

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2023

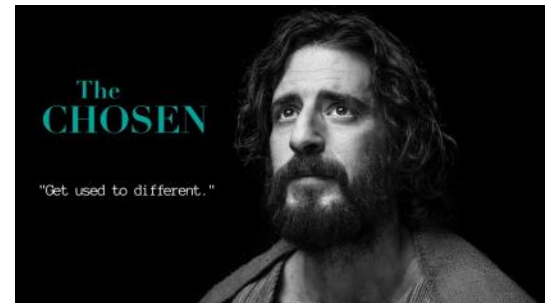


From the Fr. Joe's Desk:

No matter what seems to come our way, we the Parish and School Staff rise to the occasion. We have been working so well together. We not only want our Catholic School to be in great shape, but we are hoping and praying that we have all our Faith Formation teachers and aides for the coming year.

Volunteering to share your faith is so rewarding. You get a chance to experience the ups and downs of the every day lives in relationship to God and the Church. They get to witness how growing in one's faith is not always easy and even in these difficult moments God is with us. Being a Faith Formation Catechist is a journey of faith – it is being the disciple of Jesus Christ we have been called to be. Please join us. We have been praying for you to say "Yes!" Please call Tessa or Diane in the parish office to see how you can help them.

Chosen is a TV series based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Please come and join us on Wednesday nights from Sept. 27 – Nov. 15 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.. If you don't feel like cooking or you are rushed for time, come join us for dinner in our fellowship hall from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. This is a great time to come and join in as together we deepen our faith exploring what it means to be one of Jesus' disciples. Please sign up for the dinner [HERE](#), or by going to the St. Bridget parish website.



We Need Your Help! Throughout the church, we have different ministries that need your help, for example, at Mass, especially 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m., we need readers, Eucharistic ministers, and servers. Some of our ministries that serve under the Parish Pastoral Councils could always use new members like the Social Justice Committee and the Prolife Committee.

"Who Do YOU Say That I Am?" We are in the midst of the Diocesan-wide Maintenance to Mission initiative. The CSA theme this year is "Who do YOU say that I Am?" The question is recorded in three of the four Gospels. But this question is more complicated than it might seem. Addressed to each of us, this question calls for more than a quick answer. The answer can change over a lifetime of faith. It requires a personal response that will draw us closer in service to Him as grateful disciples.



Fr. Joe

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

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Pastoral Emergency

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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 SEPTEMBER 10-SEPTEMBER 16

Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Tuesday, September 12

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
5:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 13

6:30 p.m.	9th Gr. Faith Formation Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Leader Meeting

Thursday, September 14

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

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Mary Lou Goodman+

Saturday, September 16

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group
2:30 p.m.	Wedding
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Roger Bruggeman +
6:00 p.m.	Baptism

* Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass is live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: youtube.com/saintbridget.

* Links can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#).



WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS SEPTEMBER 17- SEPTEMBER 23

Sunday, September 17

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

Monday, September 18

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Tuesday, September 19

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Gerald Armbruster+
7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 a.m.	Mass - Sue Steckbauer+
1:30 p.m.	Mass - Our House
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Kick Off Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Kick Off Concert

Thursday, September 21

12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
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Friday, September 22

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Arnie & Rose Marie Yunker+

Saturday, September 23

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Renee & Kurt Glaubitz +

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.

DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 11–SEPTEMBER 17

Monday, September 11	Col 1: 24-2: 3/ Lk 6: 6-11
Tuesday, September 12	Col 2: 6-15/ Lk 6: 12-19
Wednesday, September 13	Col 3: 1-11/ Lk 6: 20-26
Thursday, September 14	Nm 21: 4b-9/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Jn 6: 13-17
Friday, September 15	1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14/ Jn 19: 25-27 or
Saturday, September 16	1 Tm 1: 15-17/ Lk 6: 43-49
Sunday, September 17	Sir 27: 30-28: 7/ Rom 14: 7-9/ Mt 18: 21-35

DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 18-SEPTEMBER 24

Monday, September 18	1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 7: 1-10
Tuesday, September 19	1 Tm 3: 1-13/ Lk 7: 11-17
Wednesday, September 20	1 Tm 3: 14-16/ Lk 7: 31-35
Thursday, September 21	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9: 9-13
Friday, September 22	1 Tm 6: 2c-12/ Lk 8: 1-3
Saturday, September 23	1 Tm 6: 13-16/ Lk 8: 4-15
Sunday, September 24	Is 55: 6-9/ Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20: 1-16a

Weddings



Nicholas Otte & Sophie Langlois
Allison Krosnoski & Joseph Huemoller

Baptism



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

TITHES AND OFFERING

August 27, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$10,924
Loose Collection	\$915
Scrip Rebates	\$266

September 3, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$9,237
Loose Collection	\$652
Scrip Rebates	\$550

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.

First Reconciliation Kick-off Meeting: Sunday, October 1

Parents and candidates in the 2nd grade & older are invited to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1. Father will give an overview of the sacrament and Diane will hand out & go over the preparation materials and schedule. (Please note: First Communion preparation will begin in February, but candidates for First Communion must first celebrate First Reconciliation.)

High School Youth Group:

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

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 4:30 p.m., carpool to the NET Center, and return to RF around 10:30 p.m. We'll continue the fun and discussion over pizza until 11:15 p.m., 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 on Monday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning September 18 and ending December 18. 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.

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!

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 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. We will have a training session on Monday, September 11, at 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 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. Our service on Thursdays will move from 5:15 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Come during lunch hour and spend about 20 minutes worshipping with us. Contact the office with questions.

Gift bearers during Mass

Bringing up the gifts of bread and wine during Mass is an honor. Most Masses are sponsored in memory of someone and we usually ask the family to bring up the gifts, however sometimes it does not work out for them. If you or your family would be interested in bringing up the gifts at Mass please contact Barrett in the office.

Donuts!

Celebrate 50 Plus years of Donuts at St. Bridget on September 17.

Donuts & Fellowship after both Masses. Chances to win Free Donuts (Sign up at the information desk the weekends of Sept 9/10 & Sept 16/17. Drawing will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass on the 17. Need not be present to win.)

Honor our parishioners who started making donuts more than 50 years ago. Watch for an article about our long history of donut fellowship in a future issue of the Catholic Herald.



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 btptizen@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP Volunteers Needed –

SCRIP is in need of volunteers for weekend in-person sales for all Masses as well as the weekday processing work on Monday and Friday mornings and local card pick-ups on Thursday mornings. Training will be provided. Sign up forms are available at the SCRIP Desk or contact the office with your interest.

YOUTH CHOIR!

We are excited to announce our youth choir is coming back this year. This choir is open to all students from grades 3-8. They will lead the music for the 9:30 a.m. Mass the second Sunday of each month beginning October 8. Rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 27, from 4:30-5:00 p.m. This will allow the younger students to eat at the church before they begin their Faith Formation class at 5:30 p.m. Reach out to Peggy Krasin at 715-425-2670 with questions. Hope to see you there!

Parish Nurse

Tom Zenk, the parish nurse, will be present after all weekend Masses September 16 and 17 in the Westview room. He'll be available for blood pressures and basic health questions.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOIONIA RETREAT WEEKEND:

A Koinonia Retreat Weekend – Sept 22 – Sept 24 Friday night to Sunday afternoon. The Retreat is held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, MN. Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults. It is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. The theme of the Koinonia weekend is the Paschal Mystery. During the weekend, the church year is expressed in 3 days. Who can make a Koinonia weekend? Anyone who would like to enhance their own spirituality. Please join Fr. Anil on this beautiful faith journey. Cost for the weekend is \$70.00. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Fr. Anil or the church office.

PARISH SCHOOL

Two weeks ago saw the completion of our parish school's teacher in-service. Our staff of skilled and motivated people are ready to begin their ministry for the school year. It was so good to see our students come back to school and move into their desks and lockers. We also had the opportunity to meet our many new students who will add their energy and dignity to our school community. Classes have begun. God is good!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Prayer and Poses Beginning in October

Beginning Sunday, October 1 – December 17 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Garden View or virtually with Instructor Erica Reiff. The cost is \$10.00 per session. Erica Reiff is a local massage therapist and yoga instructor. She brings her love of Jesus and yoga together. The class is gentle and slow moving with modified options. Payment can be made at the time of the first session for all 12 sessions or for 6 sessions and should be made to Erica Reiff.

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 Jodie at 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 held on Wednesdays, at 8:00 a.m. in the Garden View Room. All are Welcome!

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Unity– Join us Sept 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for an hour of prayer, scripture, music and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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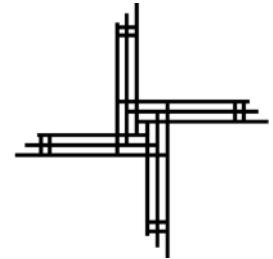
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