

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**TWENTY-SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



## From the pastor....

This bulletin is for the Sundays of August 30 and September 6.

**The first weekend is the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** [Jesus said to his disciples,] "I must ...be put to death, but three days later I will be raised." Matthew 16:21

A woods surrounds a retreat house in Barrington, Illinois. Tucked away among the trees is a life sized stone crucifix. It is especially striking at night, because it is flood lighted dramatically. It is even more striking on rainy nights, because then water trickles down the face and the body of Jesus. One rainy night a retreatant came upon the crucifix and was deeply moved. Going up to it and touching it, the retreatant prayed for a long time. Later, the retreatant said, "I touched only the cross because I wasn't worthy to touch the body of Jesus."

Why did Jesus die as he did?

The cross is a sign, an invitation, and a revelation; a sign of Jesus's love, an invitation to love as Jesus loved, a revelation that love entails suffering. (VISION 2000 Mark Link, S.J.)

**The second weekend is the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** [Jesus said, "Where two or three are come together in my name, I am there with them."

George Anderson was a chaplain at New York's Riker's Island Prison. One night he was praying with a small group of prisoners over the story of the Good Samaritan. A mentally disturbed prisoner, Richard, was present for the first time. The room was cold, and Richard was wrapped in two blankets. The prisoner opposite him was shivering. At one point while the group was praying in silence, Richard suddenly got up, walked over to the shivering man, and put a blanket around him. Richard's silent action witnessed not only to Jesus' words to us about loving others, but also to Jesus' presence among us when we gather in his name.

Can I recall a time when I felt moved by Jesus' words or his presence in a group?

(VISION 2000 Mark Link, S.J.)

## Fr. Joe Stefancin to help at the Webster Cluster of Churches on weekends

Fr. Joe will begin helping the Webster cluster of three churches beginning the weekend of August 30. This is temporary until the priest from India arrives to be assigned there. Fr. Joe will be here during the week at St. Mary's, St. Bridget's, and St. Thomas More Newman Center.

**Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center** resumes on Sunday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.



### New Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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### New Church Building hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Weekly Masses ~ August 30 to September 4	
<b>Sunday, August 30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: Ruth Koehler <b>11:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Mary Mahnke
<b>Monday, August 31</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday, September 1</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Lawrence Huppert
<b>Wednesday, September 2</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches of St. Bridget/St. Mary's
<b>Thursday, September 3</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Annette Blanchette
<b>Friday, September 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Marlys Smith

Weekly Masses ~ September 6 to September 11	
<b>Sunday, September 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> +Int: Donald and Dorothy Cobian <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Int: Churches St. Bridget/St. Mary's
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> +Int: Roger Bruggeman
<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Int: Max Klecker
<b>Thursday, September 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Norbert Raehsler
<b>Friday, September 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Int: Mary Kliszcz

## 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

Laura Bowman	Gwen Paulson
Linda Giardina	Linda Radtke
Judy Pechacek Harri	Irene Anderson
Ann Holland	Rod Cina
Barb Ickler	Sharon Reese
Ray Belisle	Sandie Huberty
Joseph Pentusa	Tony Jilek
Michelle Radtke	Dave Gilmore
Isabella Thompson	Steve Traynor
Sonia Steiner	Dave Lindevig
Steve Alberg	Michelle Swenson
Grace Radtke	Audrey Pfremer
Sarah Robole	Martha Ciapetta
Katy Morris	Gene Andrle
Paula Flood	Karin Jarosch

Daily Word for August 31 - September 6	
Monday, August 31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, September 1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, September 2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, September 3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday, September 4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday, September 5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday, September 6	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Daily Word for September 7 - 13	
Monday, September 7	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday, September 9	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, September 10	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday, September 11	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, September 12	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday, September 13	Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**  
WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for September 5 is in loving memory of  
*Edmund, Rose and Donald Huppert*

The Mass for August 22 is in loving memory of  
*Roger Bruggeman*



## Rest in Peace



**David Bibeau**  
Father of Patti (Rick) LaPorte

**Norbert Raehsler**  
Brother of Mary (Bob) Johnson

**Ronald Trebus**  
Brother of Dave (Doris) Trebus

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Baptisms

**Benjamin Willis Cooran**  
Son of Teresa and Andrew Cooran



### Parish Contributions

This pandemic is taking its toll on all of us. The question I hear often is "When will this ever end?" I do not have the answer for this.

I want to thank you for your continued support of our parishes. Whether by church envelope, ACH, stock donations, mandatory disbursements from IRAs or other means, it all helps. Go to St. Bridget's website for credit card giving and instructions for "Text To Give."

I am a frugal pastor and always look twice at the money we spend. Thank you for the support, financially and spiritually, you give to all of us. Fr. Jerry Harris

## TITHES AND OFFERING

WEEK OF AUGUST 16 AND AUGUST 23

Adult Contributions	\$28,364.00
Future Parish Needs	\$1,972.00
Loose Collection	\$512.50
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$23,741.00
School Tuition (ACH)	\$2,148.21
School Tuition	\$27,152.33
Scrip Rebates (40 orders)	\$485.78
Priest Emergency Fund	\$500.00

### BISHOPS SHARE RESOURCES ON FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC), the public policy voice of Wisconsin's bishops, is distributing two series of resources to help Catholics reflect on their duties as faithful citizens. Catholics are encouraged to utilize these resources as they navigate the election process and fulfill their responsibilities as voters.

The first and longer five-part series includes focused resources on notable topics: 1. Letter from the Wisconsin Catholic Bishops/Overview of Catholic Social Teaching 2. Forming Consciences 3. Life & Dignity of the Human Person/Poverty & Economic Justice 4. Religious Liberty/Immigration & Solidarity 5. Marriage & Family/Care for Creation

The shorter three-part series includes general, overarching resources: 1. Letter from the Wisconsin Catholic Bishops/Overview of Catholic Social Teaching 2. Forming Consciences from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) 3. Select quotes from the WCC's five-part series

Additional resources outside of both series include: 1. Candidate Questions & Wisconsin Voter Information 2. WCC Guidelines for Church Involvement in Electoral Politics

As in years past, the WCC materials are based on the U.S. bishops' statement, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States ([www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)). While the series and resources are designed for parish bulletins, they can also be reproduced on a parish website or on posters.

WCC Executive Director Kim Vercauteren observed that "our unique Catholic voice is vital in a time of increasing political polarization. I hope these resources motivate Catholics to deepen their understanding of Catholic social teaching and get engaged, not just around elections, but throughout the year."

In their letter, the Wisconsin bishops urge similar awareness and action:

"Even as we face personal challenges, we are called to look for ways to help those in need. We cannot forget those whose isolation caused by cruelty is constant and will extend beyond a time of pandemic. Now is the time to act on behalf of those who through abortion, xenophobia, racism, poverty, and materialism, society fails to recognize as fully human. May we use what we have learned during recent challenges to better model the love of Christ in what we say and do."

The bishops close their letter by urging Catholics to engage in prayer, formation, conversation, and action. They also urge individuals to accompany their neighbors and others who may need assistance in voting.

The WCC's resources are provided to parishes through the diocesan offices responsible for respect life and social concerns. They are also available on the WCC website at [www.wisconsinatholic.org](http://www.wisconsinatholic.org).

These materials will be emailed out to all parishioners receiving the bulletin by that means and paper copies will be available at church or can be mailed to you at your request.

Thank you. Fr. Harris

# PARISH LIFE

## Face Masks Needed

Calling all crafters! The church is in need of homemade face masks. If you would like to donate masks they can be dropped off in the office during business hours or put in the new drop box after hours. Thank You!



## Martha's Quilt Group

Tuesday, September 1  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Martha's Quilt Group will meet Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Wearing of masks and social distancing is observed with plenty of space in Lubich Hall. Planning a wide variety of projects to work on. Consider dropping off quilt tops with backing ready to tie or your finished quilt. Need more material? Since the space is reserved – use this time to select fabric – don't need to stay. Bring your own brown bag lunch if joining us at noon. Coffee will be provided. Hope to see you!



We are fully stocked at this time! Walgreens, Dairy Queen and Amazon \$25 gift cards are back!



**St. Mary's Parish Picnic** is cancelled this year due to the COVID19 pandemic. We will celebrate next year. Thanks.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS CANCELLED

It is with great sadness that we cancel the Holiday Happenings Craft Show this year due to the COVID19 pandemic. We will be back next year!

## Fair Trade Sales Are Back!

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Stop in the church to get your favorite fair trade products during these designated days.



## Pro-life Corner ~ Healing from Abortion

Eternal Father,

Source of all mercy and love,  
out of love for us you sent your Son,  
and willed that blood and water  
flow from his side to cleanse us of sin  
and restore lost innocence.

Hear the cry of each woman who mourns  
the loss of her child to abortion.

Forgive her, restore her to your grace,  
and still the terror of her heart  
with a peace beyond all understanding.

Through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of all tenderness and our Mother,  
strengthen her faith in you.

Give her the consolation to believe  
that her child is now living in the Lord.

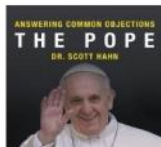
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who conquered sin and death,  
and who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

### The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

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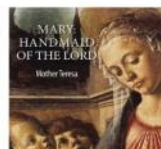
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PICK OF THE WEEK

### Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata

St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each Fall we begin the process of RCIA whereby people seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic church. We are planning to begin this process in mid-September using a hybrid model approach with weekly ZOOM check in meetings and an in house face to face meeting once per month. If this invitation has been placed on your heart and you would like more information about this process or are ready to begin the journey, please call or email Jodie Rubenzer at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com).

### YogaDevotion

This is a Christian approach to prayer, movement and breath. Our Fall session will run Tuesdays, September 8 – October 27 from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. via Zoom.

Cost is \$72.00 and you are invited to register by emailing Jodie at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com).



### “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Each of us develops and enters into our own style of prayer. Centering prayer is one of the ways by which we enter into the presence of God. In Centering prayer, we go beyond thought and image to that center of our being where God is wonderfully at work.

If you would like to know more about Centering prayer and the format for entering into this prayer form, join me for two informational sessions: **Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** or if mornings are better, **Thursday, September 17 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** following the 8:00 a.m. mass. Both sessions will be held in the church worship space to allow for social distancing. It is asked that you register for these sessions by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and can do so by emailing Jodie at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com) or at the Information desk at the church.

## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

### Still Accepting New Students

If you are looking for an in-person school environment for children ages 4-14 we have room in most of our grades for additional students. To apply for enrollment, visit our [website](#) or call the school office for more information. Our class sizes are limited to 12 for Pre-K and 18 for all other grades.

### Back to School! Orientation Day

Tuesday, September 1



St. Bridget School will have an Open House/Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 1, as the official start of school. Families will sign up for a time slot to drop off paperwork, school supplies, and meet your teachers. Sign ups and more information will come via E-Buzz next week, or you can call the school office for more information. Plan to spend about 20 minutes per student enrolled in our school.

### Do you want to sponsor a St. Bridget Parish School Student?

If you want to leave a living legacy, why not sponsor a St. Bridget School Student. I am a product of Catholic Elementary Schools and a graduate of St. Bridget School. Any amount will be gladly accepted. The tuition cost is \$3,200 per year. Call the school office or church office for more details.

Fr. Harris



## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation Registration

We are making some exciting changes this year! For more information and links to both online registration and the printable registration form, please see our Faith Formation page at: <https://www.saintbridgets.org/church/faith-formation.cfm>

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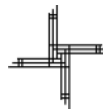
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