25th	1 Peter 5:5b-14 / Mark 16:15-20
Sunday, April 26th	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25 / John 10:1-10

### DAILY WORD: APRIL 27TH- MAY 3RD

Monday, April 27th	Acts 11:1-18 / John 10:11-18
Tuesday, April 28th	Acts 11:19-26 / John 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 29th	Acts 12:24-13:5a / John 12:44-50
Thursday, April 30th	Acts 13:13-25 / John 13:16-20
Friday, May 1st	Acts 13:26-33 / John 14:1-6
Saturday, May 2nd	Acts 13:44-52 / John 14:7-14
Sunday, May 3rd	Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

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

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





## PARISH LIFE

### We're Hiring!

- Parish Administrator.
- Accountant.
- Head of Maintenance.
- Part-Time Accompanist (to play on a rotating basis with our current accompanist).
- Cemetery Maintenance.

Contact Fr. Bala in the office if interested, or head to our website to see the full job descriptions!

### Generations of Grace Women's Retreat

*Ladies, you're invited to a beautiful day of faith, reflection, and connection!*

**Saturday, May 9th | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | St. Mary's Immaculate Conception - Hammond, WI**

Come rediscover the beauty of God's design for women through:

- Inspiring talks
- Reflective craft
- Personal prayer & adoration
- Fellowship & door prizes

Featuring keynote speaker Aarynn Bosshart from Humbled Catholic! "You are not an accident. Your faith changes the world."

**Recommended ages:** 12 and up

**Suggested donation:** \$20

Grab a friend, your mom, daughter, or sister—and join us for a meaningful day together!

Register now: [stmaryshammond-retreat.org](http://stmaryshammond-retreat.org)

*Questions?*

**Email:** [melanieanderson@smicparish.org](mailto:melanieanderson@smicparish.org)

### Spring Cleaning?

Keep St. Bridget Garage Sale in mind, June 18th-20th. When you clean out your basement, garage or closets this Spring, think of us!! We welcome donations of clothing, bikes, furniture, toys, books and household items. All items should be in good clean condition. Sorry, we cannot accept large appliances, computers or computer monitors, infant car seats, mattresses, light bulbs, chemicals and exercise equipment.



Please contact Lauren Baillargeon, [laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com)

or 715-821 -4308 with questions.

## PARISH SCHOOL



We're already halfway through April, and that means so many exciting things are just around the corner!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is quickly approaching; our **Great Gala on April 25th!** We can't wait to gather for an evening filled with delicious food, wonderful company, and a meaningful opportunity to support our school. Tickets are still available, so be sure to grab yours before they're gone! Event tickets, raffle tickets, and donation opportunities will also be available after Mass leading up to the event. Our students, staff, and families are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and support.



Earlier this month, our teachers and staff had the incredible opportunity to attend the **National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) 2026**

Convention & Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center, thanks to a generous donor. This event is one of the largest gatherings of private education professionals in the country, bringing together Catholic and religious educators from across the United States, Canada, and beyond. It's a valuable time for learning, collaboration, and sharing best practices in Catholic education. Our team returned feeling inspired, refreshed, and yes, even enjoyed some time snuggling puppies!

**Baseball season is here, and we're hoping the fields dry out just in time for the first games!** Our teams have been working hard and are ready to take on the competition. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for updates on game times and locations and come out to cheer them on!

**Summer will be here before we know it, which means it's already time to start thinking about summer camps!** Keep an eye out for more information on the fun opportunities we have planned. Enjoy the warmer days ahead, take in the sunshine, and let that joy fill your heart!



## DIocese of Superior Office of the Bishop

April 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Across our nation, many Catholic communities strive to live and grow in faith despite limited resources. Here in the Diocese of Superior, spanning the 16 counties of northern Wisconsin, we know this reality well. As a Catholic Home Mission Diocese, we depend on the generosity of others to sustain the essential ministries that bring Christ to our people, celebrating the Mass, offering the sacraments, forming our youth, and preparing future priests and deacons.

The **Catholic Home Missions Collection, held the weekend of April 26, 2026**, is a powerful opportunity to make a direct and lasting impact. Because of your generosity last year, our Diocese received \$95,000 from the United States Bishops' Committee on Home Missions. These funds made a real difference. They strengthened lay leaders, supported seminarians and clergy formation, advanced our diaconate, and deepened our participation in the mission of our local Church. In short, your generosity helped keep the faith alive and growing in our parish communities.

This year, I invite you to once again be part of this mission. Your gift, no matter the size, is an act of faith and solidarity. It is a way to ensure that every parish, no matter how small or remote, remains a place where Christ is encountered and lives are transformed.

Please prayerfully consider how you are called to give. You may return your envelope through your parish or give online through your parish website. Every gift matters, and every prayer strengthens this shared mission.

Together, let us continue to build up the Church and bring the light of Christ to all we serve.

Thank you for your generosity and your faith. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior

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## FAITH FORMATION

### Please Pray for Confirmation Students!

Faith Formation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 10th, 2026 at the 11:00am Mass. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament!



### Closing Faith Formation Mass: April 29th

Wednesday, April 29th will be the closing Mass for Faith Formation at 6:45pm. All are invited to come!



### Register for Vacation Bible School, June 9-12



Students going into grades K-5 next fall are invited to Vacation Bible School, and those going into grades 6-Adult are invited to be

leaders! VBS will take place June 9-12, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., in the St. Bridget School Gym.

The theme is “**CATHLETICS: Training To Be Champions For Christ!**” Register on our website, or pick up a paper form in the church information rack. Contact Tessa with questions: [ChildrensFF@stbparish.com](mailto:ChildrensFF@stbparish.com)

### Congratulations to Those Who Are Celebrating Their First Communion!

Walter Adams  
Jacob Aho  
Nolan Aho  
Bode Andrzejczak  
Samuel Carrion-Sotil  
William Colson  
Peyton Connolly  
Genevieve Ewald  
Koralee Fischer  
Hallie Gilbertson  
Liam Hagar  
Nora Harvey  
Nellie Hines  
Maya Koller  
Claire Koranda  
Lauren Koranda  
Breleigh LeRoy  
Brady McLain

Max Medina  
Sully Medina  
Maggie Mortel  
Benjamin Mortensen  
Perseus Niccum  
Lainie Peterson  
Hazel Reiersen  
Francis Shoemaker  
Emilia Steiner  
Finley Thibault  
Caris Tiffany  
Ella Tollefson  
Gwenna Weiss  
Rhett Weiss  
Charlotte Wolfe  
Charlie Zess

*May God Bless You!*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Jail to Joy!

*Fill the Cracks* jail ministry from St. Patrick Parish, Hudson, Wisconsin asks you to volunteer time and talents to change lives. *Fill the Cracks* training is provided. *FTC* escorts released inmates (clients) from St. Croix County Jail to find resources to land on their feet; emergency housing, clothes, HOPE and more! In the last 14 months, *FTC* has helped 102 “clients”. The biggest need today is drivers to transport “clients”, ideally three women and four men.

Call Deacon Gregg of St. Patrick Parish for more information: 612-270-0388 or Google: *Fill the Cracks Ministry*.

### Food Pantry

In March the parish donated **225 food and non-food items**, making life easier for people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

The Food Pantry is in need of canned tuna, cereal, refried beans, paper towels, and toilet paper. It is very appreciative of any help we can give them and of our continuing efforts to find out what it is most in need of.



### Fill the Cracks & Peer Perspectives Grants

In March the Social Justice Committee awarded two grants. One to *Fill the Cracks* and the other to *Peer Perspectives*. *Peer Perspectives* has recently opened a sober home for single mothers. Our gift was used to help a mother with a two-year-old child.



Both organizations thanked us profusely for the help and were able to put it to immediate use.

## FORMED

St. Bridget Parish pays for a subscription to **Formed**, an online Catholic streaming service that offers Catholic movies, prayers, books & more!

### To register:

Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://FORMED.org/signup) and follow the prompts to create an account!



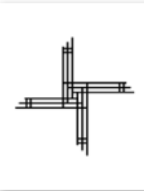
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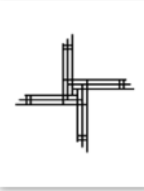
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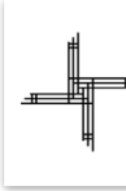
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