

# St. Bridget Catholic Community

May 17th & May 24th  
The Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost.

## Daddy Is Too Tired



The American author O. Henry wrote a story about a young girl whose mother died, leaving her no brothers or sisters. The little girl would wait all the day for her father to return home from work. All she wanted to do was to sit on her daddy's lap and cuddle up to him. She was emotionally starved and desperate for affection.

But every night her father followed the same routine. He'd prepare supper, eat, wash dishes and then plop into his favorite chair and read until bedtime.

When his daughter came to sit on his lap, he'd always give the same reply, "Honey, can't you see daddy is too tired. He worked hard all day. Why don't you go outside and play."

The little girl would go outside and play in the street, amusing herself as best as she could. And the inevitable happened. As the girl grew older, she began to accept expression of affection from anyone and everyone who offered them. Finally, instead of playing in the street, she took to living in the street as a prostitute.

When the girl died from an overdose, Peter saw her approaching the gates of judgement. He mentioned to Jesus, "She is a bad one, Lord. Do you know that she is a prostitute and died from a drug overdose? I guess that leaves only one place for her."

Jesus surprised Peter by saying, "Let her into heaven. But when her father's time of judgement comes hold him responsible for what became of her life."

God will be demanding toward those who are responsible for leading others astray. And it may be added, that the way we lead others astray is usually not by doing something to them. More often it is by failing to do something for them that we lead others astray. We are accountable as much for our 'omission' as for our 'commission'.

*-Fr. Balaraju Policetty*

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...**

MAY 17TH - 24TH	
Sunday, May 17th: The Feast of the Ascension	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - Jo-Ann Woeste+</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- For the graduating Class of 2026, that they may be guided by wisdom, strengthened in faith, and inspired to use their gifts in service to others</b>
12:00 p.m.	<i>Ascension &amp; Apps</i>
Monday, May 18th	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare Group
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 19th	
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- Vickie Karras+</b>
Wednesday, May 20th	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- St. Bridget &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>
Thursday, May 21st	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
9:30 a.m.	<i>Mass @ Our House</i>
7:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom Meeting
Friday, May 22rd	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Sharon Kahler+</b>
Saturday, May 23th	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- In Celebration of Madison and Joshua Johnson's First Wedding Anniversary</b>
Sunday, May 24th: Pentecost	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- St. Bridget &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - DeWayne Meyer</b>

MAY 25TH - MAY 31ST	
Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)	
	<i>No Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
8:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Mass at St. Bridget Cemetery
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 26th	
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>
Wednesday, May 27th	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - Colleen O'Keefe+ (Godmother of Meg Andrea)</b>
Thursday, May 28th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Marcella Mickelson Hebaus+</b>
1:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Lodge</i>
Friday, May 29th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- Intention Open</b>
Saturday, May 30th	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass- Vern &amp; Betty Johnson+</b>
Sunday, May 31st: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
8:15 a.m.	<i>Rosary</i>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - Calvin Nelson+</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass- St. Bridget &amp; St. Thomas More Newman Center</b>

**In Remembrance**  
James McFarland

**Thank you Steve!**  
We want to extend a big thank you to Steve Licht for all the work that he has done for the St. Bridget Cemetery.  
***Thank you for your hard work and dedication Steve!***

## DAILY WORD

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<b>Sunday, May 17th</b>	Acts 1:1-11 , Ephesians 1:17-23 /Matthew 28:16-20
<b>Monday, May 18th</b>	Acts 19:1-8 /John 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday, May 19th</b>	Acts 20:17-27 /John 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday, May 20th</b>	Acts 20:28-38 /John 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday, May 21st</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/John 17:20-26
<b>Friday, May 22nd</b>	Acts 25:13b-21 /John 21:15-19
<b>Saturday, May 23rd</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 /John 21:20-25
<b>Sunday, May 24th</b>	Acts 2:1-11 , 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 /John 20:19-23

### DAILY WORD: MAY 25TH - MAY 31ST

<b>Monday, May 25th</b>	Genesis 3:9-15, 20/John 19:25-34
<b>Tuesday, May 26th</b>	1 Peter 1:10-16 / Mark 10:28-31
<b>Wednesday, May 27th</b>	1 Peter 1:18-25 /Mark 10:32-45
<b>Thursday, May 28th</b>	1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12 /Mark 10:46-52
<b>Friday, May 29th</b>	1 Peter 4:7-13 /Mark 11:11-26
<b>Saturday, May 30th</b>	Jude 17, 20b-25 /Mark 11:27-33
<b>Sunday, May 31st</b>	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 /John 3:16-18

## 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 715-922-9533.

Michelle Radtke	Fred Larson
Linda Radtke	Virginia Steiner
Dorie Deiss	Angela Tatone
Donna Pechacek	Bernice Deiss
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Ed Hanson
Barb Ickler	Guillermo Guzmán
John Benusa	Maverick
Jeanne Rohl	Wyatt
Andre Armstrong	Dr. Kathleen Delander
Marge Dusek	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
Richard Andrea	Mary Lynn Wiskerchen
Jeff Carow	Eugene Webster
Karla Furlano Berra	Leonard Wiskerchen
Robb Scott	Steve Ryan
Miranda Carlson	Pat Ryan
Patricia Bujalski	Jeni Rohl
Matt Huppert	Nancy Carlson
Carol Ann Gregg	Richard Pechacek
Richard Bujalski	Steve Linehan
Ryan Sell	



## PARISH LIFE

### Memorial Day Mass at St. Bridget Cemetery

We will have a Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 25th at 8am at St. Bridget Cemetery, weather permitting. If there is rain, Mass will be held at the Church. Please join us if you are able!



Please note that at 8:00am on that Monday there will be *no Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, and that the parish office will be closed all day.*

## PARISH LIFE

### Welcome Steven Mark, Our New Parish Admin!

We are so excited to welcome Steven Mark to the St. Bridget staff as our new Parish Administrator! Steven's first day at St. Bridget was on May 4th. If you see him around, please give him a warm welcome!



ST. BRIDGET  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY

### Spring Cleaning?

Keep St. Bridget Garage Sale in mind, June 18th- June 20th.

#### *Garage Sale Times:*

June 18th: 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

June 19th: 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

June 20th: 8:00 a.m.- 12 noon.



Please consider volunteering for this event. Volunteer sign up is posted on the Current Events page on our website.

We need a lot of items to make this a successful event. 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.

**Drop off times** at the school gym will be the weekend of June 13-14th after church masses, **June 15<sup>th</sup>- June 17th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.**

Please contact Lauren Baillargeon, 715-821-4308 or [laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com) with questions.

### Ascension & Apps

The Youth and Evangelization Committee here at St. Bridget is planning a parish event called



Ascension and Apps to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension!

May 17th from 12:00pm-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bring the family for food, games, and fun! Please RSVP at the Information Desk.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarships Awarded



Congratulations to Ashley Symicek and Mason Novak, recipients of our Council 4902 Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarships! Ashley, daughter of

Alan Symicek and Angelina Helbig, plans on attending one of several well-known universities, with a career objective as a doctor or biologist. Mason, son of Chadd and Tania Novak, plans on beginning his college studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, majoring in Sports Conditioning. Ashley and Mason were each recognized with \$1,000 awards at the May 13 high school awards ceremonies in River Falls. Our KC 4902 Council would also like to recognize all of the scholarship applicants who applied, but were not awarded this scholarship. They were also excellent candidates, making for a very tough final decision.

*Their parents should be very proud of these scholarship applicants and their academic and leadership accomplishments.*

### Reuseable Ptacek's Cards

Please remember, when the card you use to pay for groceries is **EMPTY**, give it to the cashier for reloading purposes. All Ptacek's grocery cards are reusable and reloadable by the store. Please do not throw them away at home. **Thank you!**



## FAITH FORMATION

### Congratulations Confirmation Students!

Congrats to our Faith Formation students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 10th at the 11am Mass!

Adeline	Butz	Evan	Kuhl
Lydia	Carlson	Lilyana	Lansing
Kaylie	Cegielski	Olivia	Luther
Leah	Harvey	Amber	Maier
Gracie	Hovde	Haley	Matzek
Livia	Johnson	Isabelle	Meyer
Nora	Killian	Oscar	Olle LaJoie
Cecilia	Kinney	Danielle	Poellinger
Vincent	Knolmayer	Astrid	Reiff
Collin	Kosmalski	Emily	Toffolon
		Olivia	Tremain

### Congratulations Seniors!

The St. Bridget Graduation Mass is on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the 11am Mass. We wish our seniors a happy graduation!

Addison	Zuleger	Joseph	Hoffman
Ava	Larsen	Keldan	Horvath
Ava	Peters	Maddox	Simon
Ava	Purfeerst	Madison	Webster
Brady	Nelson	Mason	Novak
Breckin	French	Mason	Rappel
Brodie	Wruck	Molly	Masog
Brooke	Woznak	Parker	Sabelko
Carson	Flanigan	Ryan	Swanson
Colton	French	Skylar	Hoikka
Daniel	Wiatr	Tyler	Uetz
Dominic	Hietala	Vincent	Anderson
Jacob	Lien		

### River Falls Baccalaureate Service

All graduating seniors, their friends, and families are welcome to attend the Baccalaureate service to celebrate and honor the graduating class of 2026.

**When:** Wednesday, May 20th from 7-8pm in the RFHS Auditorium. Cake and refreshments following the service will be sponsored by The Sycamore of River Falls.



## PARISH SCHOOL



It has been a busy and joyful time here at school as we enter the final weeks of the year. Our older students took full advantage of the beautiful weather by helping clean the cemetery. They approached the task with respect, hard work, and even a bit of fun, ending with quite an impressive pile of leaves!

Our second-grade students did a wonderful job helping lead the **First Communion and May Crowning Mass**. We are incredibly proud of them! We also celebrated those who recently received their First Holy Communion, a truly special and meaningful milestone. Congratulations to these students and their families as they continue to grow in God's love and grace.

Our school also came together to observe the **National Day of Prayer on May 7**. It was a beautiful morning filled with peace, reflection, and love. It is always especially meaningful to see our youngest students confidently lead us in prayer.

From **Administrative Professionals Day to Principal Appreciation Day and School Lunch Heroes Day**, we've had many reasons to celebrate—and we are so blessed to have the very best team! We are so grateful to Home and School for helping us celebrate our incredible teachers for **National Teacher Appreciation Week**. We hope they felt appreciated and recognized for the difference they make in the lives of our students every single day.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming **orchestra and spring concerts**. Our students have grown tremendously in their musical abilities, and we can't wait to gather as a community to enjoy their beautiful voices and talents.

**Baseball season is in full swing!** If you haven't had a chance to attend a game yet, we encourage you to come out and support our team. Their talent and enthusiasm make every game exciting!

*This final month of school is packed with fun and meaningful events. Be sure to stay tuned for all the exciting happenings still to come!*

## PARISH LIFE

### Wednesday Summer Masses

During the summer, we will continue to have Mass at 9:00am on Wednesdays. We do need Mass sponsors for these Masses.



If you would like to sponsor a Mass, please contact Lindsey in the parish office: (recept@stbparish.com).

awaken<sub>FAITH</sub>

build<sub>COMMUNITY</sub>

make<sub>DISCIPLES</sub>

### Coming Soon: A Brand-New Church Bulletin!

Beginning the weekend of July 5th, our parish will have a brand-new church bulletin. This exciting update will save the parish both time and money, while providing a more professional, modern look-including vibrant full-color pages throughout and for our valued business sponsors on the back cover. Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is currently coordinating advertising for the new bulletin. We hope you will consider participating, as advertising support makes it possible to provide this bulletin at no cost to the parish. If you own a business—or know of one in the community—this is a wonderful opportunity to gain consistent visibility while supporting the parish. It's a meaningful way to stay connected with local families and show your support for the church.

#### **Advertising opportunities are available for:**

- Businesses
- Families
- Memorials
- Non-profit sponsorships



Whether you're promoting a business or honoring a loved one, your participation helps strengthen our parish community.

We truly appreciate your consideration and support!

#### **For more information, please contact:**

Gina Shaughnessy (952) 356-6488 OR, GShaughnessy@4LPi.com



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Community Resource Notebook

The Social Justice Committee has put together a **Community Resource Notebook** that provides information on where to find assistance with food, clothing, utilities, housing, mental and physical health, aging, and abuse. It can be found at the Information Desk.

The Notebook is also available on the parish website under Local Resources.

### The River Falls Food Pantry

In April the parish contributed **164 food and nonfood items** to the River Falls Food Pantry. It is gratifying to note that that number included **64 rolls of toilet paper** and paper towels. These gifts are greatly appreciated



since the Food Pantry has been unable to get those two items from its normal suppliers.

The Food Pantry continues to need paper towels and toilet paper. In addition, it needs **toothbrushes and toothpaste** – two additional items it has not been able to secure for its guests.

The Food Pantry appreciates what St. B's has done and continues to do for it.

## PARISH LIFE

### Church Softball

Church Softball starts soon, and we need you! All games are Monday nights at Hoffman Park. If interested, contact Joe Baldeshwiler at 715-808-4207.



### St. Bridget Women's Gathering

Join us for a morning of fellowship and gathering!



**When:** Thursday, June 4th at 9:00am

**Where:** Table on Main(116 S Main St, River Falls)

### Romeo and Juliet. A Night of Scenes

We hope you will be able to join us to see our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students perform scenes from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet!*

**Date:** Tuesday, May 26th

**Time:** 7pm, doors open at 6:30

**Place:** St. Bridget School Gym



## FAITH FORMATION CONT'D...

### Extreme Faith Camp M&M Fundraiser

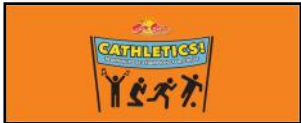
On May 16-17, the youth preparing for Extreme Faith Camp will hand out mini M&M's after Masses. The M&M's are a treat for you, and we ask you to consider returning the capsule filled with coins, cash, or a check made to St. Bridget Church. Your donations are extremely helpful to our 40 youth and adults going to camp in June! You can place your M&M capsule with donation in the locked wooden drop box near the Church Library.



*Thank you for supporting our youth in their faith!*

### 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)

## YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Saint Croix Valley Catholic Young Adult Event  
(18-29)

Summer Kick-Off  
**BONFIRE**



**Games and S'mores!!!!**

Bring a chair and something else fun to roast.

**MAY 18**

6:30pm @ St. Anne's, Somerset WI

## PARISH LIFE



### We're Hiring!

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

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

### Parish Nurse Available

Someone from the Parish Nurse team will be available after all Mass's the weekend of May 16-17 in the Westview Room to check blood pressures and answer simple health questions.

## FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

### THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2026

for couples celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5. Therefore, what God has joined together let not man separate. - Mark 10:9

Saturday, July 18, 2026 | 11:00am

Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

Kindly register by July 10, 2026

### Real Life Catholic - Reboot, A Life Changing Event

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Richmond.

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

To register: [HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1936417](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1936417)

### St. Andrew Dinner

An evening of opportunity to Discern God's call in your life. Talks, Dinner, Evening Prayer. Open to young men: Middle School, High School, College, Young Adults and their parents.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 5:00 - 8:00 pm St. Anne Parish, Somerset.

# St. Bridget Catholic Church Contact Information



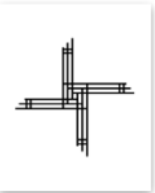
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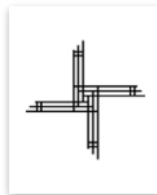
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**Head of Maintenance**



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