



## THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** the Parish Community of Saint Bridget, is a Eucharistic community rooted in the north side of Minneapolis and committed to being the peaceful, compassionate and welcoming presence of Christ in the midst of a changing neighborhood. We do this by listening and responding to the gospel, through our liturgical life, faith formation programs, pastoral care, social justice ministry, hospitality, and outreach to the wider community.

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### Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Bridget Campus ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday—St. Austin Campus.....9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

St. Bridget Campus.....8:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus.....8:00 AM

### Liturgy of the Hours

Monday through Friday.....7:15AM

### Devotions

O.L. Perpetual Help Novena ..... Tuesday after Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Bridget Campus ..... 3:45-4:00 PM  
Seasonal Communal Services .....Advent and Lent

### Sacrament of Baptism

Registered members should call the Parish Office at least one month prior to desired date.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Registered members should call the Parish Office at least six months prior to desired date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Any time by appointment. Communal celebrations twice during the year.



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)*

Monday, August 8, St. Bridget - *Word and Communion Service*  
 + 8:00 AM Filomena Fusco (Family)  
 Tuesday, August 9, St. Austin  
 8:00 AM Jill Rice (Family)  
 Wednesday, August 10, St. Bridget  
 8:00 AM Will Stark (Shannon Regan)  
 Thursday, August 11, St. Austin  
 8:00 AM Secular Franciscans  
 Friday, August 12, St. Bridget  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, August 13, St. Bridget  
 + 4:30 PM Wendell Budziszewski (Peiffer Family)  
 Sunday, August 14, St. Austin  
 + 9:30 AM Donald Moore (Elaine Merkl)

Collection for July 31 ..... \$3,195.00

READINGS FOR August 14

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 13, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget**

Altar Servers: Mike McDonough  
 Lector: Diane Weber  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rich Heinemen, Anne Moen, Alice Wortman  
 Usher/Greeter: Mark Johnson, Ken Klonecz, Mike Johnson, Gerry Nyberg, Judy Neiss

**Sunday, August 14, 9:30 AM, St. Austin**

Altar Servers: Aislyn Brogdon, Teagan Brogdon  
 Lector: Kathy Kubow  
 Sacristan: Sammy Robeck  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rich Heinemen, Terry Hale, Cece Ryan, Patti Shand, Ralph Wolf  
 Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Sam Pender, Ron Willis, Alice Wortman, Herman Kubow

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Steve Schmelz, Dianne Mulcare, Kay Larson, Pam Murphy, Evie Lausen, MaryAnn Carter, Helen Stock, Jean Eidem, Tammy Wolney, and Mark Shields.** Please remember in your prayers also **Iona Holland** and **Paul Bokros** who died last week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held mornings the week of August 15th thru the 19th at the St. Austin Campus. This is for children ages three years to having just finished sixth grade. Older kids are welcome to come and help with the class. Pre-registration is required. You can call **Mary Majkozak at (612) 396-9168** or come into the Parish Office and fill out the form.

SISTER GERT AND HEATHER WILL BE AWAY THIS WEEK  
 If you need assistance please call the Parish Office and someone else will help you.

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE is on Sunday, August 28th. There will be a light lunch served, consisting of sandwiches and salads immediately following the 9:30AM Mass in Brennan Hall. There is no charge but please RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, August 23rd, to help us with food planning.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS will be celebrated Monday, August 15 at 8:00 AM at the St. Bridget Campus. Although there is no obligation attached we invite you to come and celebrate this Marian feast!

ATTENTION ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS Due to a scheduling conflict rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at the St. Austin Campus from 6:30 PM to 8:00PM., starting September 8th.

ARE YOU THE PARENT/GRANDPARENT OF AN ALTAR SERVER? Would you be willing to take home the albs and wash them on an as-needed basis? Please call the Parish Office if this is something you could do for the parish. (612)529-7779.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. August 8	Faithfully Fit	10:00 AM	St. B
Tues., August 9	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A

TOTUS TUUS VOCATION DAY FOR YOUNG MEN AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD RETREAT Saturday, August 20, 2016

9:00AM—2:30PM Cost: \$15.00 per participant, \$30.00 per family. Lunch is included. The Archdiocesan Offices of Marriages, and Family Life and Vocations are hosting this event for Catholic men and women, ages 12-17, to deepen their faith and better discern God's calling in their lives. For more information and to register, email Alex at: alexs@stbridgetnorthside.com

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS Although the children are loathe to admit it, school will soon be back in session. In fact, charter schools tend to open earlier than city public schools. Both the Sojourner Truth Academy (pre-school thru Grade 8) and the new Mastery School (K thru Grade 4) that is using the building formerly owned by St. Austin's will be opening next month. In an effort to aid young scholars whose parents and families cannot afford to equip them with all the necessary school supplies, we will once again be collecting them during the month of August. The items donated by our parishioners will be divided between the two school communities and may be brought to either campus. Backpacks, binders, notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, children's scissors, glue sticks, sanitary wipes, etc. are among the items that are needed. Many stores are featuring "Going Back To School" sales, so this is a great time to stock up on many of these items and, at the same time, help a young scholar to start school well equipped for the academic year. Your response in the past years has always been more than generous and greatly appreciated. We have every reason to believe that this year will be no different. Remember, items may be placed in the receptacles in the vestibules of both campuses throughout the month of August. **THANK YOU!**

Greetings!

As I write this column, I am watching my daughter, Hannah – now pushing 10 months old – pull herself up in her crib to get my attention, and let go to fall to the mattress to play some more. She loves to push the limits. She is honing her ability to crawl, always going toward the stairs. Everything goes in her mouth, and she cries when I take something away that could hurt her. She might be mad for a second, but then something else will catch her eye, and she's back at it. She definitely keeps us on our toes.

Earlier this week, **Alex Schindler** celebrated a year as our Coordinator of Youth Ministry. A quick year it has been for her! We are grateful for the many ways she contributes to the parish community! I also celebrated an anniversary - my tenth year working for St. Bridget's. I remember the day I interviewed for the position like it was yesterday: I was fresh out of college and had no idea what I should be doing, other than paying back the mountain of student loans I had accumulated. I had a job offer teaching percussion music in Overland Park, Kansas, but I turned it down. I now had responsibilities, bills coming due, and the obligation to become a "real" adult. I hoped and prayed for something – *anything* – so I could start to tackle that debt and make it in the "real world."

And so, I found myself a job, working part-time...at a church. God has such a sense of humor.

All kidding aside, what I find so providential in this process was that not more than 3 hours after I called to accept the position, I ran into a friend of mine whose employer was hiring. If I had run into that friend a few hours earlier, I wouldn't have taken the position at St. B's, and I wouldn't be here today. I ultimately accepted a full-time position with that other company, and, with the permission of Fr. Anthony, I balanced working two jobs until February of 2012, when I came on full-time at St. B's.

Before I further bore you with my employment history, I'll get to the point: as I look back over the last ten years, I can so clearly see God's hand in my life, directing me before I even knew I needed it, preparing me for positions in which I never expected to be, establishing relationships that would be fruitful in later years, and ultimately laying the foundation to the next phase of my life.

The first verse of this weekend's second reading sounds like something you might find on a wall hanging at Hobby Lobby, but it so adequately sums up that crucial part of Christianity, most especially Catholicism: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." This "faith" is not referring to knowledge of the Christian tradition; St. Paul is talking about the ability to blindly trust. I think of Hannah, pulling herself up in her crib. When she lets go, she doesn't question if the mattress will be underneath to catch her – she just drops. If only I could have faith like a child. Unfortunately, the realities of life find themselves rooting into my mind like weeds. The weekly chores, the finances, the responsibilities, not to mention my own selfish desires. So, I worry. I plan. I save.

But do I give? Am I generous? The Gospel reading says to "sell your belongings and give alms" and "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Do I hoard like the rich man of last week's gospel reading? Do I long for the ten percent, failing to be grateful for the ninety percent I get to keep? In my moment of need, I selfishly ask God for earthly desires, forgetting that He is the creator of the universe. Nothing – NOTHING – is impossible with Him. God gave Abraham and Sarah a son, years after she was considered barren. Many people will try to explain it away, citing difference in calendars or figures of speech. God is capable of all things, as far-fetched as they may seem, so why do we put Him in a cage?

To be very honest, I didn't expect to stay at St. Bridget's more than a few years, thinking I'd move on to something different. Maybe I would teach. Maybe I would get into accounting. Maybe I would finally move to another state and explore. One by one, the things I wanted—or thought that I wanted – never came to fruition. God's plan for me was not what I planned for me, but it is so much better than I could have ever imagined. In addition, he instilled in me the desire to do the work he has called me to.

In the last ten years, I have found and married my best friend, birthed two beautiful children, said a sorrowful, but temporary, good-bye to my son. I have moved, and moved, and moved about 3 more times, always with shelter over my head. We found in this community dear friends and the support of so many people who rejoiced with us in the happy times and carried us through the difficult ones. This church, this community, where we've established roots has been a second home. He's proven it to me time and time again: God's plans are always better. I just need to remember to let go and trust in faith.

*Heather Johnson, Director of Worship*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the cheerful volunteers and all the people who so generously decorated our tables, and gave us the décor to take home, and the people who planned the entire affair, and the good cooks. I heard people asking for recipes! I enjoyed the entertainment. It was a very happy day.

*Sincerely, a venerable nonagenarian*

**THANK YOU TO ALL** those that helped make our Ice Cream Social such a fun success for our parish and the community. Thank you for your generous donations of soda, hot dogs, buns, ice cream, and desserts. Thank you to those that came to set up and stayed to clean up. Many hands really did make light work! A big thank you to Deacon Rich and Jill for the wonderful door prizes they donated. We appreciate all your generous hearts! **THANK YOU!!!** *Gerri Hare*

#### **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

We at the Parish Community of St. Bridget have the privilege to take Communion to the sick at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale several times a month. On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday, a team of three people from St. Bridget's goes to North Memorial about 9:30 to 10:30/11:00. The hospital provides required training for all volunteers. There is a list of Catholic patients provided for the team to use. New members will work with another team member the first time they are assigned. The ministry teams are assigned one Wednesday per month, thru St. Bridget's. There is also a need for trained ministers to be on call as substitutes. Sister Gert would be happy to answer any further questions you may have about this ministry.