

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

AND

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

2023



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From Fr. Joe's Desk:

God is working!

I find it amazing that in the storm of not having what we need in our parishes and our Catholic school; we did not cower. We chose to pray unceasingly, to advertise, to work harder, and more creatively at times and in that process, God continues to bless us while the Holy Spirit guides us through the storm into the light of the Son. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for us. Let us continue to pray and to thank God for working miracles in all our everyday lives.

N.E.W. Koinonia #63 will be held at St. Bridget's in River Falls, on Sept. 22-24. A Koinonia Retreat is a community experience in Christian living based on the Paschal Mystery. It is an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. For more information or application forms, contact Fr. Joe or the parish office.

Fr. Joe



The Chosen: Parish Formation Program

All are invited to St. Bridget Church on Wednesdays, Sept. 27 - Nov. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m., for an 8-week Parish Formation Program based on [The Chosen](#). Come for dinner served between 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a free-will offering. No sign-up necessary for dinner or study.

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

(612)405-8507
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 AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday, August 27

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Joseph Benusa+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's, & St. Thomas More +

Monday, August 28

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Tuesday, August 29

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Music Madams
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Lawrence Johnson+
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 30

4:15 p.m.	Girls' Bible Study
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Thursday, August 31

5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Friday, September 1

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Arnie & Rose Marie Yunker+
4-8:00 p.m.	First Friday Adoration

Saturday, September 2

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
*5:00 p.m.	Mass - Doug Raehsler +

The Radio Mass is aired 9:00 a.m. on Sundays over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM for those unable to join us in church.

- * Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel:
- * [youtube.com/saintbridget](https://www.youtube.com/saintbridget).
- * Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#)



WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS SEPTEMBER 3- SEPTEMBER 9

Sunday, September 3

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Marlene Lindall+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More +

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Closed	No LWHC (Labor Day)
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Tuesday, September 5

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
10:00 a.m.	Music Madams
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Ed Larsen + Patrick Baumgartner+
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 6

4:15 p.m.	Girl's Bible Study
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Thursday, September 7

12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Friday, September 8

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Ed Dintemann

Saturday, September 9

2:00 p.m.	Wedding- Nicholas Otte & Sophie Langlois
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Int. Needed +

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Bridget is hiring a Parish Administrator and a Website and Digital Sign Tech! Stop by the parish office to apply.

DAILY WORD FOR AUGUST 28– SEPTEMBER 3

Monday, August 28	1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10/ Mt 23: 13-22
Tuesday, August 29	1 Thes 2: 1-8 / Mt 6: 17-29
Wednesday, August 30	1 Thes 2: 9-13/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 31	1 Thes 3: 7-13/ Mt 24: 42-51
Friday, September 1	1 Thes 4: 1-8/ Mt 25: 1-13
Saturday, September 2	1 Thes 4: 9-11/ Mt 25: 14-30
Sunday, September 3	Jer 20: 7-9/ Rom 12: 1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 10

Monday, September 4	1 Thes 4: 13-18/ Lk 4: 16-30
Tuesday, September 5	1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Lk4: 31-37
Wednesday, September 6	Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4: 38-44
Thursday, September 7	Col 1: 9-14/ Lk 5: 1-11
Friday, September 8	Mi 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30/ Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23
Saturday, September 9	Col 1: 21-23/ Lk 6: 1-5
Sunday, September 10	Ez 33: 7-9/ Rom 13: 8-10/ Mt 18: 15-20

Baptisms

Harrison David Gakeler



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.

Judy Pechacek Harri	Betty Merriman
Michelle Radtke	Coby Clark
Linda Radtke	JoAnn Woeste
Tony Jilek	Pat Ryan
Boyd Huppert	Amy Denver
Dorie Deiss	Ryan Sell
Sandy DeCoux	Sonia Steiner
Kaleigh and	Francis Ogden
Jordan Wildauer	Mike Simons
Leah Krygowski	Kathleen Kusilek
Donna Pechacek	Barry Orso
Alice Johnson	Emily Hennemann
Sheila Carlson	Dave Gavin
Stephanie Clevenger	Kevin Larson
Ken Huppert	Kevin Shilling
Chester Huppert	Andy Jaszczak
Mary Ellen Vorwald	Darlene Arndt
Barb Ickler	Katy Pupungatoa
John Benusa	Jerry Trollan
Mary Moravec	Bill Lubich
Mike Sutton	Larry Waters

TITHES AND OFFERING

August 13, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$7,115
Loose Collection	\$721
Scrip Rebates	\$143
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$22,761

August 20, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$6,649
Loose Collection	\$788
Scrip Rebates	\$178

Faith Formation Registration is Open!



Registration for PreK-11 Faith Formation, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation is open! Paper forms are available in the information rack in the church foyer. Register online via the links on our website or by scanning the QR code. For more information on our

programs, please contact Diane Wengelski (PreK-1-Grade 6) or Tessa Schuermann (Grades 7-12). Wednesday Faith Formation starts Sept. 20.

Knights of Columbus 150 Raffle

Our KC Council is having a fundraising raffle open to all St. B parishioners. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses. The money raised by this raffle will allow us to provide support for area organizations and people in the RF community. To find out how you could be one of the 12 lucky winners seek out a KC member after Mass.

Thanks in advance for enabling our Knights of Columbus Council to continue to serve the River Falls community and good luck!

High School Youth Group:

Come for Youth Group each Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Upper Room at St. Bridget Church.

(No youth group on Sept. 3)

Lifeline for Grades 9-12, October 7 and December 2:

Lifeline is a night of praise and worship, Mass, presentation, and adoration for Catholic Youth in grades 9-12, at the NET Center in West St. Paul. We will meet at St. Bridget at 4:30pm, carpool to the NET Center, and return to RF around 10:30pm. We'll continue the fun and discussion over pizza until 11:15pm, for those who want to stay. Print a Flyer & Permission Form, or pick one up at church. Contact Tessa to sign up. Parents are also welcome!



New DivorceCare Group Starting Soon!

Most people who've gone through separation and divorce will tell you that it is one of the most painful and lonely experiences they've ever faced. If you are hurting from the pain of divorce, DivorceCare may be just what you need. A new DivorceCare group will meet at St. Bridget's on Monday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning September 18th and ending December 18th. This group will also include a special session in November on *Surviving the Holidays*. Cost is \$20 to be paid the first night. For more information or to register go to <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/168732> or call the parish office.

Donuts are Back, but we need YOU!



Would you be willing to organize a team – comprised of your family or group of friends? Or if you are an individual who would like to join us, **we'd love to have you join our donut making or selling team!** Children ten or older, working with an adult family member, can be part of the team as well. Please stop by the information desk after Sunday Mass for more details or call Donna Licht at 715-220-8975 or Stephanie Knolmayer at 715-222-1864. Thank you to all who have agreed to help continue this important 50 year-old ministry.

Altar servers needed!

Altar Servers have an important role during Mass assisting Father with many different things. The server ministry is open to anyone in 5th grade and older, even adults! We are in need of Altar Servers to help during the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass and 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. We will have a training session on Monday, September 11 at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. If you are interested and can't make one of the sessions please contact Barrett in the office.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Service (LWHC)

LWHC service is not a Mass because a Priest does not preside, however we listen to the same Word of God and partake in the Eucharist as a community. Beginning Thursday, September 7 our service on Thursdays will move from 5:15 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Our hope is that there will be people who may choose to come during their lunch hour and spend about 20 minutes worshipping with us. Contact the office with questions.

Healing ministry conference

Learn how to partner with the Holy Spirit and bring healing to those around you. Join a group of St. B parishioners going to this conference.

Sat., Sept. 30 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 1 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Rhinelander

Info and registration: <https://encounterministries.regfox.com/rhinelander-wi-school-of-healing>.

Questions? Contact Mary Joan Sutton at 715-441-9699, maryjoansutton@gmail.com.

PARISH LIFE

New Giving Tree Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a new coordinator for the giving tree program at St. Bridget. This person is responsible for creating tree ornaments with gift wishes, collecting, sorting and distributing gifts for the families assigned to our church. Person must have excellent organizational and communication skills and ability to recruit and lead volunteers. This Christmas season will be shadowing current coordinators and filling new role next season. Call the office with questions or contact Tammy Pitzen at btptitzen@sbcglobal.net.



Euchre is Back!

Ladies afternoon Euchre starts Thursday, September 7 in Lubich Hall! The group meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May

at 1:00 p.m. Cost for the year is \$10. All women are welcome! You do not need to be a St. Bridget Parish member to play. Get a partner and come join the fun! For more information, please contact Lauren Baillargeon, 715-821-4308.

Scrip Update

SCRIP Gift Cards Will be available for sale before and after each weekend Mass beginning **Sept. 2-3**, in the Fr. Jerry Harris Fellowship Hall. Live SCRIP sales will continue each weekend. Pre-orders and on-line orders will still be accepted and available for pick up before and after each weekend Mass. Thank you for your support of this important program for our parish and school.

PARISH SCHOOL

We are excited for another school year to begin in the next couple weeks! Prayers have been answered and a full staff of highly qualified teachers are ready to begin their ministry at our parish school. Please pray for these wonderful Faith-filled people, who all bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team, as they work their ministry here at St. Bridget. The school is making final preparations for the beginning of another great school year. Our rooms and halls are ready thanks to the hard work of Mike Kongshaug and Sarah Matzek! Special thanks to all parish members who supported our Gala last February, as a result, new air conditioning has been installed this summer!

Now Hiring

Before and After Care Staff to work with students in the mornings from 7-8:50 and/or afternoons from 3:30-6pm. Please email principal@stbparish.com if interested.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Well-Read Mom Group

The Well-Read Mom group is beginning on September 14, 7—8 p.m. in the



Garden View Room. The group reads one book per month and meets to discuss once a month. This is for all women, not only Moms.

This group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Jodie in the church office or Marijana Ekvall at

marijanabrinkman@gmail.com.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is RCIA? This is a formation process that not only educates and initiates you into the faith of the Catholic Church but immerses you into a deeper prayer relationship with God and the community of the Church. Through a series of gathering times, prayer, and

participation in weekly Mass, you will grow in basic understanding of the rituals and richness of the Catholic faith. Sign up now with Fr. Joe or

jrubenzer@stbparish.com



Growth Opportunities

Women's Bible Study is beginning on Tuesday, September 12. Sign up now for either a morning or afternoon meeting time. Check out the Information desk or email jrubenzer@stbparish.com for more information.

Centering Prayer to begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 8:00 AM in the Garden View Room.

Knights of Columbus Council 4902

Thank you to all KC members, parish, school and youth volunteers who spent time volunteering at the Pierce County Fair Food Booth Aug. 10 - 13th. Your help is greatly appreciated. We had another good year, and that would not be possible without all the help. It was great to get to know each other better and share time together for a good cause, good food and fellowship. Thank you again. God bless each and every one as we continue through the year.

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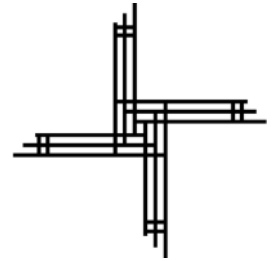
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