

St. Bridget Catholic Community



April 5th & April 12th

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Divine Mercy Sunday

“Lord, Raise Us Up Again”



Easter is the celebration of hope, new life, and the power of God to lift us up. It reminds us that no matter how heavy the cross or how dark the tomb may seem, God has the final word—and that word is life.

There is a simple yet powerful prayer of an old man who would often say, “Lord, prop us up on our leaning side.” When someone once asked him why he prayed this so often, he spoke about an old barn behind his house. That barn had endured many storms, strong winds, and harsh seasons. It was still standing—but it had begun to lean. So, he placed strong poles beneath it to support it and keep it from falling. Then he said, “That barn is like me.”

In many ways, that is true for all of us. We have each faced storms in life—sorrow, struggles, disappointments, and burdens. Like that old barn, we are still standing. Yet at times, we begin to lean—toward fear, discouragement, anger, or bitterness. And in those moments, we may feel as though we are about to fall.

This is where the message of Easter speaks most deeply to our hearts. Easter assures us that God does not let us fall. Through the Resurrection of Jesus, He reaches out to us with strength and compassion, saying, “I will lift you up. I will strengthen you. I will give you new life.” Just as the old man supported the leaning barn, God sustains us with His grace, mercy, and love.

The Risen Lord is our support, our strength, and our hope. He steadies us when we are weak and restores us when we are weary.

So today, in the light of Easter, let us make that humble prayer our own: “Lord, when I am weak, lift me up. When I am leaning, steady me. When I am falling, raise me again.”

For in Christ’s Resurrection, we are not only supported—we are made new. We stand renewed, strengthened, and filled with the promise of eternal life.

May the Risen Lord fill your heart with peace, your home with love, and your life with renewed hope. May this holy season bring you new beginnings, deeper faith, and abundant grace. And may the light of the Resurrection shine in every moment—bringing strength in difficulty, comfort in sorrow, and joy in every blessing.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Good Friday: 10:30 a.m. Confessions, 12:00 p.m. Noon Service, & 7:00 p.m. Vespers.

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Mass. Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Mass (live-stream) & 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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 5TH - APRIL 12TH	
Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunday	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Arnold & Delores Pechacek & Barb Meier+
Monday, April 6th: Easter Monday: Office Closed	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group
Tuesday, April 7th	
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.	Mass - Grace & Norman Radtke+
Wednesday, April 8th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Rollie Janetski+
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
3:30 p.m.	Mass @ Kinnic
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Grade Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
Thursday, April 9th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Ralph Matzek+
1:00 p.m.	<i>Euchre</i>
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 10th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Jacqueline Heit+
Saturday, April 11th	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass - Jerome & Leola Marek+
5:00 p.m.	<i>Jewelry Fundraiser</i>
Sunday, April 12th	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Robert (Bobby) Raiter+
10:00 a.m.	<i>Jewelry Fundraiser</i>
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
12:00 p.m.	<i>Jewelry Fundraiser</i>
2:00 p.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions</i>
3:00 p.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration</i>
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass

MARCH 13TH - APRIL 19TH	
Monday, April 13th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, April 14th	
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.	Mass - Melvin Nielsen+
6:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass - DeWayne Meyer+
3:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	K-6th Grade Faith Formation
6:45 p.m.	7th-11th Grade Faith Formation
Thursday, April 16th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Intention Open
9:30 a.m.	<i>Mass @ Our House</i>
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom
7:00 p.m.	SATB Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 17th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek+
Saturday, April 18th	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass - Gary Karras+
5:00 p.m.	Tootsie Roll Drive
Sunday, April 19th	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
10:00 a.m.	Tootsie Roll Drive
11:00 a.m.	Mass - Bob Girardi+
12:00 p.m.	Tootsie Roll Drive
6:00 p.m.	Newman Center Mass

Incense for Holy Week

We will be using incense during Holy Week and Easter services/Masses. The incense that we use is very mild.

In Remembrance

Eileen Schiltgen

DAILY WORD

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Sunday, April 5th	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4 /John 20:1-9
Monday, April 6th	Acts 2:14, 22-33 /Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 7th	Acts 2:36-41 /John 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 8th	Acts 3:1-10 / Luke 24:13-35
Thursday, April 9th	Acts 3:11-26 / Luke 24:35-48
Friday, April 10th	Acts 4:1-12 / John 21:1-14
Saturday, April 11th	Acts 4:13-21 / Mark 16:9-15
Sunday, April 12th	Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

DAILY WORD: APRIL 12TH - APRIL 19TH

Monday, April 13th	Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 14th	Acts 4:32-37 /John 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 15th	Acts 5:17-26 /John 3:16-21
Thursday, April 16th	Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36
Friday, April 17th	Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15
Saturday, April 18th	Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21
Sunday, April 19th	Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21 /Luke 24:13-35

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	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	





Office Closed

The parish office will be closed all day on **Good Friday (4/3)** and on **Easter Monday (4/6)**.

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!

PARISH LIFE

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 or 715-821-4308 with questions.



Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12th

Easter blessings! Did you know Easter is an eight day celebration? **On April 12th**, we receive the greatest gift of His Divine Mercy.

How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy:

- Confess within 20 days
- Receive Holy Communion that day
- Be merciful to others
- Venerate the Divine Mercy Image
- Recite the Chaplet at the Feast of Divine Mercy

Our celebration will include confession, chaplet recitation, veneration of the image prayers, petitions, and blessing of articles.

Please bring any items that you would like to have blessed.

Confessions start at **2:00pm** on the 12th, and the rest of our celebration will start at **3:00pm**.



Thank you!

Thank you to all of those who donated to the **International Priest Collection** for Fr. Bala's home diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

SDCCW Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarships

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will award four (4) \$1000 scholarships to women **completing their second year of post high school education or continuing their education** for career advancement or returning to the work field. Applications may be obtained by contacting the SDCCW Scholarship Committee, Mary Werner, W5490 County Road O, Medford WI 54451 - Telephone 715-748-4709, email werner@tds.net. Applications are available from the SDCCW website: <https://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com>

The Committee will notify the winners by phone or email. Applications will be accepted starting February 1st and all materials need to be available for the scholarship committee by May 15th.



Parish Council Candidate Openings

We have (4) parish council members whose terms expire this spring. **Frank Ginther, Jason Kjos, Stephanie Knolmayer and Chris Plana**. Thank you all for your stewardship of time to the parish, may God continue to bless you. We need 2 candidates for each open position per our bylaws. Please prayerfully consider serving this ministry of the parish. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact the parish office, **Paul Boespflug - interim Parish Administrator**. To serve on the Parish Council, you must be a registered member of the parish and active in the Catholic faith. The Parish Council meets once a month, eight times a year.

It is great opportunity to bring new ideas built on our faith tradition.

PARISH LIFE

Happy Easter!
We wish you a joyful & peaceful Easter season!



OCIA Group

Interested in becoming a active & participating member of the Catholic Church? We have just started a new OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) group here at St. Bridget that meets Sunday evenings at 6pm. Contact the office for more information!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tithing Application & Guidelines

Each month the Social Justice Committee makes a financial gift to a local organization that provides services that align with the church's philosophy. In the past, gifts have been made to Our Neighbors' Place, the Free Clinic, the River Falls Food Pantry, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, among other organizations. If you are connected to a non-profit or are aware of one, please consider submitting a tithing application for it. The application and guidelines can be found on the parish website. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office or emailed to jkjp@AOL.com.

Welcome Spring!

Spring is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for **Earth Fest: April 25** at the University Center, non to 4:00 p.m. Highlights include local and sustainable food sample; 80+ exhibitors; indoors and outdoor activities for all; green skills mini-classes; live entertainment; and giveaways. Get your family outside. Enjoy bike rides, birdwatching, camping, and hiking. Do a family trash pick-up day!

PARISH SCHOOL



Spring is upon us, bringing with it the sacred beauty and quiet reflection of the Easter season. We hope you have felt the presence of God in your lives during this special time. Our Spirit Families recently gathered to explore Resurrection Eggs, a meaningful, hands-on way to walk through the Easter story. They also spent time decorating spring bags for Meals on Wheels, sharing kindness with others in a beautiful way.

Our middle school students took part in a Seder meal, a traditional Jewish celebration that commemorates the Passover. This experience helped deepen their understanding of the roots of our faith and the significance of the Last Supper.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating our school at this year's Gala on April 25, 2026! The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Belle Âme. Tickets are now available, along with raffle tickets, which are an exciting new addition this year! If you're unable to attend, consider supporting the event by purchasing raffle tickets from a St. Bridget student or through the school office. There is also still time to become a sponsor. Please call the office or visit our Gala page on the school website for more information.

This year, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Convention was held nearby in Minneapolis, giving our teachers the opportunity to attend. They came back inspired, filled with new ideas, and eager to bring what they learned into our classrooms.

Our classroom prayer series continues, and we invite you to join us in lifting up Mrs. Hoffman's 7th grade class and Ms. Knospe's kindergarten class in prayer.





2026 Easter Flower Memorials : In Loving Memory of...



- + Alicja Judycka, by Magdalena Pala.
- + Andrew Huppert, by Janet Huppert.
- + Ben Dado, by Mike & Diane Dado and family.
- + Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek by Marlys, Tom & Dan.
- + Corey Hawkins, by Sally & Mike Hawkins, & Korinn, Gavin, & Marin Hawkins.
- + Debbie, Fran, Norbert & Dorthy Meyer, by Dawn Bauer.
- + Don, Cherie, Mitch, Joe & Emily Croes, & George, Laura, Vern, & Betty Johnson, by the Arlene Croes family.
- + Ed, Rose & Donald Huppert, by the immediate families of Lawrence & Kay Huppert.
- + Frank Holter Jr., Emil & Margaret Langer, Frank Sr. & Hattie Holter, Ken, Gene & Larry Langer, Larry Holter & Hannah Ducklow, by Dori Holter.
- + Gene Andrle, by the family.
- + Glenn & Jordan Cobian, by Constance Cobian.
- + James & Josephine Vanda, by Barb & Tom Belongia.
- + Jerry Jensen, Marvin & Delores Dopkins, Roy, Charlie, Jerry, Ken & Betty Dopkins, by Ann Jensen.
- + Jerry Purfeerst, by Pat Purfeerst & family.
- + Jim Jackman, by Joyce & family.
- + Joe & Donna Schommer, by Beth Schommer & family.
- + Joel K. Velure, by Conrad & Terri Bekkum
- + John Matzek & Eugene Andrle, by Mark & Laure Andrle.
- + Joseph & Angeline Falteisek, by daughters Joyce, Jeanne, & Elaine.
- + Kristine & Al Vento, by Gina Vento.
- + Lawrence & Marcella Cernohous, & Robert & Ruth Koehler & their family by Phil & Gale Koehler.
- + Lawrence & Kay Huppert, by the immediate families of Lawrence & Kay Huppert.



2026 Easter Flower Memorials : In Loving Memory of...



- + Mary Wolf, Dan Lucht, Loey Johnson, Margaret Peterson, & Ernie Cernohous, by Bill & Margie Cernohous.
- + Matt, Rose, Bob, Craig & Matt Jr. Gradinjan, by Wayne “Swede” & Kathy Svoboda.
- + Maurice, Joe, & Mike Fern by Hazel & Connie Fern.
- + Raymond, Delores & Jerry Edgar, & Roman, Delores & Paula Pechacek, by Rick & Barb Pechacek.
- + Roger Bruggeman, by Arlyne Bruggeman.
- + Stan & Barb Prochnow, & Garry Kitzmann, by Sue Kitzmann.
- + Ted Benson, by Pamela Benson.
- + The deceased members of the Cegielski & Mrozek family, by Joe & Doreen Cegielski.
- + The deceased members of Grant & Tikal families, by BJ & Barb Grant.
- + The deceased members of the Joe & Theresa Fusilier family, by Theresa Fusilier.
- + The deceased members of the Elsie and Leo Schmidt family, by Tilly & Dennis Riemenschneider.
- + The deceased members of the Gene & Debbie Cernohous families, by Gene & Debbie Cernohous.
- + The Ricci, Raiter & Haydon families, by Ron and Kathy Ricci.
- + Thomas & Audrey Pfremmer, by Linda Romberg.
- + Tim Engel, Peter & Marge Huppert, & Bill & Norma Engel, by Karen Engel.
- + Walter Kunzweiler, by Sharon, Kay, Kristy & Karla.
- + Walter Wienke, by Berneita & family.

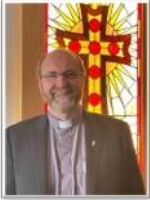


Thank you to all of you who have graciously donated to the Easter Flower Memorials. We are grateful and pray that you have a blessed Easter.

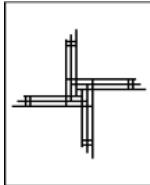
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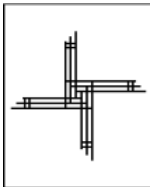
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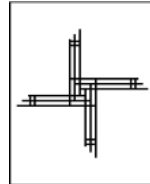
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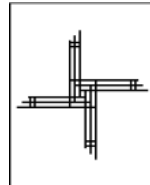
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