



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 Campus4:30 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 Friday7:15AM

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 12, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 8:00 AM Elizabeth and Courtney Tomford (Family)
 Tuesday, December 13, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Denny Ryan (Cece Ryan)
 Wednesday, December 14, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Sheldon Spack (Laura Spack)
 Thursday, December 15, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Jack Bradford (Pat Bradford)
 Friday, December 16, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Mary Schaitberger (Family)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, December 17, St. Bridget
 + 4:30 PM Theresa Ross (Family)
 Sunday, December 18, St. Austin
 + 9:30 AM Bob Roos (Joan Roos)

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy, Mary Ann Carter, Carl & Sandra Terwey, and Ralph Dedrick.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Locations for the weekend Liturgies switch on December 24th and 25th. The Saturday vigil Mass on December 24th will be at the St. Austin Campus and Sunday morning Mass on December 25th will be at the St. Bridget Campus.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY! On Sunday November 27, 2016, we welcomed **Isla Heineman**, granddaughter of Deacon Rich and Jill Heineman, into the Church through the waters of Baptism. Isla, may you be strengthened to live fully the life in Christ! Congratulations!!

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE We continue to hear about the preparatory nature of the Advent season. A great way to prepare our hearts is by coming to the Advent Reconciliation Service. It will be held on December 14th at 7:00 PM at the St. Bridget Campus.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING will take place on Monday, December 12th at 11:00AM at the St. Bridget Campus and December 14th at 9:00AM at the St. Austin Campus.
 ~Steve & Mike, Maintenance

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK On December 12th following the St. Bridget Church cleaning there will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to attend.

SENIOR LUNCH will be held in Brennan Hall at the St. Austin Campus on Friday December 16th at 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to the parish office (612-529-7779) by Wednesday, December 14th. Lunch tickets are \$5.

THANK YOU to all who came to the Holiday Boutique and Christmas Luncheon this past weekend! Thanks, especially, to the Arts and Crafts group and the ladies of the CCW or all of their hard work to make another successful Boutique happen!

Collection for December 4 \$4,989.00

READINGS FOR December 18

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget
 Altar Servers: Mary Dass (with Alice Wortman)
 Lector: Diane Weber
 Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Mullery, Kathy Purdes, George Ross
 Usher/Greeter: Bob Holmes, Jacque Karas, Mike Johnson, Carol Wolney, Judy Neiss

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 AM, St. Austin
 Altar Servers: Terry Hale and Ellis Dossavi
 Lector: Ron Reimann
 Sacristan: Carol Wolney (with Sammy Robeck)
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Delzer, Barb Joyce, Diane Liemandt-Reimann, Lea Schuett, Barb West
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn Brogdon, Hannah Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Gerry Nyberg, Mary Ann Svobodny

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 12	Faithfully Fit	10:00 AM	St. B
	Church Cleaning & Potluck	11:00 AM	St. B
Tues. Dec. 13	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00 PM	St. A
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Wed. Dec. 14	Faith Formation	6:30 PM	OLV
	Penance Service	7:00 PM	St. B
Thur. Dec. 15	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Dec. 16	Senior Luncheon	12:00 PM	St. A

MINI-PRESENTATION SERIES: THE MASS

During Advent, Fr. Paul Jarvis will give mini-presentations on the Mass beginning 20 minutes before each weekend Mass (4:10pm before the Saturday evening Mass and at 9:10am before the Sunday morning Mass). Please make every effort to attend!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED: There are several upcoming holy days for which we are in need of liturgical ministers. Please take a moment to sign up in the sacristy or call Heather in the parish office.

JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS This past weekend we had a special visitor, Saint Nicholas, came to the Masses and handed out treats to the children. Here are some photos of this great Bishop and Saint with our Associate Pastor, Fr. Paul Jarvis.



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Dan, Hannah, and I took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to go pick out our Christmas tree in an effort to avoid the slushy mess that often accompanies snowy trees. Six years ago, we started the ridiculous tradition of fastening the holiday pine to the worst of our two vehicles (in case of damage), with Dan puttering along at 20 miles an hour and me watching the trunk from the windshield to make sure the tree didn't slide off. It is a comedic sight, to be sure, but one that we've donned since we were married and one that brings laughter as we kick off the season.

Despite our efforts at timeliness, the tree stood in our house, bare and ready to be decorated until a full week later. Last Sunday, we finally put on the lights and hung the ornaments. It's not that we didn't want to decorate – we simply had other obligations every night of the week. It's as if December hit, and our calendars exploded.

I suspect it is a similar time for many of you. Extra parties or social events occupy the evenings and weekends, and the weekdays are packed with work or household chores; baking, cleaning, or laundry. The spare minutes are consumed with sale shopping amidst the crowds. Either way, the days and hours fill up and the hustle and bustle takes over.

And yet, we are asked to slow down. To pause.

Advent is a season of penitence and preparation (marked by the purple and blue colors seen in the sanctuary). On the third weekend, we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday," marked by the rose-colored candle. Gaudete literally means "Rejoice," which is the first word declared in this weekend's Introit (entrance antiphon). Rejoice, because we have passed the halfway point in the season.

The antiphon is taken from Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

And the Lord IS near – and we should be preparing for His coming – not only at Christmas in commemorative celebration of His initial descent to earth, but in *anticipation* of His glorious return. We are reminded constantly throughout this season to not be caught unaware, but to rejoice for the Lord is near!

However, I won't pretend that it is always that easy. In addition to the busyness, for many, the upcoming holidays mark a time of sorrow: the first year without a loved one; uncomfortable family dynamics; the uncertainty of the upcoming year. As we all know, the only constant in life is change. Therefore, it is good to hear -- punctuated this weekend -- the urgent plea to rejoice, for the Lord is truly near. He is near to us in our busy times and in the quiet times, in the certain and the uncertain, in the joy-filled and the sorrowful. It is up to us to open our hearts and let Him in.

We can prepare for the coming of Christ by reading Scripture, attending Mass and receiving Jesus in the form of the Eucharist, and by examining our hearts, our intentions, and our behavior. We have the opportunity each week to wipe our slates clean by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. In fact, on Wednesday of this week at St. Bridget's we are hosting our Advent Reconciliation service, an excellent way to give pause to the season and to seek the Lord on a deeper level.

In this culture of immediate gratification, the notion to wait is not only viewed as archaic, but quite literally a waste of time. I invite you to give some of your time in quiet prayer in order to draw closer to the One who gave *everything* for us.

~Heather Johnson, Director of Worship

COME TOGETHER on Sunday December 11 (this Sunday), from 4 to 5:30 pm, at Luther Seminary. The seminary is located at 2481 Como Ave, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108. [651-641-3521](tel:651-641-3521).

These gatherings in Minneapolis's Northside have sought to assure those broken from violence at any number of levels -- personally, in one's family, in one's home, in one's neighborhood, in one's community -- that they are not alone. And with their success, other parts of the Metro would like to join in this peace movement. And so Northsiders gift this movement to others, entrusting it to the Holy Spirit.

Usually the second Sunday of each month, a COME TOGETHER is a time to pray, worship, sing, reflect and talk with others. It also provides an opportunity to adopt, for personal prayer, a street in North Minneapolis and now in the Rondo Neighborhood.

The Sunday following a COME TOGETHER -- this month, Sunday Dec. 18 -- is a time to walk a neighborhood, praying and blessing and receiving blessings. All for peace.

The Peace Walk will start at JJ Hill Elementary School -- 998 Selby Avenue, St. Paul -- and prayerfully walk around the neighborhood. Peace Walkers should meet at Chatsworth and Hague where we will begin our peace-caroling and walk.

More information on these COME TOGETHERS and the Peace Walks with Peace Caroling can be found on Facebook. Come, and invite your friends and neighbors to join.

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/>

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE Because of the upcoming holidays, bulletin submission deadlines are a bit earlier. They are as follows:

- Dec. 17-18 bulletin: entries due December 12 by 10:00AM
- Dec. 24-25 bulletin: entries due December 14th by 12:00PM
- Dec. 31st-Jan 1st bulletin: entries due Dec. 21st by 12:00PM

Please send all bulletin submissions, as well as any month calendar items, to info@stbridgetnorthside.com. Thanks!