



## 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, November 28, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Tuesday, November 29, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Bob Wortman (Alice Wortman)  
 Wednesday, November 30, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Theresa Ross (Family)  
 Thursday, December 1, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Gerald Robeck (Alice Wortman)  
 Friday, December 2, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Fr. Killian Perry, TOR. (Alice Wortman)  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, December 3, St. Austin  
 4:30 PM Secular Franciscans  
 Sunday, December 4, St. Austin  
 + 9:30 AM Theresa Ross (Lausens)

**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, Lawrence Martin, Carl Terwey, Sandra Terwey, Agnes Russell, Gene Theisen, Rose Chyrklund, Ralph Dedrick, Shirley Peterson, Regina Brisk and Phyllis Skavnak.**

Please remember **Helen Bieber**. May her soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**MASS LOCATION CHANGE** The weekend of **December 3-4** both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be held at the **Saint Austin Campus** to coincide with the annual Holiday Boutique.

**WITTE FUNERAL MASS** The funeral Mass for Patricia Witte will be at St. Bridget's on **Friday, December 2nd at 10:00 AM**.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING** will take place on Monday, December 12th at 11 AM at the St. Bridget Campus. There will be a Christmas potluck to follow. All are welcome to join.

*~Steve, Maintenance (St. Bridget Campus)*

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** The year was 1957. Our Pope was Pius XII, Dwight Eisenhower was president, Orville Freeman was our governor, the Edsel car was introduced and the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. I have very little recall of these people and events (I was 7 years old). What I do recall was spending an afternoon with my class in the newly opened Saint Bridget's church with Father James Donahoe. He had called all of us students together to see the new church and specifically to show us the new stained glass windows and to explain to us their meaning and significance.

I do not have a good short term memory but my long term memory is quite good (sound familiar?) I remember a great deal of what he said back then and I would like to share the meaning behind this artwork as best as I can remember. To that end, Coffee and Conversation on **Wednesday November 30th will begin immediately after Mass** in the church where we will delve into our past through the imagery created so long ago. We will conclude in the St. Francis room for coffee and continue to share our thoughts about the beauty that we sometimes take for granted. Whether your involvement with our St. Bridget's campus goes back a lifetime or just for the past few years, I think that you will be amazed at the biblical significance of these windows.

All are invited and welcome to join us.

*~Deacon Rich*

Collection for November 20 ..... \$3,055.00

## READINGS FOR December 4

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 3, 4:30 PM, St. Austin**

Altar Servers: Joe Mullery  
 Lector: Kim Moore  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Moen, Judy Neiss, Jana Hale  
 Usher/Greeter: Bob Holmes, Mark Johnson, Bonnie Moore, Betty Mysliwiec, Sharon Brisk

**Sunday, December 4, 9:30 AM, St. Austin**

Altar Servers: Chris Pender and Rico Pender  
 Lector: Sr. Louise Bauer  
 Sacristan: Sammy Robeck  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Ashfeld, Terry Hale, Gerri Hare, Sammy Robeck, Ralph Wolf  
 Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Rick Mysliwiec, Sam Pender, Ron Willis, Herman Kubow, Mary Ann Schissler

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 27	HS Youth Bible Study	4:00 PM	SFR
Mon. Nov. 28	Faithfully Fit	10:00 AM	St. B
Tues. Nov. 29	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00 PM	St. A
Wed. Nov. 30	Faith Formation	6:30 PM	OLV
Sat. Dec. 3	Holiday Boutique	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	St. A
	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 PM	St. A
Sun. Dec. 4	Holiday Boutique	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	St. A
	Anointing of the Sick	10:30 AM	St. A

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be available following the Masses on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2016** will take place on **December 3rd, from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, and December 4th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**, at the Saint Austin Campus.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** Take a break from cooking and join for a delicious meal on Sunday, **December 4th, served at 12:00 PM**. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available for **PRE-SALE ONLY**, they will be available for purchase after Masses or at the parish office.

**BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED** To all bakers, we need your delicious cookies, candy bars, cakes, and breads to make the 2016 Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale a success. You may drop-off your baked goods at the St. Austin Campus on Friday, December 2nd, from 4:00-5:00 PM; Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:00 AM -6:00 PM; and Sunday December, 4th, before Mass. Thank you!

*~The SB-SACCW Bake Sale Committee*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday November 27th at 4:00 PM** in the Saint Francis Room. During Advent we will be discussing the Sunday readings and preparing for the Nativity of Jesus Christ on Christmas day! All high school youth are welcome and invited to bring a friend along.

*~Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry*

**A VOCATION STORY: MUSTARD SEEDS**

*Earlier this month the Church celebrated National Vocation Awareness Week the 6th-12th of November. In honor of vocation awareness we asked former northsider, Fr. Paul Kammen, to share his vocation story and journey to priesthood.*

I have no memory of October of 1977. But my parents do. This was the month which I was baptized at Saint Bridget's by Fr. Carmen, a Franciscan priest. Mom tells me he gave a beautiful homily and I was apparently the only child there that day.

However, I do have a lot of memories in the years that followed, and a lot them center around Saint Bridget's parish.

I'm Fr. Paul Kammen, former resident of the 3600 block of Morgan Avenue North, and while I left the north side to go slightly north - to Our Lady of Victory parish a couple of miles to the north in Camden - once our family moved to Champlin (my grandparents lived closer to Our Lady of Victory and my mom went to school there as a child, so we ended up going there for a number of years), Saint Bridget's always has a special place in my heart. In a way, it's where some of the mustard seeds of my vocation to the priesthood were planted.

What I remember most about my time at Saint Bridget's were the Benedictine Nuns. There was Sister Bernadete, the librarian. Sister Mary Henry was my first grade teacher, one of the warmest people I've ever met. But who stood out the most to me was Sister Charlene, my second grade teacher.

On the one hand, Sister Charlene was "old school." You didn't mess with Sister Charlene. You knew who ran that classroom. But deep down, she was someone who loved the students. And in second grade, she'd share so much about the faith that would inspire me in a lot of ways.

For one, there was how she lived it. She really cared about teaching and the kids. She went out of her way to crochet necklaces for each of us, in the colors of red, green and blue. These held medals she gave to us; blue for Mary; green for Benedict; red for the Sacred Heart. I thought they were so amazing and treasured them. She also gave us holy cards, and taught us how to prepare for our first confession and first Holy Communion. I'm a better person for having had her as a teacher. I remember when she asked what we wanted to be when we grew up, I and another boy both said a priest. I'm not sure what path Rob chose in life, but needless to say I ended up doing what I wanted to do in the second grade.

I also have very fond memories of the priests of Saint Bridget's.

Fr. Anthony was on his first tour there in the early to mid 80s, and there was Fr. Arthur and Fr. Terry - all giving very beautiful liturgies.

And of course there was the sanctuary itself. I always loved going into Saint Bridget's; the wood, the stained glass, the lighting all made for a very beautiful place to worship.

In the years that followed, I continued on my vocation path though it wasn't straight in the sense I wasn't a "lifer" as we call them in the priesthood - where you go high school to seminary to priesthood. Once I hit the age of 15 or so, I began to notice these people called "girls" - and thought for a time there's no way I couldn't not be married. But, when I learned that priesthood allowed me time to watch football on Sunday afternoons rather than going to my mother-in-laws or shopping, I had a change of heart. Actually in all seriousness, I discerned gradually in college at the U of M that God was calling me to the priesthood. I started serving Mass as a 6th grader at Our Lady of Victory, but in college when I was volunteering at a parish near our home in Champlin and started getting spiritual direction from the priest there, I began to discern that God may be calling me to serve him as a priest. And so in my last year at the U, I took my political science degree to the Saint Paul Seminary to start a 6 year journey that led me to ordination in 2007.

Looking back, I have nothing but memories of a great childhood growing up on the North Side. I miss the days spent at Folwell Park, walking up there to go sledding in the winter on that hill or to play in the park in the summer or shoot baskets at the community center. I miss riding my bike over the Victory Memorial Drive with my mom and dad. And walking up to Frank's Bakery with my mom or the Baskin and Robins that used to be right near the start of the "Drive." Or walking up to the Weber Park library with mom. At heart I'll always be a "North Sider." How my vocation formed was a process of the Holy Spirit, but I know for a fact the faith for me came so alive for me in part as a child thanks to what happened during my time at Saint Bridget's. If you had the joy of going to that school, you probably remember those wonderful teachers and nuns too, and for sure you've experienced it at the parish over the years.

Saint Bridget's will always be close to my heart - and I know that great stories continue to develop there, because it's a place where the Holy Spirit is present. Thank you for your commitment to your parish, and for inviting me to share my story. May God bless you and all the people of Saint Bridget's. God bless.

*~Fr. Paul Kammen, Pastor St. Joseph (Rosemount)*

**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.

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*

**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.

**DAILY MASS READINGS** Start your day off right! Many of us would love the opportunity to attend daily Mass but are unable to due to our work schedules. An easy way to stay up-to-date with the daily lectionary is to sign up and have the readings delivered right to your inbox. Simply go to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and enter your email address (at the bottom of the page)! <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/>

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Are you between the ages 5-17 and love to sing? Come join in this year's Christmas Eve Children's Choir! There will be two rehearsals, immediately following the 9:30AM Mass, on Sunday, **December 4th** and Sunday, **December 11th**. We will gather to meet on Christmas Eve at 3:30PM at St. Austin's in the body of the church.

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