

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This Sunday is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. [Jesus said,] "If anyone wants to come with me...he must forget himself, carry his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

Wilfred Funk writes:

"Lord Byron had a clubfoot; Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis. Charles Steinmetz and Alexander Pope were hunchbacks; Admiral Nelson had only one eye; Edgar Allan Poe was a psychoneurotic; Charles Darwin was an invalid; Julius Caesar was an epileptic; Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg." The significant thing about each of these is that they achieved mightily in the face of what most would have considered to be a cross. If God asked me to carry one of the above crosses, which would I choose?

If you bear your cross gladly, it will bear you. Thomas A Kempis. (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

Catholic Services Appeal starts this weekend. This CSA campaign provides funding to support the various ministries and administration that benefits each of our parishes in the Diocese of Superior. The goal is that every family and individual participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. All registered parishioners should have received a special letter from Bishop Powers seeking their personal commitment and pledge of support. If you are among those in our parish family who have already responded in the spirit of stewardship or will do so today, thanks and blessings to you. If you are still thinking about your Appeal (CSA) gift, please keep in mind that your gift will change lives for the better because you cared. Every pledge and gift is important. Thanks for your support.

CSA envelopes will be available in the pews, in the church office and at the information desk for the next several weeks. You can also safely donate [online](#).

Fr. Jerry Harris

## COME JOIN US!

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:15 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (during school year)  
Friday 8:00 a.m.

### Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday 5:15 p.m.

### Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bridget Catholic Church is a Christian Community which exists to continue the mission of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to working for the coming of God's Kingdom. We accomplish this through worship, community life, Christian education and service to those who are in need.

### Soup and Bread Community Meal

Join us for the next Soup and Bread Community Meal here at St. Bridget on September 18. Serving starts at 5:00 p.m. and goes until 6:00 p.m. This is a free meal and all are welcome!

# OUR PARISH FAMILY

## REST IN PEACE

We remember and pray for our deceased parish members and relatives:

### **Margaret Rude**

Mother of Nancy (Scott) Lindall

## NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Nancy and John Rock

Gretchen Trudeau and family

# PRAYERS FOR HEALING

## Remember in Your Prayers

- If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.
- 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 Magner at 715-684-2336.

Marie Booth	Noah Keck
Laura Bowman	Diane Latterl
Tom Bowman	Rosemary Lenzen
Jerry Buscher	Jack Linehan
Gary Carter	Frances Meyer
Gerald Cernohous	Gwen Paulson
Shirley Clements	Steve Paulick
Brian Dobel	Larry Potton
Jo Dusek	Dick Ritger
Michael Goodman	Dorothy Slivicki
Ann Holland	Christy Simon
Barb Ickler	Mike Sutton
Dennis Johnson	Izabella Thompson

# TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Adult Contributions...	\$12,011.00
Future Parish Needs .....	\$496.00
Loose Collection.....	\$744.91
SCRIP (51 orders).....	\$696.28
Donuts .....	\$419.00
School Tuition.....	\$12,662.00

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

## Monday, September 17 - 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
St. Bridget Church
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

## Tuesday, September 18 - 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
- 5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at UWRF Newman Center
- 5:15 p.m. Mass  
*+Int: John Quigley by Kathleen Doebel*
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
- 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life for the Unborn

## Wednesday, September 19 - 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/ Lk 7:31-35

- 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass  
*+Int: Annette Blanchette by Mary Louise Lewis*
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
- 1:30 p.m. Mass - Kinnic Home  
*+Int: George Panian by Tom and Colleen Kealy*
- 5:00 p.m. Parish School - Back to School Night
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Leader Orientation

## Thursday, September 20 - 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

- 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
Comforts of Home - Falls
- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
St. Bridget Church
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Barking to the Choir
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

## Friday, September 21 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Schneider and Bowman Families b  
Tom Kathy Bowman*

## Saturday, September 22 - 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

- 9:00 a.m. CCW Women's Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. Reader Meeting
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass  
*Int: In Thanksgiving of their 53 Wedding  
Anniversary by Fran and Dori Holter*

## Sunday, September 23 - Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Mass  
*+Int: Fred and Mary Ann Matulka by  
Susan Matulka*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass  
*Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's*
- 6:00 p.m. Teen Leadership Council (T.L.C.)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at UWRF Newman Center



## PARISH LIFE

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### Radio/TV Mass Broadcasts

The radio broadcast is aired over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for our sick and shut-ins. Tune to Channel 16 on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for a TV rebroadcast. The Mass for September 15 is in loving memory of deceased members of the Herman and Cecilia Maier family by the family.

### Prayer Partners Needed

We are in need of "prayer partners" for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Bridget. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Tuesday in the chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 2:00 p.m. hour is currently in need of a prayer partner. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the parish office.

### Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace Cancelled

We will not have a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace in September. Our next one will be planned for October 16 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we pray for peace in our homes, community, nation and the world.



## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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### Back to School Social – September 19

ALL school families are encouraged to attend our first Home and School event of the year, our Back to School Social, Wednesday, September 19 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This evening is intended to be an opportunity to come together as a school community, to have fun, to visit with each other, and enjoy pizza. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket as we will eat outside. In the event of rain, we will eat in the gym. Students are welcome to bring their scooters.

### Welcome Mrs. Reese Madlem

Congratulations to Mrs. Reese Madlem who has been hired as our Before/After Care Lead Teacher.

### St. Bridget Brat Trot 5K

St. Bridget Parish School will sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Brat Trot on Saturday, September 29. This event is offered in connection with our St. Bridget Parish Block Party. All skill levels are welcome – run or walk! Start time is 10:00 a.m., with check in at 9:30 a.m. You must [register](#) by September 18 in order to guarantee a t-shirt. Make checks payable to St. Bridget Church.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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### YogaDevotion

*October 3, 10, 17, 24, November 7, 14*

YogaDevotion is open to all people, all ages, and all skill levels and will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Lubich Hall. We are hoping this time will be convenient for parents who are bringing their children for Faith Formation. If you are one of the first 25 people to sign up for this opportunity, the cost for the six sessions is only \$24.00 - thanks to a donation by the Joany Shepard Endowment Fund. The regular cost is \$48.00 for the session.

### Come as you are.... Women's Retreat

There is still time to register! Join us on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Terry Hershey will present: Finding and Claiming your Sanctuary. Register by email [ccw@stbparish.com](mailto:ccw@stbparish.com) or at the Information Desk. Registration is helpful in determining the food and set-up needed.

### RCIA to Begin September 20

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the process by which Baptized or unbaptized persons seek to join the Catholic Faith. Our gathering times for this process will begin on September 20 and progress over the course of several months.

If you or maybe someone you know has felt an invitation to grow deeper in faith or to join the Catholic Church contact the parish office or Jodie Rubenzer at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com) to check out this process. Our group is forming and we'd be honored to journey with you.

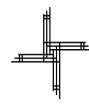


## AROUND THE AREA

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### Catholic Formation Fall Workshop

The Diocese is sponsoring a Fall Regional Workshop for catechists, teachers, and volunteers who help out with any area of Catholic Formation. It will be Monday, September 17, at St. Patrick's School in Hudson. The main topic is "Laying the Groundwork" and highlights ways that parishes can use to encourage discipleship. There are also two breakout topics on "Classroom Management" and "Relational Ministry in Small Groups". The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 8:45 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you register ahead of time. If you have any questions or would like to register please contact Grace at [gbusse@catholicdos.org](mailto:gbusse@catholicdos.org) or 715-234-5044.



*join us*  
**ST. BRIDGET  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY**  
*second annual*

**BLOCK  
PARTY**

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29**

10 a.m. - Brat Trot 5K  
(St. Bridget Parish School)  
6-10 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship  
(St. Bridget Church Parking Lot)

*and mortgage burning celebration!*

**St. Bridget Church**



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