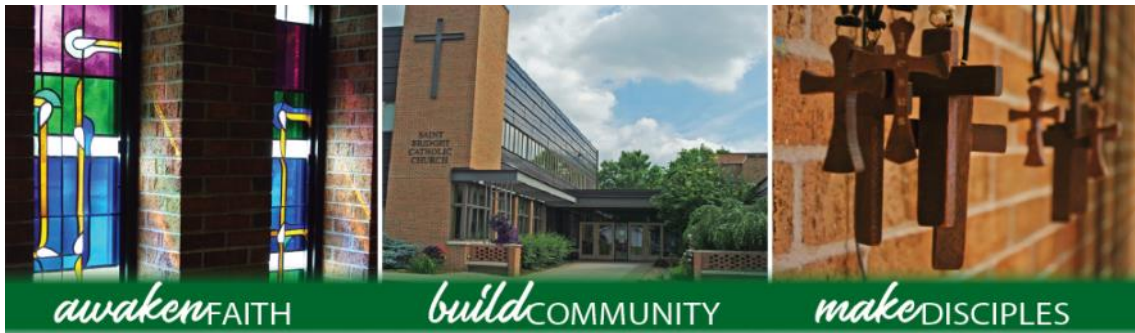


ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 10, 2019



Mass Schedule

Tuesday
5:15 p.m.
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m.
Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Sunday
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Monday
8:00 a.m.
Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Adoration

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



This Week's Highlights:

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From the pastor...

We have begun Lent. This first Sunday deals with temptation of Jesus. We are all tempted at some point in our lives.

Here is a reflection of how one person dealt with temptation.

[Jesus] was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil. Luke 4:1-2

Don Dunn's father owns a garage. One day a trucker drove in for service. When it came time for the bill, the trucker suggested adding a few "extras" saying, "The company will pay, we can split the difference." Don's father refused. The driver pushed the point saying, "I'm going to be a good customer here. Why shouldn't we all profit from the extra-reliable service you offer?" Don's father said, "That's not my style." When the driver persisted, Don's father told him to go elsewhere! The driver said, "I'll not go elsewhere! I own a trucking firm, and I just wanted to be sure that you were a mechanic I could trust."

[Jesus] can help those who are tempted because he himself was tempted and suffered. Hebrews 2:18

For Reflection

What was one of the biggest temptations I ever faced and overcame?

Why don't we eat meat on Fridays of Lent?

We don't eat meat on the Fridays of Lent because Jesus died on a Friday - Good Friday. Every weekend becomes a time to remember what Jesus did for us. What are you going to do and not going to do this Lent to remind you what Jesus did for us - no candy, no cell phone one day a week, pray, fast, be kinder or read the bible?



Thank you for the well wishes on the 40th anniversary of my ordination. God bless you! Fr. Jerry Harris

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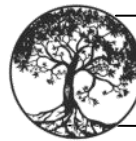
Pastoral Emergency: 715.869.6122

Scrip Available in the Office:

Monday: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Scrip is Available in the Fellowship Hall before and after all Masses

CALENDAR AND DAILY WORD



Rest in Peace

† Carol Hildebrandt

Monday, March 11 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Survivor Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, March 12 - Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00 a.m. The Gathering
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
+Int: Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer by family
- 6:30 - 9 pm Council and Sub-Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 13 - Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

- 8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass
+Int: LaVerne McAleavey by the family
- 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
- 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Middle School Faith Formation
- 5:00 p.m. Grade 3 - 5 Faith Formation
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Grade 6 - 11 Faith Formation Classes
- 7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 14 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 15 - Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Living and deceased members of the Wiskerchen Family by Pat Wiskerchen
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16 - Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: Gerald "Jerry" Cernohous by Joel Evan and Cernohous Family

Sunday, March 17 - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17 - 4:1 or 3:20 - 4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Irene Symanietz by the family
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget & St. Mary's
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF



Radio Mass Sundays at 9 AM
WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

March 9 Mass intention is for the churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's

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, call Virginia Magner at 715-684-2336.

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| Carmen Anderson | Ann Holland |
| Linda Bertram | Barb Ickler |
| Laura Bowman | Tanner Kelm |
| Roger Bruggeman | Kevin Larson |
| Gary Carter | Sandra Lenagh |
| Jo Dusek | Gwen Paulson |
| Mark Dusek | Joseph Pentusa |
| Nita Dusek | Michelle Radtke |
| Rebecca Eckman | Keith & Annette Strack |
| Michael Goodman | Izabella Thompson |
| Judy Pechacek Harri | |

*In order to meet the many prayer requests, names will be printed for 4 weeks - effective as of March 1. If you wish a name to be removed or extended, please contact the church office and we will be happy to honor your request.



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| Adult Contributions | \$18,718.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$982.04 |
| Future Parish Needs | \$1,242.00 |
| Future Parish Needs (ACH) | \$2,957.00 |
| SCRIP Rebates (67 orders) | \$693.43 |
| Priest Emergency Fund | \$800.00 |
| Donuts | \$406.00 |
| Catholic Herald | \$60.00 |

PARISH LIFE

Grief Support Group

New session being Monday, April 1 at St. Bridget Church

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Sessions are 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6

Sessions are free and you are encouraged to wait at least one month, before attending a group.

To register or for more information contact Julia at 715-781-4003 or email julia.rajtara@bakken-young.com.



THE GATHERING

Speaker: Gregg Miller

Tuesday, March 12
11:00 a.m. Presentation
Luncheon at Noon

Hospice Care - History, modern practices and general knowledge of what everyone needs to know.

Sign up at the information desk.



The Little Black Books are here! This book of Lenten reflections is now available at both St. Bridget and St. Mary's Churches.

Weekly Contribution Summary

| Average amount needed weekly to meet budgeted expenses | Amount collected last week | Difference |
|--|----------------------------|------------|
| \$19,615 | \$19,700 | \$85 |

Thank you for the amazing response to the finance council presentations last weekend. We've already seen an increase in weekly envelopes and loose collections and about 20 parishioners have already increased their ACH amount. Your dedication and support of our parish is wonderful and commendable!

PARISH SCHOOL

Students were eager to learn more about the Red Tail Hawk, American Kestrel, Great Horned Owl, and Bald Eagle during a recent visit from The Raptor Center.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sign up for summer youth events after each Mass the weekend of March 16 & 17

Middle School = incoming 6 - 8 grade graduates

High School = incoming 9 - 12 grade graduates

SUMMER STRETCH



MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROGRAM

For all incoming 6 through 9 grade students as participants and for incoming 10 through 12 grade (and college) students as teen leaders. Summer Stretch is a weekly, day-long service project held on Wednesdays this summer.

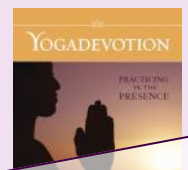
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Women's Retreat

Take some time for a morning retreat on Saturday, March 30,

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Deborah Gretzinger, Faith Formation Director in the Green Bay Diocese, will lead us to encounter Jesus by *Praying with the Women who Followed Jesus*. Through talks, small group and prayer, we will come to know the women who had a deep love for our Lord.

Yoga Devotion 8 week session to begin April 2, combining prayer and scripture with Yoga.



Save the date!

Into the Desert

A Lenten Study on Prayer

Transform Your Prayer Life

Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the prayer discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you the secret to opening your heart and mind to God through Scripture. Discover how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

Watch on formed.org

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"So simple and so profound!"
—Frances D., Carmel, IN

Upcoming Dates

- March 11 - DivorceCare Meeting
- March 12 - Gathering
- March 12 - Council Meetings
- March 23 - Spring Break
- March 30 - First Communion (part 1)
- March 30 - Women's Retreat
- April 6 - RCIA Retreat
- April 6 - First Communion (part 2)
- April 21 - Easter Sunday
- May 5 - Confirmation
- May 17-10 - Koinonia retreat
- May 19 - Graduation Mass

Bulletin Changes

By now you have noticed many changes to the bulletin. Although it is still a work in progress, our goal remains to make the bulletin easy to read, visually attractive, less repetitive content, and more applicable information. For that reason, the decision has been made to eliminate announcements from outside organizations that do not support the mission of the church and/or are not held at St. Bridget. We are happy to hang up posters on our bulletin board, but bulletin space is limited and needs to be reserved for parish announcements. Thank you for understanding.

MINISTRY

Spotlight



GREETER

Molly Miller

ABOUT THE GREETER MINISTRY

Greeting is an active service to parishioners and visitors. It requires that you arrive to Mass early with a welcoming spirit, friendly smile and a hand eager to greet all who attend Mass.

A 20 minute overview and training is required. Once trained, you will be scheduled for the Mass you prefer.

You will be asked to arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled Mass to begin your ministry.

This is a great family ministry, so invite your spouse, children, parents, or friends to join.

WHAT MOLLY WANTED TO SHARE

I enjoy people and it is a great way to start Mass!

I am able to see many parishioners this way, some that I may not otherwise see, and our parish community becomes more familiar to me.

I have been able to help people as they enter church for Mass by providing direction and I like to think that I help make them feel comfortable. I feel closer to God – it is a great feeling to offer fellow parishioners and visitors a smile and a hello and a great feeling to receive a smile and hello in return.

Sometimes I even get a hug!

Do you have a willingness to serve in this way? Please contact Barrett Grove, Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries, at:

CALL:
715-425-1870 ext. 108
EMAIL:
liturgy@stbparish.com
OR:

Completing a connect WITH US card located in the pew and then drop at the desk

Thank you to all of our Greeters