



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
(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, September 12, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 8:00 AM Jill Rice (Family)
 Tuesday, September 13, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Alvin J. Clasemann (Family)
 Wednesday, September 14, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Thursday, September 15, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Ericka Criscitelli (Family)
 Friday, September 16, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Albert & Veronica Backmann, TOR.
 (Alice Wortman)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, September 17, St. Bridget
 4:30 PM Secular Franciscans
 Sunday, September 18, St. Austin
 9:30 AM Koval & Adamietz Families
 (Urusla Armstrong)

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy, Mary Ann Carter, Mark Johnson, Evie Lausen, Helen Stock, Jane Freund, Phyllis Skavnak, and Mark Shields. Please remember in your prayers **Pat Witte and Bob Roos.** May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Because of Ministry Fair, both weekend Masses will be at the St. Bridget Campus the weekend of September 24-25.

COME TOGETHER: SEEKING GOD'S PEACE In light of the ever growing violence we experience not only throughout the world but right here in our own neighborhood, we wanted to respond and bring everything to the foot of the cross. Please join our Parish and New Creation Church for a prayer and worship service this Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 4-5:30 pm at the St. Bridget Campus.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW On Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 PM in the Saint Francis Room, please join Sr. Gert, OSF and others as we begin a conversation on Christian-Muslim faith. We hope to have a Muslim speaker join us and reference the book "My Neighbor is Muslim". Did you know there are more references to the Virgin Mary in the Koran than in all the New Testament? Did you know that the Divine Praises and various litanies are similar to Islam praises of God? In the diverse and multicultural world in which we live, we do well to try to understand our neighbors....what they believe, how they worship, and the truth about their religion....rather than the distorted view often portrayed in the media or from the mouths of uniformed political candidates. Understanding breaks down fear and helps us to realize that diversity can be enriching, rather than threatening. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or neighbor.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION Our pastor, Fr. Anthony, used to hold Coffee & Conversations around certain topics of interest to parishioners. My staff colleagues have asked me to host some of these after a morning Mass, which I am absolutely willing to do. All I need are your topics. Please call or email those to the Parish Office: 612-529-7779 or jeane@stbridgetnorthside.com. The first one is set for September 28, 8:30 to 9:00 AM, at the St. Bridget campus. Please look for others in the calendar. ~ Fr. Paul

Collection for September 4 \$5090.00

READINGS FOR September 18

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 17, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman
 Lector: Bob Holmes
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Mary & Mike Regan
 Usher/Greeter: Mark Johnson, Mike Johnson, Bonnie Moore, Betty Mysliwicz

Sunday, September 18, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Chris Pender & Rico Pender
 Lector: Sr. Louise Bauer
 Sacristan: Diane Weber
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Kay Larson, Cece Ryan, Patti Shand, Ralph Wolf
 Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Marlene Longpre, Sam Pender, Ronald Willis, Mary Ann Schissler

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 11	Come Together	4:00 - 5:30 PM	St. B
Mon. Sept. 12	Faithfully Fit SB-SACCW	10:00 AM 6:45 PM	St. B St. A
Tues. Sept. 13	Arts & Crafts Parish Council	9:00AM & 6:00PM 6:30 PM	St. A SFR
Wed. Sept. 14	Faith Formation Class	6:30 - 7:45 PM	OLV
Thurs. Sept. 15	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Sept. 16	Senior Lunch	12:00 PM	St. A

MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS On the second Sunday of each month following the 9:30 AM Mass, **Marie Schmelz, RN**, a cardiology nurse and parishioner, will be offering free blood pressure checks. This will coincide with the fellowship time, which will begin on September 11, 2016.

ST BRIDGET-ST AUSTIN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SB-SACCW) First meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at the St. Austin Campus. Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by the business meeting, then a time for fellowship with treats provided.

COATS FOR KIDS Knights of Columbus Council #4451 will be collecting coats during September and October. There will be drop boxes at the entrances of both St. Austin's and St. Bridget's campuses. Please donate so many kids will keep warm this winter.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Archdiocesan Youth Day 2016 (AYD16) on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 1:30-9:00 PM! Join Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR., SONAR, and youth from across the archdiocese for this packed day. Open to all high school age youth. Cost: \$15 per participant. Contact Alex at: alexs@stbridgetnorthside.com to register.

UPDATE ON FR. ANTHONY

On August 31st the attorneys defending Fr. Anthony and his conferees had a conference call with the judge assigned to their case, and the prosecutor. They were given 90 days to review the more than 500,000 documents that the Attorney General's agents seized from the Franciscans' Motherhouse last year. A very small portion of them pertain to the case the friars are involved in, but the attorneys have to plow through them to find what may be pertinent. In the end, the next court date for the attorneys will be at the end of November. At that time, they can make pre-trial motions and a trial date may be set.

You may have heard that the Attorney General of Pennsylvania—Kathleen Kane—was convicted of perjury and abuse of her office in mid-August. She subsequently resigned. Because the friars' attorneys and the attorney for their Province believe that the charges being brought against them by her office were unfounded and lack legal and factual basis, they may consider peti-

tioning her successor to reconsider and drop the charges. That would bring a swifter end to the nightmare the friars are enduring.

Fr. Anthony recounted that it is nearly six months since this began and, while it is difficult to be without meaningful work and responsibility, he is grateful for the support and prayers that he has known from the very beginning. Whether it's the good people at St. Bridget's, former parishioners from St. Gerard's or family and friends, he says he has known nothing but kindness and good wishes. He is grateful for the many cards and notes he receives, he asks for your continued prayers and assures us that he keeps you in his prayers. Because you are there, he knows God is there and because you care, he knows God cares and that everything will be all right.

We invite you to pray for all victims of abuse and for Fr. Anthony and his community. May they know healing, justice, and peace. *Gerri Hare and Bob Majkozak, Trustees*

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, will be **Sunday, October 2, 12:00 PM at the St. Bridget Campus**. One need not be a parishioner, nor own a pet, to attend. Let your friends and family know. Remember to give your friends the St. Bridget Campus's address:

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Since St. Francis was a deacon, in addition to being the founder of the Franciscan community, we are hoping a great many deacons will help in blessing dogs, cats, snakes, frogs, birds, llamas, fish spiders, and perhaps little brothers. Whether one walks on two legs, four legs, eight legs, no legs, slithers or swims...all are welcome. **NOTE: If you're able to join Fr. Paul in being a Holy Pooper Scooper, please let the office know.**

A CHALLENGE FROM FR. PAUL: START INVITING OTHERS TO JOIN / FRIEND THIS PARISH'S FACEBOOK

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It's true that a parish is defined by those who register as members, by those who join us at our liturgies. But in the 21st century, a typical parish's community has greatly expanded beyond parish boundaries. And now include folks who are members in two different parishes -- perhaps even two different denominations.

And with the Internet, we now have people who consider themselves to be members of communities that expand way beyond geography.

Fr. Jude Perera, for example, considers himself to be a St. B's parishioner too. He very eagerly awaits news of what we are doing here in the Northside. Speaking of which, do you know that at least half of our members come from outside our parish's historical boundaries? Besides those living on the north side, members come from Brooklyn Park, Columbia Heights, Robbinsdale, New Hope, Crystal, Golden Valley, Nordeast Minneapolis, downtown Minneapolis, Plymouth, Coon Rapids, and more.

When I introduce myself as the "go-fer priest" at the Parish Community of St. Bridget's -- formerly St. Austin's Church and St. Bridget's Church -- it's amazing how many people's eyes light up. And say that either they or a family member attended St. A's or St. B's ... school and/or church. In fact, the pastor replacing me at St. Joe's in Rosemount was a member here once: Fr. Paul Kammen.

Please look around, and recommend folks already online to check out, join / friend this Facebook page. I think I'll just ask Fr. Paul Kammen right now.

WE HAVE A NEW SAINT!! On Sunday, September 4, 2016, Pope Francis officially announced **Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta** to be a canonized Saint of the Catholic Church. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I cannot think of a more fitting person to join the ranks of holy men and women we look to for guidance in our walk with the Lord than the woman who walked the streets of the poor and showed God's love to any and all that she encountered. A few years ago I came across this beautiful quote of St. Teresa of Calcutta that has been an inspiration in my own prayer and walk with Jesus:

The fruit of silence is PRAYER.

The fruit of prayer is FAITH.

The fruit of faith is LOVE.

The fruit of love is SERVICE.

The fruit of service is PEACE.

The simplicity of this quote is what strikes me the most. When I first stumbled upon it, I couldn't help but be a little awestruck by how simple this makes finding peace sound, but as I have put these words into practice I have found the simplicity to be true. **St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!**

~Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry

A NOTE FROM THE FAITH FORMATION DEPARTMENT

Anyone interested in sharing their faith as a catechist or volunteer in our Faith Formation program this year please give Mary Majkozak a call at 612-521-7454. She can answer any questions you may have. **Children's Liturgy of the Word begins today.**

Also, please note an error on the September Parish calendar: **CONFIRMATION** classes resume September 14th; regular Faith Formation classes begin on October 12th. Thank you!

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY

When a family is going through the difficult loss of someone they love, it is common to want to do anything you can to help. The Funeral Lunch Ministry is a great way to reach out, but in a way that is not intrusive in a time of great grief. The Funeral Lunch ministry is tasked with preparing the dining hall, serving, and cleaning up after the luncheon. It bears a commitment of a few hours every couple of weeks.