



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..... 3:45-4:10 PM
(Doors of the Church open at 3:45 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.

Parish Membership
The Parish Community of St. Bridget welcomes your active membership. If you are new to the area or looking for a place to nurture and celebrate your faith, please call the Parish Office.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 5, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 + 8:00 AM Alvin J. Clasemann (Family)
 Tuesday, December 6, St. Austin
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Wednesday, December 7, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Jean Eidem (Collette Palmquist)
 Thursday, December 8, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Father Anthony Criscitelli, TOR (Friend)
 + 7:00 PM George Svobodny (Mary Ann Svobodny)
 Friday, December 9, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Jim & Evie Lausen (Collette Palmquist)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, December 10, St. Austin
 + 4:30 PM Jerry Robeck (Sammy Robeck)
 Sunday, December 11, St. Austin
 9:30 AM Father Anthony Criscitelli, TOR (Friend)

Collection for Nov. 27 \$4,074.00

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 11

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10
 Second Reading: James 5:7-10
 Gospel Reading: Mathew 11: 2-11

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Anne Moen, Alice Wortman
 Lector: Bob Holmes
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rich Heineman, Linda Lohman, Emily Walsh
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Usher/Greeter: Frank Plant, Mary Plant, Dorothy Vnuck, Kristine Vnuck, Patti Shand

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Ethan Nevalainen, Madison Nevalainen
 Lector: Denise Hochstedler
 Sacristan: Diane Weber
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Rich Heineman, Dan Lindquist, Marie Lorbiecki, Mary Majkozak, Tim Peiffer
 Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Bernice King, Marlene Longpre, Emmett Mulcare

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy, Mary Ann Carter, Evie Lausen, Helen Stock, Gladys Wassing, Carl & Sandra Terwey, Ralph Dedrick, Shirley Perterson, Joan Roos, and Justin Smith & Family. Please remember **Richard Haik** May his and all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

SOLEMNITY OR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8th, at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM. Both masses will be held at our St. Austin Campus. Mary under this title is the patroness of the United States. We would do well to seek her intercession for ourselves and our country during these uncertain times.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND Each year at the beginning of December, the Conference of Catholic Bishops invites Catholics throughout the United States to participate in the collection for retired religious. Mindful of the decades of generous ministry provided by religious men and women to the Church without thought for themselves, the Bishops encourage parishioners to help support effort to provide a dignified and more secure retirement for the growing population of aging priests, brothers, and sisters who are dependent on their religious communities for their care and support. Religious sisters, especially, literally worked for a dollar a day teaching in parochial schools and nursing in Catholic hospitals without any concern for themselves or other members of their communities. Religious priests and brothers likewise provided ministry in parishes and institutions for minimum stipends that barely covered their daily living expenses. It is out of a sense of justice that the bishops hold this collection each year, inviting those of us who benefited from the ministry or these selfless witnesses to the Gospel to help them help themselves and their retired and aging members. The Parish Community of St. Bridget knows first hand the generous ministry of religious men and women, having had schools staffed by religious sisters, and pastors, and other members of parish staff who belong to religious communities. There is an envelope in your packets for this collection and you are encouraged to respond with the same generosity with which these religious served and continue to serve you. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sat., Dec. 3	Holiday Boutique	9:00AM-6:00 PM	St. A
Sun, Dec. 4	Holiday Boutique	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	St. A
Mon., Dec. 5	Faithfully Fit	10:00 AM	St. B
Mon., Dec. 5	SB-SACCW	6:45PM	St. A
Wed., Dec. 7	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Wed., Dec. 7	Faith Formation	6:30-7:45 PM	OLV

MINI-PRESENTATION SERIES: THE MASS

Beginning in Advent, Fr. Paul Jarvis will give mini-presentations on the Mass, beginning 20 minutes before each Advent Sunday weekend Masses: before Saturday evening Masses, at 4:10 pm at the St. Bridget Campus, and before the Sunday morning Masses at 9:10 am Mass at the St. Austin Campus.

During the four weeks of Advent, these presentations by Fr. Paul will illuminate parts of the Mass for those who come a little early to Mass. Silence and musical preludes will begin at 5 minutes before our two weekend Masses.

The beauty of these mini-presentations is that they convey easily digestible amounts of information – which parishioners will immediately see those things explained in the following Mass.

I encourage parishioners to bring their family and friends to these Advent Masses – whether they are active in the Faith or not, whether they are Catholic or not. Sometimes, even long-standing active Catholic Christians might not know why we do what do ... what have been doing for 20 centuries.

~Fr. Paul Jarvis, Senior Associate Pastor

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE Please submit all bulletin submissions to info@stbridgetnorthside.com by **noon the Monday before the bulletin's issue date.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLIDAY ANTICIPATION

I remember growing up we would be on the two hour drive back to my house from my grandma's following our traditional Thanksgiving celebration and I would always be so excited because starting at 7:00pm or so there was a radio station that would start playing non-stop Christmas music. As a child, this was something to look forward to as it signified the beginning of the countdown to Christmas and a tree surrounded by toys and trinkets.

This year is different though. Maybe it's the over-commercialization of the holiday and the fact the we didn't even get past the Halloween season before the Christmas trees and colored lights started filling the stores, but I think even more so the excitement for the non-stop Christmas music has been replaced by a quiet anticipation for the Nativity and coming of our Lord and Savior as a baby on Christmas Day.

Within the Catholic Faith we have many traditions and there are plenty of signs and symbols that surround us. One of the things I have come to appreciate more and more as I've gotten older and grown in my own faith is the liturgical calendar and year that the Church gives us.

Each season (Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, Advent, Christmas, Easter) has a specific purpose that has been determined in order to prepare our hearts more for certain feasts and festivities.

The season of Advent is just one of those! Similar to the season of Lent, Advent is a time of waiting, joyful anticipation, and it is also a penitential season (hence the color purple for the vestments and Church decorations). We cease singing the Gloria as we wait to join in with the angel choirs upon the birth of Jesus in a humble stable at Nazareth. It is a season to truly prepare our hearts to welcome baby Jesus into our lives, not just to get caught in the hustle and bustle of the commercial holiday season, non-stop music, and trying to find the perfect gift for every person on our lists. While all of those things are good, don't get me wrong I enjoy all of the holiday fun as much as the next person, they can easily become a replacement for Jesus Christ in our lives and our hearts.

So while you are listening to your favorite music on the radio don't forget to keep a little place of silence and find a daily reminder for yourself that Christmas is bigger than a colorfully lit tree and a rainbow of packages under that tree. One great way to do this is to read through the first couple chapters of the Gospel of Saint Luke over the course of the four weeks of the Advent season. Become immersed in the story of Jesus's birth and the journey of the Holy Family to get to Christmas Day, I know for myself doing this the past several years has really given me a new perspective and understanding when Christmas day finally does come around. I hope and pray that as we continue in this wonderful season of Advent that each of you comes to have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and are able to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3).

God bless!

Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry

WEEKLY FRIDAY ADORATION is held at the St. Bridget campus **beginning after 8:00 AM Mass and concluding at 3:00 PM.** Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in committing to sit before the Blessed Sacrament for an hour each week.

DECEMBER 4, 2016

TEMPLE AND SYNAGOGUE (a brief summary of the First Sunday Advent mini-presentation):

The early Christians were a sect of Judaism. And so like other Jews, they would keep the Sabbath – which is the seventh day of the seven-day week, or Saturday – by reading the Torah (Hebrew Bible) and commenting on it and praying together.

Many would do this in a synagogue, which literally means assembly. Incidentally, the origin of the word "Church" is also "assembly". As in the assembly of the faithful. The synagogue was not a temple. (Today, however, our Jewish friends sometimes call their synagogues "temple".) There was only one temple – the Temple of Jerusalem, in the City of David (Jerusalem), built on Mt. Moriah or Mt. Zion, which was where Abraham was thought to have nearly sacrificed his only son, Jacob. (Hence, the temple was poetically called the House of Jacob.)

The Temple was where sacrificial worship – with altars – occurred. The holiest of holy days was when, after sacrifice on the altar *outside* the temple proper, the High Priest would utter the name of Yahweh in the Holy of Holies or Tabernacle. This was done only once a year.

And so the Synagogue was a place of the Word, as worship on the Sabbath. And the Temple was a place of pilgrimage – sort of like Mecca for Muslims today – and sacrificial worship on the Sabbath.

Back to the Christian Jews in the first century: and so they would worship in the synagogues, with the Word. And then gather on a very special day for this Christian sect of Judaism, on the eighth day of the seven-day week.

Huh? Remember, Jesus recreated the world, and issued into this world the Kingdom of God which transcends normal understandings of time and space. And so the early Christians would talk about Sunday as being not only the first day of the week ... but the 8th day. And they would continue the celebration of the Last Supper / First Eucharist. Which would not be at an altar like ours today, but would be around an agape (unconditional care, respect and love) table.

This agape meal table – which include both the Eucharistic celebration and a feast – was low lying, and people reclined at it.

When the Christians parted ways with their Jewish roots, and became primarily gentile in ancestry, they stopped gathering in synagogues on the Jewish Sabbath and gathered only on the Christian Sabbath, Sunday. And they conflated the worship with the Word with the worship of the Eucharistic celebration (later celebrated on elevated tables/altars), creating the early form of the Mass today. Christians would regard their worship as succeeding the worship of the Temple, once it was destroyed in 70 AD. This in part explains why a traditional church looks somewhat like the plan of the Temple of Jerusalem, complete with tabernacle and sanctuary.

A form of celebration described very, very early on by St. Justin Martyr in his "First Apology," around 155 – 157 AD. In our Masses today, you can see the synagogue symbolized by the pulpit, and the Temple symbolized by the altar.

THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at St. Bridget Campus.