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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

From the pastor...

The school year is off and running. It is good to see students back in school and the activities of fall begin. Another season comes upon us.

This Sunday the St. Thomas More Chapel Sunday night Masses resume at 7:00 p.m. on the UWRF campus. All are welcome to attend these Masses. A reminder we have a Spanish Mass once a month at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church in Hammond. If you can help with music or like to get involved, please contact me.

This Sunday is the 23rd week in Ordinary Time. Part of the scripture is Mark 7:33-35 "Jesus took [the deaf-mute] off alone, away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, spat, and touched the man's tongue. Then Jesus [prayed] ... At once the man was able to hear... and he began to talk."

Many hearing-impaired people awake each day not to the sound of an alarm on a table, but to the whir of a clock that vibrates under their pillow. Like the deaf-mute in the gospel, these people live in a silent world. For them, turning on the radio is useless. Watching TV is a bland experience. But the plight of a physical deaf-mute is nothing compared to the plight of a spiritual deaf-mute - someone who can't hear God or talk to God in prayer. And all of us fall into this category at least a few times in our lives. Spiritually, we live in a silent world.

Have I ever asked Jesus to take me off "away from the crowd" and heal me of my spiritual deafness and dumbness?

(MISSION 2000, Mark Link S.J.)

St. Mary's in Hammond will be having the parish Mass and picnic this Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Powers is scheduled to be the celebrant. Bring a dish to pass but the meat and beverages will be provided.

God's blessings to all. ~ 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.

Submitting Content for the Bulletin

If you would like to add information to the bulletin the preferred way is submitting it electronically, which saves a lot of time and reduces the chance of error. Please email your request to recept@stbparish.com. We will do our best to get it published. Please note, the office staff has the right to edit any submitted items.

The deadline to get information into the current week bulletin is Monday by noon. Please try to keep your information in this format:

- 60 words or less
- No clip art
- Article will run for one week; repeating entries will be limited

Thank you!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

Welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Colton Geoffrey Bodin
Son of Lisa and Kenneth Bodin

MARRIAGE

Please join us in praying for all newly married couples and those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Samantha Oswald and James Dickinson

REST IN PEACE

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

Sharlene Geraghty
Mother of Carol (Richard) Schoenthaler

Dorian Hintz
Niece of Arlyne (Roger) Bruggeman

James Congdon
Father of Diane Brady

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Carmen Boortz
Jana and Curtis Frank
Annette and Keith Strack

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.

Laura Bowman	Noah Keck
Tom Bowman	Diane Latterl
Robert Butler	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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DAILY WORD

Monday, September 10 - 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 - 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:15 p.m. Mass
+Int: Pat Stafford by family and friends
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee/Conference Rm.
- 6:00 p.m. School Education Committee/School
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee/Multi-Purpose Room
- 6:30 p.m. Facilities Committee/Library
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council/Westview Room
- 7:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee/Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
- 8:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting/Westview Room

Wednesday, September 12 - 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

- 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass
Int: Special Intention by Anonymous
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Heaven Starts Now
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidate & Parent Meeting (Gr 10 & 11)

Thursday, September 13 - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

- 5:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
St. Bridget Church
- 6:00 p.m. Labyrinth Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

Friday, September 14 - Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
- 9:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group

Saturday, September 15 - 1 Cor 10:14-22 (442)/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding - Samantha Oswald &
James Dickinson
- 4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
*+Int: Deceased members of the Herman
and Cecilia Maier family by the
children*

Sunday, September 16 - Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
+Int: Gene Huppert by family and friends
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
Int: Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's
- 6:00 p.m. Teen Leadership Council (T.L.C.)

PARISH LIFE

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 8 is in loving memory of John and Marlys Veneendall by family and friends.

St. Bridget Joany Shepard Memorial Library

Welcome back from summer vacation! There are some DVDs and books still on an extended vacation too. Please check if you or family visiting during the holidays had signed out DVDs. Please return DVDs in two weeks. When checking out materials, please always include your phone number and return the item to the slot at the end of the Information Desk. Thank You!

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.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School!

Students were very excited as they returned this past Tuesday for our Orientation Day! Classes are off to a great start, and we are looking forward to positive year. School pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 12. Families are reminded of our Back to School Social, September 19, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This all-school event is an evening of socializing, pizza, and fun!

Education Committee Meeting – September 11

Our Education Committee will meet Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Before/After Care room.

TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

AUGUST 26 & SEPTEMBER 2

Adult Contributions...	\$23,628.00
Future Parish Needs ACH	\$3,297.00
Future Parish Needs	\$696.00
Loose Collection	\$1,359.54
SCRIP (117orders)	\$1,327.07
Priest Emergency Fund...	\$250.00
School Tuition.....	\$14,360.04

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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 to check out this process. Our group is forming and we'd be honored to journey with you.

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.

Centering Prayer Group

Centering Prayer Group continues to meet each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Garden View Room at church. This is a time of prayer done mostly in silence but together with those who have gathered. This group is open to all and ongoing. Just come and experience this time of praying together.

Barking to the Choir Book Discussion

You might wonder why this book about Fr. Boyle's work with gangs would be of value to you. In fact, this book is not about gangs. It is about widening one's understanding of the God who is always more than we can imagine. It will challenge you to think about those who are different and marginalized, the "gang members" in our lives. It asks how we might include these people so that they feel the love of God.

There will be five consecutive weekly sessions beginning on Thursday, September 20. The sessions will begin at 6:30 PM. The sign-up deadline is Tuesday, September 11, at noon. Please call Jodie Rubenzer at the church office or email her at jrubenzer@stbparish.com to sign up.

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 or at the Information Desk. Registration is helpful in determining the food and set-up needed.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH - CON'T.

Labyrinth Prayer -

Ancient Paths of Prayer for Modern Seekers

Much of Jesus' ministry consisted of walking from place to place. The Labyrinth is a tool used to pray as we walk. Come and explore praying with the Labyrinth. Lisa Moriarty, artist, spiritual director and professional labyrinth maker will present to us the history of labyrinths, how these paths are used for prayer and where they can be found. You will then be lead through a prayer opportunity using a canvas floor labyrinth as well as a variety of finger labyrinths. Join us on Thursday, September 13 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

AROUND THE AREA

Victory and Valor for Vets Project Golf Tournament

The 2nd annual VVfV Project Golf Tournament will be at the Badlands Golf Course in Roberts on Saturday, September 15 with registration beginning at noon. It's a 4 person scramble with dinner, cash prizes, silent/live auctions. Cost is \$100/person. Dinner only option is available along with variety of sponsorship opportunities. Register at www.vvfv.org/events. Questions contact Jessica at 715-497-4620.

Enjoy playing Euchre?

Among Friends Social Respite Program has need for volunteers who know how to play Euchre. It would be an as-needed basis on Tuesday mornings between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. If are interested please contact Among Friends Program Coordinator Norma Revels (715) 293-2561 or Bonnie-Jones Witthuhn (715) 307-1182.

Moose Brunch

There will be a brunch on Sunday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the River Falls Moose Lodge, 620 N. Clark Street. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, potatoes, coffee, juice, and milk. Cost is \$9.00 for adults; children 5 years old and under are free. Proceeds will benefit senior citizens.

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.

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