

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
JULY 28
AND

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

2024



TRAGEDY TURNS INTO A BLESSING

Years ago in Scotland, the Clark family had a dream. Clark and his wife worked and saved, making plans for their family of nine children to travel to the United States. It had taken years, but they had finally saved enough money. They got their passports and made reservations for the family on a new ocean liner.

The entire family was filled with anticipation and excitement about their venture. However, several days before the departure, the youngest son was bitten by a dog. The doctor stitched the leg, but hung a yellow flag on the Clark's front door. Because of the possibility of rabies, the entire family was quarantined for 14 days. The family's dream was dashed. They would not be able to make the trip to America as planned. The father, filled with disappointment and anger, stomped to the dock to watch the ship leave – without the Clark family. The father shed bitter tears and cursed his son and God for their misfortune.

Five days later, the tragic news spread throughout Scotland and the world – the mighty Titanic had sunk, taking hundreds of lives with it. The Clark family was to have been on that ship but because their son had been bitten by a dog, they were left behind! When Clark heard the news, he hugged his son with sorrowful tears in his eyes for having cursed him and then turned to God thanking Him for saving his family and turning what would have been a tragedy into a blessing.

So many of us, in our own way, get into unhappy relationships with one another and do not spare God for the 'evil' we see with our weak minds in events as we see them.

Let us remember that God's ability to SEE and JUDGE events is incomprehensible to us but absolute and based on love for His people.

-Father 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

Phone (715)-425-1870

Pastoral Emergency

+1 (715) 791-9383

www.saintbridgets.org

Church Building hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS JULY 28– AUGUST 3

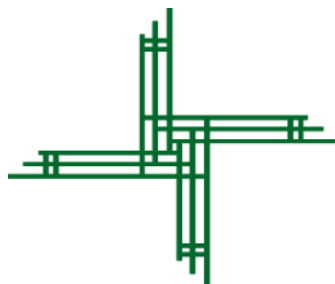
Sunday, July 28	
9:15 a.m.	Rosary
10:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Mason Crum+</i>
Monday, July 29	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday, July 30	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters (extra day)
5:30 p.m.	Mass - <i>Paul & Mathilda Maier+</i>
6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, July 31	
	(No Events)
Thursday, August 1	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Francis Dusek+</i>
Friday, August 2	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Audrey Simons+</i>
Saturday, August 3	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
8:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Meeting
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - <i>Bob & Mary Zenk+</i>

WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS AUGUST 4 – AUGUST 10

Sunday, August 4	
9:15 a.m.	Rosary
10:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Jim Jackman+</i>
Monday, August 5	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.	Girls Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, August 6	
8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilters
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 p.m.	Mass - <i>Mary Wolf+</i>
6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, August 7	
	(No events)
Thursday, August 8	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Open Int.</i>
Friday, August 9	
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Jacqueline & Clarence Jr. Heit+</i>
9:30 a.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group
Saturday, August 10	
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - <i>Open Int.</i>

Mission Statement:

We awaken faith, build community, and make disciples.



ST. BRIDGET
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY

Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: (QR code on far left). You can also click the QR codes for our website (middle) and Facebook (right).



YT



WEB



FB

DAILY WORD FOR JULY 28-AUGUST 3	
Sunday, July 28	2Kgs 4: 42-44, Eph 4: 1-6/ Jn 6: 1-15
Monday, July 29	Jer 13: 1-11/Jn 11: 19-27
Tuesday, July 30	Jer 14: 17-22/Mt 13: 36-43
Wednesday, July 31	Jer 15: 10, 16-21/ Mt 13: 44-46
Thursday, August 1	Jer 18: 1-6/Mt 13: 47-53
Friday, August 2	Jer 26: 1-9/Mt 13: 54-58
Saturday, August 3	Jer 26: 11-16, 24/Mt 14: 1-12

DAILY WORD FOR AUGUST 4-AUGUST 10	
Sunday, August 4	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4: 17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday, August 5	Jer 28: 1-17/Mt 14: 13-21
Tuesday, August 6	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14, 2Pt 1: 16-19/Mk 9: 2-10
Wednesday, August 7	Jer 31: 1-7 / Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday, August 8	Jer 31: 31-34/ Mt 16: 13-23
Friday, August 9	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 10	2 Cor 9:6-10 /Jn12:24-26



In Remembrance

John Hueg
 Daniel Gavin
 Esther Kirchner
 Linda Ross

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 Linda Radtke Tony Jilek Boyd Huppert Dorie Deiss Dale Simpson Donna Pechacek Mary Ellen Vorwald Barb Ickler John Benusa Mary Moravec Mike Sutton Kathleen Kusilek Emily Hennemann Katy Pupungatoa Jeanne Rohl Patricia Bujalski Robert R. Raehsler Tim Engel Matt Huppert Russ Berg	Carol Ann Gregg Tara Olson Richard Bujalski Steve Hines Jim Hines Darlene Ardnt Elaine Hines Andre Armstrong Marge Dusek Missy Tarnowski Kathleen Brown Sonia Steiner Kaye McFarland Jim McFarland Richard Andrea Barb Pechack Francis Ogden Beverly Benson Marty Krause Mary Thorsen
---	--

TITHES AND OFFERING

July 14, 2024	
Adult Contributions	\$12,037
Loose Collection	\$687
Scrip Rebates	\$105
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$22,206

July 21, 2024	
Adult Contributions	\$8,886
Loose Collection	\$512
Scrip Rebates	\$123

FAITH FORMATION

Steubenville Conference

The Steubenville Conference is July 26-July 28! Please pray for all the attendees as they deepen their relationship with God through this wonderful opportunity.

The Chosen: Adult Formation Opportunity

Come together with adult members of our Parish cluster community and be prepared to encounter Jesus and His disciples visually, emotionally and Spiritually through the Chosen series. Let the stories of Scripture come to life.

Small group discussion will follow each evening.

Watch for Details!

PARISH LIFE

Adult Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of Adult Servers for Funeral Masses. These masses usually take place during the week. If you are feeling a call to this ministry or have questions please contact Bethany Johnston in the Parish Office. We would love to have you apart of this wonderful ministry.

Are you called to be a Eucharistic Minister?

If you are feeling called to be a Eucharistic Minister now is your chance. We are in need of people to fill spots on our teams for Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00a.m. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or would like to know more, please contact Bethany Johnston in the Parish Office.

PARISH LIFE

Mass sponsors needed:

Beginning Thursday, July 18 and continuing each Thursday there will be an 8 a.m. Mass here at St. Bridget and no LWHC on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. We are in need of sponsors for these Masses. If you would like to sponsor the Mass for living or deceased loved ones, please contact Lindsey in the office.

Mass Stipend Change:

We were notified by the Diocese that as of July 1, 2024, the new Mass stipend will be \$20 per Mass. This is a change from the current \$10. This also means that the Radio Mass will now be \$85.

Thanks for your continued support of sponsoring Masses for loved ones. Please contact Lindsey in the office if you would like to sponsor a Mass.

Clear Pill Bottles for the Loin's Club

The Loin's Club is asking for only clear prescription pill bottles that are filled by a pharmacist. Please do not put white bottles, vitamin bottles etc., in there.

Thank you in advance!



Keeping in Balance Bible Study

Come along on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. In this study, we'll explore biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits! This bible study will begin September 10th, and more details are to come!



Opening Your Heart Bible Study

New to Bible Studies?

Do you sense God is inviting you to grow closer to Him within community?

Start here! Discover a personal relationship with Jesus and increase your trust in His unconditional love.



PARISH LIFE

Spiritual Growth

How do we become Missionary Disciples and move from just maintaining to Mission?

Dynamism! This is the enthusiasm, energy, drive and vigor by which we live out our callings. How many of us are aware and live the dynamism that made Abram and Sarai leave their old life and seek a vision they barely glimpsed? How many Christians live the dynamism that made Mary accept her role, and Jesus live, die and rise? Our first mission task is to discover and advertise that dynamism in ourselves and in one another.

Parish Nurse Available

A Parish Nurse Team member will be in the West View room following all Masses the third weekend of every month, providing blood pressure checks, and answering simple health questions.



Social Justice

Support Our Neighbors' Place. Ladies Night Out will be held on August 6. As part of that celebration, Our Neighbors' Place is holding a yard sale. Clothing and shoes for all ages and household goods will be available. Attendees are encouraged to shop in exchange for a free will donation. If circumstances make it difficult to make a free will donation, simply select what you need to make life more comfortable. The yard sale will run from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. there will also be a bounce house, police, fire, and EMS visits, other family friendly activities, free treats and refreshments. All are invited to attend. Food Pantry needs: Crackers, Cereal, BBQ Sauce, Mayo, Salad Dressings (not Ranch or Italian).



PARISH SCHOOL

School Enrollment

If you have been on the fence about enrolling your children, now is the time to act as enrollment rates are rising! If receiving an excellent Catholic education at our parish's school is in your thoughts, you are invited to give the school a call and set up a tour for your family, personally given by the principal. The gift of a Catholic education is a gift to our children that lasts a lifetime. If you are in need, financial support is available.



St. Bridget School Job Opening

St. Bridget School is looking for an Administrative Assistant to work in our front office. We are seeking faith filled qualified candidates who have knowledge working in a school setting, are highly organized, and enjoy working with people, especially children. This position is full-time, with part-time opportunities available.

Contact the principal at: principal@stbparish.com

Thank you Mike!

Mike Kongshaug is the janitor for St. Bridget School, and has been with us at St. Bridget since 2019. We appreciate everything you do for the school Mike!



St. Bridget Catholic Church Contact Information



Fr. Balaraju Policetty, Pastor
Office (715) 425-1879 ext. 103
Emergency: +1 (715) 791-9383
pastor@stbparish.com



Fr. Joseph Anil Kumar Pasala, Associate Pastor
Office (715) 425-1879 ext. 103
franil@smicparish.org



Deacon Dan Kohler
715-425-1870



Deacon John Woehrl
715-425-1870
deaconjohn@stbparish.com



Barrett Grove, Parish Administrator
715-425-1879 ext. 102
parishadmin@stbparish.com



Lindsey Andrea, Administrative Assistant
715-425-1870 ext. 101
recept@stbparish.com

Sophie Kolars, Communications Coordinator
715-425-1879 ext. 111
communications@stbparish.com



Tessa Schuermann, Faith Formation
715-425-1879 ext. 106
teenFF@stbparish.com



Susan Landry, Accountant
715-425-1879 ext. 104
accountant@stbparish.com



Bethany Johnston, Coordinator of Liturgical
Ministries
715-425-1879 ext. 108
liturgy@stbparish.com



Jodie Rubenzer, Discipleship and Spiritual Growth
715-425-1879 ext. 110
spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com



Mike Leary, Principal
principal@stbparish.com
715-425-1879 ext. 201



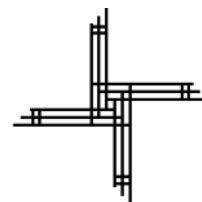
Randy Koller, Maintenance
715-425-1879 ext. 112
facilities@stbparish.com



Adrian Amundsen
Housekeeping



Mallory Schneider, Campus Minister
St. Thomas More-Newman Chapel, UWRF
campusminister@uwrfnewman.org
715-425-7234



Non-Profit
Organization
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 62
River Falls, WI

ST. BRIDGET CHURCH
211 EAST DIVISION STREET PO BOX 86
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN 54022
Address Service Requested