

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AND

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

2023



awaken FAITH



build COMMUNITY



make DISCIPLES

From the Fr. Joe's Desk:

New Parish Administrator: We have two candidates who will be interviewed on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Holy Spirit, please guide us as we begin this search and help us to discern in this time of interviewing.

From Maintenance to Mission: Throughout our Diocese each parish is being asked to help their parishioners enhance their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have decided to offer the TV Series "Chosen". Join us as we begin next Wednesday, September 27th. Come and enjoy a delicious community meal beginning at 5:00 p.m. and then enter the Church at 6:30 p.m. to begin watching together the first Episode of Season one. Then all will follow up with a short discussion time. It is a wonderful program that will provide each group with captivating conversation.

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA): The CSA is vitally important to our Church and to our diocese. The money raised helps our seminarians receive the education they need to be good priests. It also helps with Extreme Faith Camp by providing a well-trained camp staff with opportunity for many fun summer activities including, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, personal prayer, and talks. In the next bulletins, I will share more about other ways in which we are or can be helped through the CSA.

Parish Pastoral Council Meetings: Usually we can count on our Parish Council meetings to be on the second Tuesday evening of every month. There are times when it is changed due to a holiday or a holy day. For the month of September, the Parish Council Meeting was changed due to the Annual Priest Retreat. All the priests of our Diocese gathered this year at this retreat during the second week of September. Parish Pastoral Council Meetings are open to anyone unless we meet in closed session. I am sorry for the confusion. The October meeting will be at its regularly scheduled time (Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden View Room).

Fr. Joe

Join Us For The Chosen

September 27, 2023

Meal begins serving at 5:00 p.m. Free Will Offering.

6:30 p.m. we watch together the first Episode of Season one in the Church (on the big screen)

Please join us we would love to see you there!

"I was one way, and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him."



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 SEPTEMBER 24-SEPTEMBER 30

Sunday, September 24

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Grace Radtke+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's, & St. Thomas More
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, September 25

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 26

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
5:15 p.m.	Mass -Peter & Anita Dusek+
5:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 a.m.	Mass - Sharlene Cernohous+
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	Grade 3-6 Per Grade FF (This is for 2 nd & 4 th Wed. of the month)
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Family Based Faith Formation (This is for 1 st & 3 rd Wed. of the month)
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation—The Chosen

Thursday, September 28

12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, September 29

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Anne Grove+

Saturday, September 30

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Victoria Gouze+

* 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](#) page and [website](#), www.saintbridgets.org, or scan the QR code.



WEEKLY MASSES & EVENTS OCTOBER 1– OCTOBER 7

Sunday, October 1

8:45 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Mass - Ron Buss+
11:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Bridget, St. Mary's & St. Thomas More
12:00 p.m.	Baptisms
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, October 2

8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	Community Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 3

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Adoration
9:30 a.m.	Martha's Quilt Group
5:15 p.m.	Mass - Gerald Armbruster+
5:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 a.m.	Mass - Don Croes+
1:30 p.m.	Mass - Comforts of Home
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meal
5:30 p.m.	Grade 3-6 Per Grade FF (This is for 2 nd & 4 th Wed. of the month)
5:30 p.m.	K-6 Family Based Faith Formation (This is for 1 st & 3 rd Wed. of the month)
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation—The Chosen

Thursday, October 5

12:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
5:45 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, October 6

7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Rob & Barb Eckler 45 th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, October 7

4 - 4:30 p.m.	Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Mass -Living & Deceased Members of Saint Bridget Council of Catholic Women+

DAILY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1

Monday, September 25	Ezr 1: 1-6/ Lk 8: 16-18
Tuesday, September 26	Ezr 6: 7-8,12b, 14-20/ Lk8: 19-21
Wednesday, September 27	Ezr 9: 5-9/ Lk 9: 1-6
Thursday, September 28	Hg 1: 1-8/ Lk9: 7-9
Friday, September 29	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12a/ Jn 1: 47-51
Saturday, September 30	Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9: 43b-45
Sunday, October 1	Ez 18: 25-28/ Phil 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5 Mt 21: 28-32

DAILY WORD FOR OCTOBER 2–OCTOBER 8

Monday, October 2	Zec 8: 1-8/ Mt 18: 1-5, 10
Tuesday, October 3	Zec 8: 20-23/ Lk 9: 51-56
Wednesday, October 4	Neh 2: 1-8/ Lk 9: 57-62
Thursday, October 5	Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday, October 6	Bar 1: 15-22/ Lk 10: 3-16
Saturday, October 7	Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29/ Lk 10: 17-24
Sunday, October 8	Is 5: 1-7/ Phil 4: 6-9/ Mt 21: 33-43

Baptisms

Leon Larson

Sally Heinen



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

September 10, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$14,911
Loose Collection	\$775
Scrip Rebates	\$155
Adult (ACH)	\$22,841

September 17, 2023

Adult Contributions	\$6785
Loose Collection	\$825
Scrip Rebates	\$335

Faith Formation Has Begun!



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 the QR code. For more information, please contact Diane

Wengelski (PreK-1-Grade 6) or Tessa Schuermann (Grades 7-12).

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!



Sunday PreK-1 Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades PreK-1 (ages 3-6) will begin on Sunday, October 1. These sessions will be held in Lubich Hall (downstairs) during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Register using the standard FF registration forms which are available in the information rack or on our [website](#).

Sunday PreK-1 Faith Formation – Leaders needed!

If you enjoy working with youth, please prayerfully consider joining our Sunday morning FF leadership team! We want to have enough leaders on this team so that everyone co-leads one Sunday each month. Contact [Diane Wengelski](#) for more information.

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 has moved 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.

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.

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

YOUTH CHOIR!

We are excited to announce our youth choir is coming back this year. This choir is open to all students in 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!

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.

Donut Ministry

Thanks to all who helped celebrate 50+ years of Donuts. Winners of the drawing for a free dozen donuts are:

Audrey Wussler
Pat Horwath
Sarah Knolmayer
Sawyer, Atticus, Tate, & Tenley Francis
Elaine Baumann



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.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus members will be in back of church after all Masses the weekend of September 30-October 1, with their annual Lifesavers for Life drive. All money raised will benefit Options for Women, our local pregnancy resource center.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bridget Holiday Happenings Craft Show
Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. St. Bridget's School Gym. If you or you know of someone you know is interested in participating as a craft vendor, call: the St. Bridget Church Office 715-425-1870 or email: cegielskidmj@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 Jodie at jrubenzer@stbparish.com

WE'RE HIRING!

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

PARISH SCHOOL

Our Back-to-School Night had beautiful weather which we all enjoyed! It was great to see everyone and catch up!

We are looking forward to the St. Bridget Food Truck Festival it is happening on September 30th, 11-4pm. The community is welcome, please spread the word!

Need Help with dinner?



MAKE YOUR
Meal Matter

October 2nd ~ 4pm to 7pm

Join Culver's of River Falls

in supporting

St. Bridget Parish School

as a percentage of ALL sales
will be donated!

Dine-In, Drive-Thru, Online, Curd-Side

Come support St. Bridget Catholic school!



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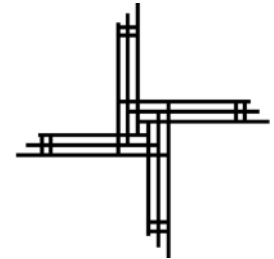
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