

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18



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:

- P. 4 Faith Formation Help Needed
- P. 4 New Parish School Principal
- P. 5 New RCIA Session

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From Father Rich...

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks!"

Lord, you tell us to wait for your return. Help us to wait. Help us to find you in the Eucharist, help us to find you in those we love, in strangers we meet, in the poor and needy. Let us find you in our sleep, in our work and in our play, to watch for you in our laughter and our tears, in the deep souls of everyone we meet every day, in the dusk and the dark of night. Please knock, or rather come right in!
Amen!

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"I have come to set the earth on fire..."

In the Bible, God often appears in the form of fire. Jesus has come to light the world with the fire of God's love. Fire is a powerful and ambivalent gift: it can give light and strength, it can purify, it can destroy. God is preparing us to live a life of eternal love. His fire burns away all that cannot live in the presence of such love.

O God, the fire of your love prepares your path before you. Purify us by the sanctifying power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be made worthy to offer prayer and sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

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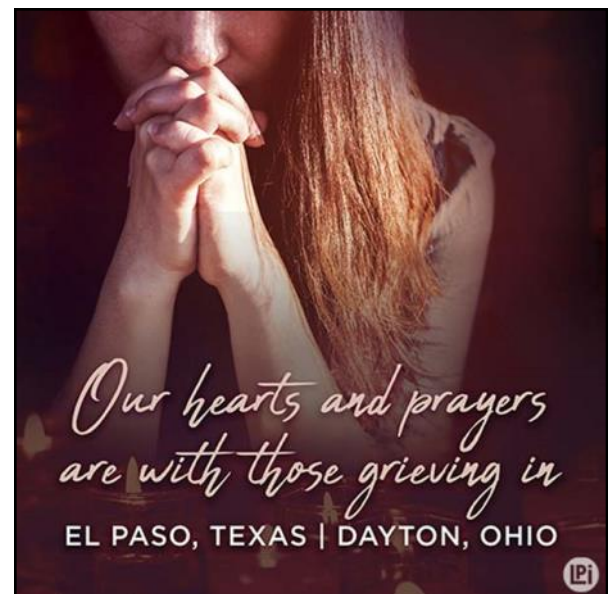
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Pastoral Emergency: 715.869.6122

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**



Rest in Peace

Delores Laakso

Mother of Chris Bertram

Robert Karras, Sr.

Marian Koehler

Sister-in-law of Ruth Koehler

Theresa Steward

Mother of Brenda Steward

Roberta Wunrow

Mother of Steve (Pam) Wunrow

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.

Laura Bowman

Rod Cina

Jo Dusek

Frances DeCoux

Michael Goodman

Judy Pechacek Harri

Ann Holland

Barb Ickler

Tricia Aguilera

Nate Larson

Sandra Lenagh

Gwen Paulson

Joseph Pentusa

Michelle Radtke

Izabella Thompson

Shirley DeCoux

Sonia Steiner

The following was written by a Venezuelan family who fled legally to America because of death threats to them and are seeking asylum. Fr. Harris

Venezuela, a country located in South America, with its capital as Caracas, is rich in mineral, oil, and very splendid people. It has sea, rivers, snow desert, plains. For 20 years it has been deteriorating little by little. Now it is completely in chaos. People are suffering from corruption, which has stolen everyone's future. It is now a country in which millions of children do not have anything to eat, many eat from the garbage. Hospitals do not have money to assist and you die because there isn't even enough needle syringes. Newborns are put in card board boxes. The purchasing power is zero since a professional only gets \$5 per month.

We live in an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. The exodus of Venezuelans is by sea, air and land. To date there are more than 4 million who have left.

At this moment you will wonder why they have not taken out that government. Judges and prosecutors are against the people. If they capture you they invent charges. They have false witnesses and they send you to prison and spend years in jail without having a trial.

I tell you the government of Venezuela is tyranny. They are advised by Cuba and protect in the country many terrorist groups in the world. The men and women who have dared to raise the flag of freedom at this time are dead or are political prisoners in Venezuela. There are more than 1,000 political prisoners. Hundreds of young people have been killed for going out to protest. The military forces, the police are responsible for silencing a town without weapons. Venezuela inflation is 500 % annually. We live moments of anguish of much pain, once a prosperous country, with false socialism now only in death and desolation. All Venezuelans are affected but the most affected are children who have left school due to lack of school supplies and not having food.

Radio Mass Sundays at 9 AM

WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

is in loving memory of

Wayne Deiss - August 10

Dennis Johnson - August 17



TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF JULY 28, 2019



Adult Contributions	\$14,051.00
Loose Collection	\$727.53
Future Parish Needs	\$610.00
SCRIP Rebates (51 orders)	\$592.30


WE ARE HAVING A FAIR!



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER

8th

CALENDAR AND DAILY WORD

Monday, August 12 - Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting	Monday, August 19 - Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. CCW Wooden Sign Painting Night *Session starts at 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group
Tuesday, August 13 - Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 p.m. Mass +Int: Clarence, Florence, Barb, John, Joseph, Peter and Linda Dusek by the family	Tuesday, August 20 - Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal 5:15 p.m. Mass +Int: Patrick Baumgartner and Robert Baumgartner by Barbara Baumgartner
Wednesday, August 14 - Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer	6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Action Group
Thursday, August 15 - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>  10:30 a.m. Jesus a Pilgrimage Book Group 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Comforts of Home - Falls 5:30 p.m. Mass +Int: Marie Weishaar by family 6:30 p.m. Mass - St. Mary's <u>Hammond</u>	Wednesday, August 21 - Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16 8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. Mass - Kinnic Home +Int: Jerome and Leola Marek by family and friends 6:30 p.m. CCW Wooden Sign Painting Night *Session starts at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16 - Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 7:30 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass +Int: Donald Huppert	Thursday, August 22 - Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14 10:30 a.m. Jesus a Pilgrimage Book Study 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Wellhaven 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday, August 17 - Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 7:30 a.m. Men's Group 2:30 p.m. Wedding - Rachel Matzek & Andrew Bowen 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Mass +Int: Dennis Johnson by Carolyn Johnson	Friday, August 23 - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 7:30 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass Int: Healing prayers for Rod Cina by Kathy and Mary
Sunday, August 18 - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53 8:45 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass +Int: Brian Olson by family 11:00 a.m. Mass Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group	Saturday, August 24 - Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 5:00 p.m. Mass +Int: Deceased members of Jilek and Boortz family by Tony Jilek family
	Sunday, August 25 - Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30 8:45 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass + Int: Ed and Marie Boerboom by Judy and Dale Crowley 11:00 a.m. Mass Int: Churches of St. Bridget & St. Mary's 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Embracing Diversity Candle - Light Vigil

There will be an ecumenical candle-light vigil, entitled *Embracing Diversity*, on Friday, August 16 starting at the River Falls United Methodist Church (127 South 2nd Street). It will begin with a brief prayer at 6:00 p.m. and then a walk to Veterans Park until 7:00 p.m. The vigil will be peaceful, respectful, lawful and non-political. We have to come together as a nation and work together no matter our views. All are welcome to join and bring a candle, flashlight or other luminary.

PARISH LIFE

Fall Greetings!

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has 2 fall-themed wooden sign painting nights scheduled on August 19 and 21. Social time will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with painting following at 7:00 p.m. Please pay \$20 for the supplies when you arrive. Space is limited so sign up [here](#) or at the information desk.



PARISH SCHOOL

New Family Night

We will have an information night, designed for families new to St. Bridget Parish School, Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include student pick up and drop off, Before/After Care Program, daily classroom routines, bus transfers, lunch routines, PreK snack calendars, attendance and other items regarding the school year.

New Principal - Brenda Steward

I would like to introduce myself, Brenda Steward, as the new principal of St. Bridget Parish School. I have spent the last five years as the Reading Coordinator for River Falls School District, where I also coached teachers with literacy techniques. I live in Hudson with my husband, Dave, where we enjoy kayaking and hiking.



I feel fortunate and blessed to be serving as your Principal. I have met many staff, parents, and even a few students of the St. Bridget School community. All have shown me a warm welcome, kindness, and support. I am extremely impressed by the dedication of the staff as they are working in their classrooms to prepare for the new school year. Staff are committed to expand their learning and improve their teaching practices by attending workshops during the summer. I am excited to lead this exceptional group of professionals. I am looking forward to meeting all of our students and parents soon!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Leaders Needed

We're in need of caring adults to lead small groups, teach on Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoons or evenings or be classroom aids. Please consider offering your time and talents! Let's surround the children and youth of our parish with faith and support to show them the hope we have in Jesus, and the love of our Father that's beyond measure! Please contact Diane in the church office if you are interested in helping with grades prek-5, or Tessa for grades 6-11.

Faith Formation Dinner Team

The Faith Formation dinner for families and leaders on Wednesday nights has been a blessing to many over the past few years! We look forward to again coming together to share a meal and great conversation and to help alleviate the schedule of busy families. We are in need of teens and adults to help with the preparation of the food from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., serving from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., and cleaning up from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Volunteers can help out weekly, or on a rotating basis. Please contact Tessa for more information.

We Need Your Mugs!

Have a coffee mug or two that you'd like to give to a new home? Donate to our youth preparing for Confirmation! We're looking for 60 more coffee mugs to warm our hands and our discussions on Wednesday nights. We welcome unique designs, funny quotes, even holiday mugs! You can bring them to the Fellowship Hall on August 24-25.



Help Wanted

We are looking for a School Cook for St. Bridget School. Experienced preferred but will train. Weekends, holidays and school breaks off. Contact Brenda Steward at 715-425-1872 or principal@stbparish.com.



SPRITUAL GROWTH



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Church

The RCIA process will begin on September 12, 2019 and is for adults who would like to become members of the Catholic Church and desire to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information or to sign up please contact Jodie in the church office or at jrubenzer@stbparish.com

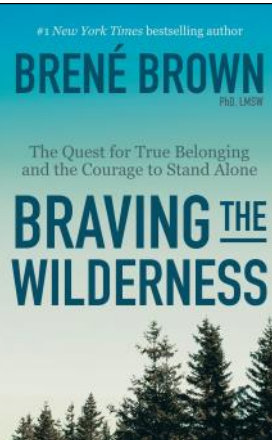
Arise Together in Christ

Small groups will be forming soon to begin our parish-wide, scripture – based, faith sharing opportunities. The only prerequisites to these groups are an openness to listen, to share, to respect, and to come together to recognize the way God has worked in our lives. Sign up will begin in September.

LABYRINTH COMPLETED!



Thank you and congratulations go out to Johnathan Hartwig, his family and friends who worked to complete the beautiful labyrinth on our parish campus. The earliest Christian labyrinth dates back to 342 AD. Labyrinths are used as a tool for prayer and meditation. We invite you to use the Labyrinth throughout the day and we will have a brochure available at the west entrance to help lead you in your Labyrinth walk.



Save the Date!

Lunch time book discussion
begins Wednesday,
September 4 at noon.

Contact Jodie with any
questions or to register
jrubenzer@stbparish.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville Youth Conference

St. Bridget High School Youth joined together with 2,000 Catholic teens from, many different States, at the University of St. Thomas for a Steubenville Youth Conference. Our young disciples of St. Bridget where engaged and energized by the Holy Spirit. The theme for the conference was *Belong* and our youth are excited to keep the wonderful feeling of *belonging as a child of God* alive in our parish community.



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The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 7: The Promised Mother

Why Is Mary Queen Mother?

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—Mica P., Vancouver, CA

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The Story of an Iconic Saint

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"5 stars does not seem
enough for this beautiful and
inspiring story."

—Ann W., Ontario, CA

Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help Day Trip

St. Mary's in Hammond has planned a day bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. The date is September 10 and will include Mass and meals. Please pick up a flyer at the information desk and contact Jackie at St. Mary's if interested at 715-796-2241 ext. 2.



The Holy Land pilgrimage under the spiritual direction of Fr. John Anderson and assisted by Fr. Rich has reopened as there are still spots available. Departure is January 2, 2020 from Minneapolis and returning on January 14, 2020. If interested, please contact

Fr. Rich, frich@stbparish.com, as soon as possible for more information.

Thank you to volunteers and guests who made the Mollie B and Squeezebox event such a huge success! A good time was had by all and we hope to have her back next year. So those of you who missed out, make sure to get your ticket early!



[MINISTRY]

Spotlight



John & Gretchen Stoffel

ABOUT THE CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP LEADER MINISTRY...

Confirmation Small Group Leaders accompany a group of about 8 students in 10th or 11th grade each week in discussion and provided learning activities. Along with a co-leader, their role is to provide a welcoming atmosphere in which group members feel comfortable to share their thoughts, opinions, and questions.

There is a catechist in-service in September which includes prayer, discussion of a faith topic, catechists getting to know each other, and a look at the materials and the year ahead. We have a second catechist meeting in December to again pray together and share the joys and challenges that we are experiencing in our classes/small groups.

The time commitment for being a Confirmation Small Group leader is about 1.5 to 2 hours per week. Small group leaders do not have to plan their own lessons, but simply read the provided outline ahead of time. They are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to pick up their outline and other materials and greet their small group members at 6:30 p.m. Then they are asked to clean up their own small group table at 7:30 p.m. after the students leave.

WHAT JOHN & GRETCHEN WANTED TO SHARE...

We felt called to be Confirmation small group leaders when our oldest son Jack was in 10th grade. I had always admired the adults that were catechists for our older daughter 3 years before that when she went through the Confirmation process.

We enjoy getting to spend time with a great group of high schoolers. We love their energy and gift of the Holy Spirit. Before we started, we were a little concerned about being able to adequately share our faith and help in the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. However, it has been amazing to be able to connect with the youth of our parish. They have taught us just as much as they have learned throughout this process! Each week, we have been able to dig deeper into our faith as the kids share their differing perspectives.

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:

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WITH US card located
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drop at the desk

Thank you
to all
of our
Small Group
Leaders