

St. Bridget Catholic Community

May 3rd & May 10th
The Fifth and Sixth Sundays of Easter.

Self-Awareness Can Change the Heart



Thomas Merton was orphaned at 16. He became a communist at 20. He found Christ at 23. He became a New York times reporter at 24. At the age of 26, he put all his possessions in duffel bag, went to Kentucky, and became a Trappist monk. In his best-selling autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, he describes the first steps in his conversion process.

He had just graduated from high school and was travelling alone in Europe. He was given to carnal pleasures. One night, he was struck with the awareness of his own sinfulness.

“The whole thing passed in a flash... I was overwhelmed with a sudden and profound insight into the misery and corruption of my soul... I was filled with horror at what I saw... and I desired escape... from all this with an intensity and urgency unlike anything I had ever known before.” he writes.

Merton goes on to say that for the first time in his life he really prayed. He prayed for deliverance from the evil power that held his body and soul in slavery.

Some are not aware. Many lack courage to change. In an effort to forget, some try to immerse themselves in activities. However, conversion is a gift of God. Awareness is only the first step. To pass on to the next step, we need the humility to pray sincerely for the courage to change.

-Fr. Balaraju Policetty

Coming Soon: New Church Bulletin!

Starting the weekend of July 5th, our parish will introduce a brand-new, full-color church bulletin with a fresh, professional look—at no cost to the parish, thanks to the support of our advertisers. We invite local businesses, families, and organizations to participate.

Advertising is a great way to promote your services while supporting the parish community.

For more information, please contact: Gina Shaughnessy (952) 356-6488 or
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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.*

DAILY WORD

DAILY WORD: MAY 3RD - MAY 10TH

Sunday, May 3rd	Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12
Monday, May 4th	Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 5th	Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 6th	Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
Thursday, May 7th	Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
Friday, May 8th	Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
Saturday, May 9th	Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21
Sunday, May 10th	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

DAILY WORD: MAY 11TH - MAY 17TH

Monday, May 11th	Acts 16:11-15 / John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday, May 12th	Acts 16:22-34 / John 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 13th	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / John 16:12-15
Thursday, May 14th	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / John 15:9-17
Friday, May 15th	Acts 18:9-18 / John 16:20-23
Saturday, May 16th	Acts 18:23-28 / John 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 17th	Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20

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	Leonard Wiskerchen
Robb Scott	Steve Ryan
Miranda Carlson	Pat Ryan
Patricia Bujalski	Jeni Rohl
Matt Huppert	Nancy Carlson
Carol Ann Gregg	Mary Parsons



PARISH LIFE

This Easter Season, we celebrate both those who were received into the fullness of the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil, and also those who made their First Communion in April!



Adoration Partners Needed

Adoration is on Tuesdays from 9am-7pm in church. We are in need of **prayer partners** for the following Adoration times: 12PM- 1PM, 2PM-3PM, 6PM- 7PM.



This allows us to have two people present each hour (we call them prayer partners) to ensure that someone is always in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Barrett in the office if you can help.

PARISH LIFE

St. Bridget Women's Connection Event

Women of the parish are invited to come together at the Table on Main in River Falls, WI on Friday, May 1st at 9am to connect with fellow women. Coffee will be provided!



St. Bridget Statue Dedication

You may have seen our new statue of St. Bridget in the prayer garden outside of the North Doors at Church. On May 10th around 10:30am, Bishop Powers will bless & dedicate the statue for our parish. **Please join us if you are able!**

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus want to thank you for your generous support of the annual **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**. Together, we raised thousands of dollars to be distributed to Have a Heart, Special Olympics in our area, and the River Falls Public School for Special Education programming. It couldn't happen without your support and we are very grateful. *Until next year!*

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The River Falls Food Pantry Needs

The River Falls Food Pantry needs: paper towels, toilet paper, and tuna (both in cans and pouches). The Food Pantry has been unable to secure supplies of paper towels and toilet paper so this need is urgent. Please consider helping your neighbors with these needs.

Environmental Tips

- It's spring. If you are cleaning out your closets, consider donating gently used clothing to one of River Falls' thrift stores.
- When cleaning your house and washing your windows, skip the paper towels and use cloths that can be washed and reused.
- Plant a garden. That garden will give you fresh veggies all summer (and help reduce your grocery bills).

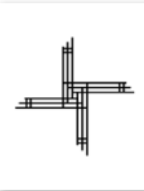
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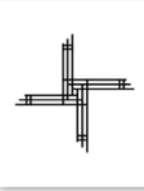
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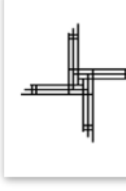
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