

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CHURCH
211 E. DIVISION ST., PO BOX 86, RIVER FALLS, WI 54022
PHONE: 715-425-1870 | FAX: 715-425-1871

SCHOOL
135 E. DIVISION ST., RIVER FALLS, WI 54022
PHONE: 715-425-1872 | FAX: 715-425-1873

WWW.SAINTRIDGETS.ORG

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

This Sunday is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary time.
[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Whoever wants to be first must...be the servant of all." Mark 9:35

A store owner wrote out this "credo" and gave each employee a copy of it: "A customer is the most important person in a business. A customer is not dependent on us. We are dependent on them. A customer is not an interruption of our work. They are the purpose of it. A customer does us a favor when they come in. We aren't doing them a favor by waiting on him. A customer...is not...just money in the cash register. They are a human being with feelings and deserve to be treated with respect. A customer is the lifeblood of business./ Don't ever forget it."

What makes me forget these words of Jesus: "Whoever wants to be the first must...be the servant of all?"

[Jesus said,] "The people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." Luke 16:18 (MISSION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)



The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) began last week. Thanks to all who were able to respond with your pledge and tithe. We would like to hear from everyone even if you can't contribute. For those who received the CSA letter from Bishop Powers, please

take a moment to read all the ministries and services this campaign provides directly to our parishes and St. Thomas More Newman Center. We all benefit from the CSA. Our fair share goal for this year is \$149,638. Although that number might seem overwhelming, I am optimistic that together we can do this. Thank you.

Contributions collected as of 9/19/18 \$20,904
(does not include electronic fund transfers or pledges)

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.

Confessions on Saturday,
September 29 will be from
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Please note the change
for this date only.

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.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

REST IN PEACE

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

Logan Deiss

Son of Alison and Corey Deiss

John Quigley

Brother of Mary (Ron) Giles

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Bill and Amy Hendrickson 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
Heidi Borgstrom
Laura Bowman
Tom Bowman
Jerry Buscher
Gary Carter
Gerald Cernohous
Shirley Clements
Brian Dobel
Jo Dusek
Michael Goodman
Ann Holland
Barb Ickler

Dennis Johnson
Noah Keck
Diane Latterl
Rosemary Lenzen
Jack Linehan
Frances Meyer
Gwen Paulson
Steve Paulick
Larry Potton
Dorothy Slivicki
Christy Simon
Mike Sutton
Izabella Thompson

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

September 16, 2018	
Adult Contributions	\$ 10,499.00
Adult Contributions (ACH)	\$ 19,858.33
Future Parish Needs	\$ 686.00
Loose Collection	\$ 712.05
SCRIP (66 orders)	\$ 663.08
School Tuition (ACH)	\$ 10,805.62
Donuts	\$ 416.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 500.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, September 24 - Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 25 - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - Newman Center UWRF
5:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal
5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: Art Dolan by Gene and Donna Andrie
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
7:00 p.m. Council of Catholic Women meeting

Wednesday, September 26 - Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

- 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
9:00 a.m. School Mass
Int: Special Intention by Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Book Study - Heaven Starts Now
1:30 p.m. Mass - Comforts of Home - Lodge
+Int: Jerome and Leola Marek by Norman and Mary Matzek
4:00 p.m. Funeral & Final Affairs Pre-Planning Seminar
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Youth Rally

Thursday, September 27 - Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

- 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Wellhaven
5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
6:30 p.m. Wedding - Courtney Pinger and Tyler Dusek
7:00 p.m. Book Study - Barking to the Choir
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Friday, September 28 - Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Beverly Adank by Martha Wolfe

Saturday, September 29- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding - Megan Scobey and Martin Gramenz
3-3:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation *change in time*
5:00 p.m. Mass
+Int: DuWayne Eldred by family and friends
6:00 p.m. Parish Block Party

Sunday, September 30 - Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Mass
+Int: Marion Elliott by Ken Cobian
1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Parent and Candidate Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More - UWRF

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 22 is in thanksgiving celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary by Frank and Doris Holter.

Liturgical Dancers Needed

No formal dance experience required, just a willingness to learn and praise the Lord through dance. Lent and Advent are the two main dance "seasons". Practices are typically Wednesday evenings and/or Saturday mornings as schedules allow. If interested and would like more information please contact Monica Robey at 715-410-6825 or email stein791@gmail.com.

Advanced Planning Seminar

Life is complicated. Death is very complicated. Attend the free advanced planning seminar and learn many ideas for arranging your final affairs and pre-arranging your funeral, Wednesday September 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Lubich Hall. Registration is available at the Information Desk.

Council of Catholic Women Dues

The mission of St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is to unite the women of our parish by providing an avenue to share in spiritual and personal growth, and to serve our parish and the River Falls community. All women of our parish are members of this organization. Annual dues of \$5 are requested as an indication of active interest and support of our CCW. Payment of your dues can be made by using the pink envelope in your envelope packet or you can pick up a pink envelope at the Information Desk at church. Watch for upcoming CCW events in the bulletin and visit our Facebook group: St. Bridget Catholic Church, River Falls, WI Council of Catholic Women.

New Envelopes Coming Soon

Those of you who receive contribution envelopes through OSV should notice a change in the design of our envelopes beginning with the October mailing. The envelopes have changed from the "standard design" to specially created St. Bridget envelopes with color pictures representing our church and three focal points of our mission. This service was provided at no extra charge through the envelope company and the design was created by our very talented Meg Andrea.

Solar Energy Panels for the Church

In his encyclical letter of 2015, "Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home," Pope Francis appealed to every person on earth to become engaged in dialogue and questioning about how we are shaping the future of our home planet. Francis called on the Church to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him with candor and humility on a new path in hope and resolve about our common future on earth. We take Francis' message to heart and have begun to seek ways to do our part in caring for our common home in our own beloved parish of St. Bridget.

To that end, a committee of parishioners, Tom Westerhaus, Bill Hansen, Gary Senn, Jerry Waller, and Alan Symicek headed by Tony Jilek and Fr. Harris, has been studying the feasibility of installing a solar array to generate a portion of the electricity for our parish buildings. The committee includes representatives from both the facilities committee and parish council.

The Committee presented at the September parish council meeting and recommended that St. Bridget consider installing a proposed 53.3 kWdc solar array, consisting of 148 solar panels, to be installed on the church roof. This system would generate approximately 40% of the power consumed by the church building. Grants in the amount of \$64,882 and a gift of \$25,000 for a total of \$89,882 have been secured to help fund the project. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$164,000. The remaining funds would need to be raised through a campaign in which parishioners would have the opportunity to invest in the purchase of a solar panel. This would take place late in 2018 and early 2019 to assure we could utilize the grant money available. Parish operating funds will not be used.

Pope Francis said, "The Creator never abandons us; He never repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home." That's a powerful message for us here in River Falls, Wisconsin, as we work in 2018 and beyond to care for the earth and to serve those amongst us most in need. We believe the solar project for St. Bridget is an important part of listening to Pope Francis and caring for God's creation, and we seek the parish support in this important endeavor.

Please contact any member of the committee with questions.



Faith Formation Kickoff

September 26, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

We are honored to be the host parish of the 2018 Diocesan Youth Rally, *Ignite*, which will kick off our Faith Formation year for grades 6-12! There will be great music, a keynote speaker, pizza, games, adoration and Reconciliation. The cost is \$15. All youth are asked to wear their school colors. We look forward to welcoming youth from New Richmond, Amery, Hammond, Hudson and Somerset! Contact Tessa in the church office with questions.

Faith Formation Continues

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Afternoon class for grades 6 - 8
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Classes for grades 3 - 5
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Meal for all Faith Formation families
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Classes for grades 6 - 11

Sunday, October 7, 2018

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Classes for grades PreK - 1st
-------------------	-------------------------------

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation! Paper registration forms are available at the Information Desk or you can register online through our [website](#). Please contact Diane or Tessa at 715-425-1870 with questions.

Faith Formation Meals will begin on Wednesday, October 3 and will be served each week from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. when programs are in session. Watch the faith formation calendar and bulletin for any changes. This simple meal is our gift to you to help with the busy schedules of your family. Join us for the meal and relax amongst friends. A free will offering is requested but not required. Come to the table.

Youth Groups

Our High School Youth Group (HSYG) is open to 9, 10, 11, and 12 grade students. HSYG meetings are held bi-monthly on the first and third Sunday of each month, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room (U.R.) at St. Bridget Church.

New this year! A Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) is open to 6, 7, and 8th grade students. MSYG meetings will happen once a month, usually, on last Sunday afternoon of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Upper Room (U.R.) at St. Bridget Church.

Both HSYG and MSYG meetings are a time to come together to hang out with friends, make new friends, pray, praise God, eat snacks, participate in interactive prayer experiences, play games, and continuing the building of our community of friendship and faith in a safe and accepting environment. Friends that do not belong to St. Bridget are always welcome.

First HSYG meeting is Sunday, October 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

First MSYG meeting is Sunday, October 28 from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Room

Here are some other ways to participate in our Youth Ministry program at St. Bridget:

- ◆ Monthly Youth Mass on the second Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Mass
- ◆ Monthly Service Projects usually on the second Sunday of each month
- ◆ Open Gym on the 2nd Saturday of each month
- ◆ Retreats, lock-ins, outings and events

To learn more about the Youth Ministry Program at St. Bridget feel free to contact Youth Minister, Amy Burns, at aburns@stbparish.com.



St. Bridget Brat Trot 5K - Saturday, September 29
Come! Cheer on our participants! Start time is 10:00 a.m., with check in at 9:30 a.m. We will begin and finish in the school parking lot!

MAPS Testing

St. Bridget students will participating in the fall MAPS Testing program September 24 through October 17. Students are assessed in reading, language arts, and math.

Home & School Committee Meeting

Our Home & School Committee will meet Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. All school parents are members of this committee and are encouraged to attend. We will meet in the Before/After Care room. This group is responsible for planning school social activities that promote opportunities for families to get to know other school families and help build our school community.

 AROUND THE AREA

Red Kettle Coordinators Needed

The St. Croix County Salvation Army will be hiring Kettle Coordinators in New Richmond and Hudson. If someone in your church or community is interested in applying for this position please call Angela at 715-497-4438. This position is a paid stipend position. Kettle Coordinators are responsible for securing bell ringing volunteers and taking care of their community's Red Kettle locations. To get more details and to apply please call or email Angela_Moulton@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Support Group

Are you a parent/grandparent/guardian looking for support as you cope with a child in your life who struggles with substance use/abuse, mental health issues, learning disabilities, bullying, gender identity issues, grief, sexual abuse or effects of divorce?

Join others who care, understand and offer support in a confidential and non-judgmental environment. Learn ways to take care of yourself and find resources available to you

When: First and third Friday of each month
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: First National Bank Community Room

For more information or questions call 715-821-3015 or 715-821-1063.

St. Bridget Church



Fr. Gerald Harris, Pastor
715-425-1879 ext. 103, pastor@stbparish.com



Fr. Richard Rhinehart, Associate Pastor
715-425-1870 frich@stbparish.com



Sue Steckbauer, Parish Administrator
715-425-1879 ext. 102, parishadmin@stbparish.com



Tammy Pitzen, Office Assistant
715-425-1879 ext. 101, recept@stbparish.com



Susan Landry, Accountant
715-425-1879 ext. 104, accountant@stbparish.com



Gregg Miller, Pastoral Minister/Visitor
715-425-1879 ext. 110, visitation@stbparish.com



Diane Wengelski, Elementary Faith Formation
715-425-1879 ext. 105, childrensFF@stbparish.com



Tessa Schuermann, Teen Faith Formation
715-425-1879 ext. 106, teenFF@stbparish.com



Amy Burns, Youth Minister
715-425-1879 ext. 107, youthminister@stbparish.com



Barrett Grove, Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
715-425-1879 ext. 108, liturgy@stbparish.com



Jodie Rubenzer, Discipleship and Spiritual Growth
715-307-2524, spiritualgrowth@stbparish.com



Meg Andrea, Website and Communications
715-425-1879 ext. 111, media@stbparish.com



Randy Koller, Maintenance
715-425-1879 ext. 112, facilities@stbparish.com

Church Kitchen: 715-425-1879 ext. 117

Lubich Hall: 715-425-1879 ext. 118

St. Bridget Parish School



Jeanne McCoy, Principal
715-425-1872, principal@stbparish.com



Hillary Gilles, Office Assistant
715-425-1872, office@stbparish.com

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

Featuring

**BRATS • CHILI
NACHOS • FALL DESSERTS
BEER • WINE COOLERS
SODA • WATER**

activities

**HAMMERSCHLAGEN
CORN HOLE • TRIVIA
LADDER GOLF • BINGO
PACKER TICKET RAFFLE**

AND DO NOT MISS THE
mortgage burning



Music

DJ (& PARISHIONER) TOM ZENK

