

St. Bridget Catholic Community

May 31st & June 7th

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

A Child's Hand



When a child thrusts his or her small hand in yours, it may be smeared with dirt, ice cream or jelly, and there may be a wart under the thumb, or 'band-aid' on a little finger.

But the most important thing about this little hand is that it is a hand of the future. This hand someday may hold a Bible or a revolver, play the church organ or spin a gambling wheel; gently dress a wound or tremble wretchedly, grasping a drug needle; guide the destiny of a nation or even take the whole world to the brink of destruction.

Right now, that hand is in yours. It represents a full-fledged personality in miniature, to be respected as a separate individual whose day-to-day growth into adulthood is your responsibility. You make or mar; what a great responsibility? Take it seriously.

"Sow an act and you reap a habit; Sow a habit and you reap a character; Sow a character and you reap a destiny", said Jeremy Taylor."

So, take care from the beginning to form in him/her good habits, and you shall never regret.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty



Congratulations to both our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 11th, and also to our seniors who were honored at Mass on May 17th!

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...

MAY 31ST - JUNE 7TH	
Sunday, May 31st: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Calvin Nelson+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center
Monday, June 1st	
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, June 2nd	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
2:00 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Bay Harbor</i>
4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
6:00 p.m.	8th Grade Graduation Mass- 8th Grade Graduates
Wednesday, June 3rd	
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Alice O'Malley+
1:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Falls</i>
Thursday, June 4th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Intention Open
2:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Comforts of Home Gardens</i>
Friday, June 5th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Healing Mass- Healing of Joseph Vu
6:00 p.m.	<i>Baptism Prep (2nd Child)</i>
6:30 p.m.	<i>Baptism Prep (1st Child)</i>
Saturday, June 6th	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Intention Open
Sunday, June 7th: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass- Arnold & Delores Pechacek & Barb Meier+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center

St. Bridget Statue Dedication
 Bishop James Powers dedicated our new St. Bridget Statue on May 10th. Head to our YouTube Channel (@SaintBridget) or our website under the Spotlight section to watch the full video!

JUNE 8TH - JUNE 14TH	
Monday, June 8th	
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, June 9th	
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- Clarence, Florence, John, Barb, Anita, Linda, & Joseph Peter Dusek+
6:00 p.m.	Social Justice Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 10th	
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Intention Open
3:30 p.m.	<i>Mass @ Kinnic</i>
7:00 p.m.	Mass of Comfort & Hope
Thursday, June 11th	
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Vera Huppert Maier+
Friday, June 12th	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:30 a.m.	Individual Reconciliation
8:00 a.m.	Mass- Fr. Daniel Dahlberg & Fr. Dennis Meulemans+
Saturday, June 13th	
3:00 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Mass- Living & Deceased Members of the Herman Maier Family
Sunday, June 14th: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:15 a.m.	Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Marcella Mickelson+
11:00 a.m.	Mass- St. Bridget & St. Thomas More Newman Center

NEW Weekly Bulletin
 Starting in July, our parish will introduce a weekly, brand-new, full-color church bulletin—at no cost to the parish through LPi, thanks to the support of our advertisers. We invite local businesses, families, and organizations to participate.
 For more information, please contact:
Gina Shaughnessy (our LPi Representative):
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DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD: MAY 31ST–JUNE 7TH

Sunday, May 31st	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 /John 3:16-18
Monday, June 1st	2 Peter 1:2-7 /Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday, June 2nd	2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 /Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday, June 3rd	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 /Mark 12:18-27
Thursday, June 4th	2 Timothy 2:8-15 /Mark 12:28-34
Friday, June 5th	2 Timothy 3:10-17 /Mark 12:35-37
Saturday, June 6th	2 Timothy 4:1-8 /Mark 12:38-44
Sunday, June 7th	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a /1 Corinthians 10:16-17

DAILY WORD: JUNE 8TH-JUNE 14TH

Monday, June 8th	1 Kings 17:1-6 /Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 9th	1 Kings 17:7-16 /Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 10th	1 Kings 18:20-39 /Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, June 11th	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 /Matthew 5:20-26
Friday, June 12th	Deuteronomy 7:6-11, 1 John 4:7-16 /Matthew 11:25-30
Saturday, June 13th	1 Kings 19:19-21 /Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday, June 14th	Exodus 19:2-6a, Romans 5:6-11 /Matthew 9:36–10:8

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 715-922-9533.

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



PARISH LIFE

June 2nd Mass & Adoration Update

Tuesday, June 2nd is the 8th Grade Graduation Mass for St. Bridget School at 6pm.



Please note that on June 2nd Adoration will end at 4pm, and we will not have a 5pm Mass. Thank you!

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)

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)

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that helped with the St. Bridget's cemetery clean up this year.

A special thank you to the Faith Formation students, parents and directors and the St. Bridget's School students and teachers for your help. Your service to our parish is greatly appreciated.



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, **Steven Mark - 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.

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Mass of Comfort and Hope

"**Hope does not disappoint**". These are words shared by Pope Francis in the 2025 Jubilee year. Clinging to the virtue of hope, a gift from God, may be what we need when we've experienced the loss of a loved one. You are invited to reaffirm this virtue of hope on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.** by attending a **Mass of Comfort and Hope**. Whether you've lost a spouse or a child 2 days or 20 plus years ago, you are invited to attend and allow the empty space of your heart to be filled with the gift of our Lord's comfort and peace.

During this sacred, simple Mass you will be encouraged to write your loved one's name on a note card and bring it forward during the Prayers of the Faithful. Our faith reminds us that Jesus overcame death. Trusting in this promise of eternal life enables us to live in joyful hope of eternal joy. Please consider joining us for this special mass. A small reception will follow.



Please call the office with any questions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Environmental Tips

There are green things we can do that both help our bottom line and the environment.

- Fix the leaks on faucets.
- Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth.
- Set up a rainwater harvesting system (cuts down on water consumption when watering your garden and plants).
- Switch your thermostat out for a programmable one.
- Plant a garden.
- Bring tote bags to the grocery store.



River Falls Food Pantry

The River Falls Food Pantry is in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste, paper towels, tuna (in cans and pouches), and tomato sauce. It is in special need of the first three items because it has not been able to get these supplies through their normal sources. Whatever the parish can contribute is greatly appreciated -- both by the Food Pantry and by its guests. These are hard times for all of us but especially for people who have limited incomes and are coping with food insecurity.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome John Munkelwitz as our new Accountant and Scott Johnson as our new Head of Maintenance to the St. Bridget staff! If you see them around, please give them a warm welcome!



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St. Bridget Garage Sale: June 18th-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 15th - June 17th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Please contact Lauren Baillargeon, 715-821-4308 or laurenbaillargeon445@gmail.com with questions.

We're Hiring!

- **Part-Time Accompanist** (to play on a rotating basis with our current accompanist).
- **Part-Time Custodian.**



Contact the office if interested, or for more information.

PARISH SCHOOL



Just like that, we are in the final week of school! As we wrap up an incredible year, our days have been filled with excitement, celebration, and so much fun as we make the most of these final moments together.

Our 3rd-8th grade students proudly took part in the Student Showcase and WOW did they shine! Every student did such an outstanding job, and we are so proud of all their hard work!

The Orchestra students and our Kindergarten-4th grade students put on a beautiful Spring Concert. Our younger students sang and performed wonderfully; a true reflection of all the hard work they have put in this year!

Baseball season has officially come to an end, and the boys celebrated with a scrimmage and pizza at the ballfield. Congratulations to the team and coaches on a great season, you made St. B's proud!

Our middle school students also took on Shakespeare, recreating scenes and bringing the performances to life. Their dedication and practice truly paid off, and they did an incredible job entertaining us all!

Our 6th and 7th grade students had the opportunity to participate in Feed My Starving Children, a wonderful organization dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children and families facing hunger around the world.

Our 8th grade students are wrapping up their time here at St. Bridget Parish School. While we are sad to see them go, we are so proud of the growth, friendships, memories, and accomplishments they have made during their years here and are honored to celebrate them during their 8th Grade Graduation Mass.

We will wrap up the school year with our wonderful Family Picnic. This has been a year to remember, and we are incredibly grateful to our families for entrusting us with their children's education, to our staff for the love, care, and knowledge they pour into students each day, to our church for its continued support, and to our community for always standing beside us.

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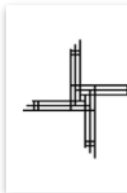
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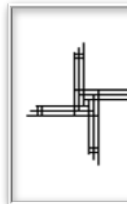
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