

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT**
MARCH 24, 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...

Jesus said, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Luke 13:1-9

We are all the same people in the world. Many countries like Syria or Haiti suffer for centuries of injustice and misery. Others suffer due to natural disasters. Is it because God is punishing them? No, God doesn't work that way. Jesus addresses the audience: "If you do not repent, you will perish in the same way." We are not mice in a laboratory where God suspects and surprises sinners to punish them or rewards the good with nice things. Every person is admonished to change her or his way of thinking and respond to God's grace. Jesus pointed the finger when he warned, "If you do not repent, you will all perish like they did." The question we ask ourselves is: "Do I see a need to repent?" (Adapted from WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS, GOSPEL READERS AND PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD. 2019) Fr. Harris

Do You Want to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Fr. Harris will be offering a class for those who have not yet been confirmed in the Catholic Church. The three sacraments for full initiation into faith are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This class will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. These candidates will be confirmed by Bishop James Powers on Sunday, May 5, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bridget. Contact Fr. Harris for more information at 425-1870, ext. 103 or at pastor@stbparish.com.

Lenten Opportunities for Individual Confessions at St. Bridget

Tuesday, March 26	4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 29	7:30 to 7:50 a.m.
Friday, April 5	7:30 to 7:50 a.m.
Tuesday, April 16	4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment	

Office Hours & Information:

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
211 E Division St • PO Box 86
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-1870
recept@stbparish.com

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

Monday, March 25 - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 26 - Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. Mass

Int: Churches of St. Bridget St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Wednesday, March 27 - Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

No school Mass or Faith Formation - Spring Break

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
1:30 p.m. Mass - Comforts of Home - Lodge
+Int: Lorraine Deiss Pitcock by Randy and Barb Dusek
7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 28 - Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Wellhaven
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 29 - Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

7:30 a.m. Individual Reconciliation
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Jerome and Leola Marek by family and friends
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30 - Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

9:00 a.m. Women's Retreat
2:30 p.m. First Communion Celebration
4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: Jeff Zabel and Joan Ketterman by John and Gayle Zabel

Sunday, March 31 - Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Preschool, K, First Grade Faith Formation
9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: George Panian by Jim and Arlene Schmitz
11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF

*** World Concern Collection - March 30 & 31 ***

Rest in Peace

Martha DeGrave, Mother of Connie (Terry) Knutson

Bernadette Deusterman, Mother of Amy (Allen) Standaert



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

March 23 Mass is in loving memory of
Marijane and Earl Cernohous and Denise Maier

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 Wagner at 715-684-2336.

Carmen Anderson	Ann Holland
Laura Bowman	Barb Ickler
Roger Bruggeman	Tanner Kelm
Gary Carter	Sandra Lenagh
Jo Dusek	Gwen Paulson
Rebecca Eckman	Joseph Pentusa
Michael Goodman	Michelle Radtke
Judy Pechacek Harri	Izabella Thompson

**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*

TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2019

Adult Contributions*	\$21,334.00
Loose Collection	\$1,042.74
Future Parish Needs	\$772.00
Adult Contributions(ACH)	\$20,756.00
School Tuition (ACH)	\$10,367.00
SCRIP Rebates (59 Orders)	\$582.51
Priest Emergency Fund	\$300.00
Catholic Herald	\$160.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$690.00
Donuts	\$361.55

*Average Needed Weekly \$19,615 - Thank you!

PARISH LIFE

Good Friday Men's Choir

All men are invited to sing at the Noon Service on Friday, April 19.

Rehearsals

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Simply show up for rehearsal or contact Barrett in the office with questions.



THE GATHERING

(for those 60+)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Reconciliation begins at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until everyone has received the Sacrament.

Light luncheon afterward but please register at the information desk so we know how many to plan for.

CHECK IT OUT!

Check out the new "Resource Center" (not yet officially named) located near the east entrance and lobby area. The heavy wooden shelving unit has been replaced by a lighter design crafted by Tim lehl using our original door handles. Thanks to Tim for sharing his skills and to Dan Steckbauer, Adrian Amundson, and Randy Koller for their help with installation. This area will keep all of our parish resources in one convenient and easy to access location. Plus it provides a nice, beautiful space to read and/or visit with friends!



PARISH SCHOOL

Fourth and fifth grade students have been hard at work learning about biomes and ecosystems. To climax their unit they have constructed a simulation of the coral reef and the rainforest and presented the biomes to St. Bridget students in other grades.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Thank you for supporting our mission trip! Please replace the M&Ms with coins, cash or check and return the tube to church. Marked containers will be available for drop off between now and Easter weekend.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Women's Retreat - March 30

Retreat into Lent with women of our parish. Join us for a morning retreat to restore your love for our Lord as we explore the lives of the Women who followed Jesus. Register [online](#) or at the Information desk.

Yoga Devotion

Sign up at the information desk or [online](#) for the next 8 week session of Yoga Devotion, beginning April 2 on Tuesday evenings, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord

One "Yes" Changed Everything

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke's account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary's "yes" in a whole new light!

Watch on formed.org



"My devotion to Mary is forever transformed after listening to this study!"
—Michelle R.

Social Justice Tithing Notice

February and March tithing grants were awarded as follows:

- \$500 to Priest Emergency Fund
- \$1,000 to the Haitian Relief Services
- \$1,700 to the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners for firefighting equipment

What is a Mass intention? What is a stipend?

From the very beginning of the Church, it has been customary for the faithful to offer gifts of bread and wine for the celebration of the Mass. Throughout the centuries, this developed into a monetary donation instead of bread and wine. Monies given in excess of the cost of actual bread and wine for the Mass were then applied to assist the poor and eventually the clergy.

Thus, it became customary for the priest to accept from the faithful a donation (formally called a "stipend") in return for remembering a specific intention in the celebration of a Mass. In our Diocese, the stipends are paid to the parish and applied to the pastor's wages.

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

We are currently in need of the following Mass Intentions:

Tuesdays 5:15 p.m.

April 30

Wednesday 9:00 am

School Mass
April 3, 10, 17

Friday 8:00 a.m.

March 29, 26

Holy Thursday Mass

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

April 6, May 4, 11, 25

Please contact the office if you would like to sponsor one of these Masses. Mass stipends are \$10. The Saturday radio Mass has a \$10 stipend and plus a donation of \$65 to help with radio expenses.

715-425-1870

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MINISTRY

Spotlight

DONUT MAKERS



Jim Beix

Do you have a willingness to serve in this way?
Please contact Lynn Simons, Connection Minister, at:

CALL:

715-425-1879 ext. 109

EMAIL:

connections@stbparish.com

OR:

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

ABOUT THE DONUT MINISTRY

Parishioners who are early risers gather to make donuts at the church on Sunday mornings during the school year. Teams of parishioners also help to sell and serve donuts to other parishioners on Sunday mornings after Mass.

Teams are on a rotating basis for both selling and making donuts. Each team is scheduled 5-6 times during September through May. You will be put onto a team with experienced makers and sellers to help guide and train to making, frosting, selling and serving donuts.

Maker Team is generally about a 3-4 hour commitment of time.

Seller Team prepares coffee fellowship and serves donuts after the 9:30 and 11:00 Mass and includes clean-up. This generally is about a 3 1/2 hour commitment.

This is a great family ministry!

WHAT JIM WANTED TO SHARE

I began making St. Bridget's Sunday donuts in the 1980's when I joined Frank and Marie Deja and their family. We worked in the current church kitchen while the Deja family had been involved in donut making years before the basement of the old church.

The attraction to Sunday AM donut making for me is the people on the donut team. Having fun with people you now and enjoy minimizes your early morning efforts at 3:00 or 4:00 AM. You are trained to do certain steps in the donut making process. It is not difficult and you task with the spirit of your energetic co-workers.

The head of the donut team monitors the quantity of the donut types and keeps track of donut orders from outside parishes and groups.

Another group of parishioners will come in later to sell the donuts after Sunday Masses.

The donut team members enjoy working together and performing a task that benefits the entire parish.

Thank you to all of our Donut Makers

St. Bridget Solar Panel Project



From Father Harris

For the past three+ years, I have been working with the Solar Array Committee to determine the feasibility of installing solar panels on the roof of St. Bridget Church. This committee was able to secure several grants and received one large donation towards the project. The committee has worked with the Finance and Parish Pastoral Council to address several concerns. Of major concern was the age of the current roof, the impact on the warranty, and trying to predict its life expectancy. After thorough research, it was determined that the panels would be attached using a ballasted racking system and would not impact the current roof warranty. Unfortunately, we have no way to know if the current roof will last 3 more years, 10 more years or 20 more years. The good news is the committee was able to secure additional donated funds to safely move the panels when roof replacement is eventually needed.

Last week both the Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council voted to approve a motion allowing the Solar Committee to **accept pledges** for the sponsorship of **148 panels at \$550 each** – with the stipulation that all funds must be pledged by **May 15, 2019**, or the project would not proceed. The Solar Committee also was advised that no parish operating dollars would be used for this project, and that since the parish is focusing on a decrease in contributions, this campaign needed to concentrate on reaching out to those people who specify an interest in participating and who can comfortably indicate that this donation will not impact their regular giving to the parish.

As pastor, I support the goal of finding alternative energy resources while caring for our world as outlined in the encyclical *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis; I respect the advice of the two councils and have agreed for the Solar Array Committee to pursue pledges for this project with the deadline mentioned above.

More information about the solar panel project and information about sponsoring a panel are on the reverse side. If you have other questions, you may contact the committee at StBSolarArray@gmail.com.

St. Bridget Solar Proposal Summary

- Project: 53.3 kWdc solar array - 148 total panels
- Funds secured: \$89,882 to date
- Remaining to be funded by new donors: \$78,118
- Cost to parish: \$0
- Energy savings per year: 64,000+ kwh
- Deadline to pledge: May 15, 2019
- Contact: StBSolarArray@gmail.com

Aerial view with panels >



St. Bridget Solar Panel Project

From The Solar Array Committee



In 2015, Pope Francis challenged each of us to consider how we are shaping the future of our home planet. Acting on his message, St. Bridget Church investigated ways to do our part in caring for our common home in our beloved parish of St. Bridget. A parish committee, headed by Tony Jilek, studied the feasibility of installing a solar array on the church's roof to generate a portion of the electricity for our parish building. Committee members include parishioners Tom Westerhaus, Bill Hansen, Gary Senn, Jerry Waller, Alan Symicek, Paul Steiner, Matthew Digman, and Sue Fritz.

SOLAR ARRAY GOALS:

- Invest in a long-term, energy-saving, planet-friendly building improvement
- Reduce our carbon footprint, thus caring for our common home
- Generate approximately 40% of the electricity used by the church building
- Save approximately \$4,000+/year on the church's electric bill

We believe the solar project at St. Bridget is a worthy response to Pope Francis' message to care for God's creation, and we seek YOUR support to make it happen. We ask that you prayerfully consider pledging to sponsor a full panel (\$550) or a half panel (\$275) before May 15, 2019. Consider your sponsorship as a memorial or in honor of a special person or group. Because the ongoing financial viability of our parish is of critical importance, we ask that you consider contributing to the solar panel project only if your donation will not impact your regular and ongoing tithe to St. Bridget Church.

Please use the **Commitment/Interest Form** below to let us know you are interested in **PLEDGING** a panel (no money will be collected until all panels are sponsored) or **LEARNING MORE** about this project. Forms may be dropped off in the office or information desk, placed in the collection basket, or mailed to: **Solar Panel Committee; c/o St. Bridget Church; 211 E. Division St., PO Box 86; River Falls, WI 54022 (Do NOT send any money at this time.)**



St. Bridget Solar Panel Project Commitment/Interest Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP _____

I am interested in:

- Pledging to sponsor ___ panel(s) @ \$550/each for a total commitment of \$_____
- Learning more about the solar project. Please contact me at the phone number above.
- Other: _____

**Please return this form as soon as possible to meet the PLEDGE DEADLINE of May 15, 2019.
If our goal is met, sponsor payments will be due by July 2019.**