



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 19, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Tuesday, December 20, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Emmett & Dianne Mulcare
 (Collette Palmquist)
 Wednesday, December 21, St. Bridget (*St. Peter Canisius*)
 + 8:00 AM Tom Lawson (Rose Lawson)
 Thursday, December 22, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Sylvester Richter (Family)
 Friday, December 23, St. Bridget (*St. John of Kanty*)
 + 8:00 AM Maynard King (Family)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, December 24, St. Austin
Vigil of The Nativity of Our Lord
 4:30 PM Franciscan Friars
 Sunday, December 25, St. Bridget
The Nativity of Our Lord
 9:30 AM People of the Parish

Collection for December 11 \$4,059.00

READINGS FOR December 24

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5; 13
 Second Reading: Acts 13:16-17; 22-25
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:1-25

READINGS FOR December 25

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12;15
 Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7
 Gospel Reading: Luke 2:15-20

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman (**NEED 1**)
 Lector: Bob Holmes
 Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Moen, Dc. Rich Heineman, Cece Ryan, Kathy Purdes, Linda Lohman
 Usher/Greeter: Dorothy Vnuck, Kris Vnuck, Mike Johnson, Gerry Nyberg (**NEED 1-2 GREETERS**)

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

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman (**NEED 1**)
 Lector: Tim Peiffer
 Sacristan: (**NEED 1**)
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gerri Hare, Carol Delzer (**NEED 2**)
 Ushers & Greeters: Patti Shand (**NEED 4 USHERS**)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 19	Faithfully Fit	10:00 AM	St. B
Tues. Dec. 20	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00 PM	St. A
Wed. Dec. 21	Faith Formation	6:30 PM	OLV
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Dec. 23	Church Decorating	9:00 AM	St. B
	(Environment Crew)		

SB-SACCW: THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2016 Christmas luncheon, bake sale, homemade rolls & money tree so successful! What a great parish we have! **Janet Richter**, a parishioner, won the \$50 money tree raffle and the SB-SACCW made \$1,784 for the parish (47% was from the bake sale)!

A reminder that we will have baskets out at both campuses during the month of January for baby item donations which will benefit the North Side Life Center.

Our **next meeting will be February 7**; we will box up all baby item donations after playing some 'shower' games.

~Diane Weber, President

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

Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy and Mary Ann Carter.

Please remember **Ralph Dedrick**. May his soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT To those of you who are part of the environment ministry, we will be transforming the St. Bridget campus on Friday, December 23rd at 9:00am.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR As we've done for a number of years, there will be a children's choir at the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. Austin's. Parents, please have your children present at the church at 3:30PM, with their blue binders in hand. Please let Heather know if you have any questions, as we do not have rehearsal until then. Thank you!

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.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS UPDATE Due to the facility holiday schedule breakfast and lunch have been canceled on December 31st and thus **we will not be volunteering** on the 5th Saturday in December. Thanks!

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE Thanks to the many people that shopped at our boutique. We were happy to see so many of you there and for your encouraging and supportive remarks. We always welcome new members so if you have a craft talent please come and join us on Tuesdays for Arts and Crafts at the St. Austin Campus, either at 9:00AM or 6:00PM. Through the continued work of our crafter's we are able to present \$4,500.00 to our church.

The raffle winners are:

- Baby Quilt—**Bill Moore**
- Afgan—**Ursula Armstrong**
- Christmas Stocking—**Jackie Karas**
- Christmas Stocking—**Ruth Kroening**
- Pillow Shams—**Debbie Gillis**
- Table Runner—**April Kovacovich**
- Village—**Tom Greve**

~Arts & Crafts Group

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Steubenville North St. Paul Conference will be July 28-30th 2017 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Email Alex at alexs@stbridgetnorthside.com to register by **January 11th** to be guaranteed a spot, after this date there may still be spots available but cannot guaranteed. \$100 Deposit.

Pancake Breakfast will be held on **January 15th 2017** following the 9:30am Mass. Please let Alex know if you are able to help set-up and/or serve as soon as possible. Thanks!

Please note: Alex will be out of the office Dec. 21st-27th.

~Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

For many of us, last week's news from the Archbishop regarding the withdrawal of the TORs from St. Bridget's came as a shock. As word about the decision has spread, in addition to the shedding of many tears, many questions have arisen.

One of the questions I've heard is regarding how long we (the staff, the TORs, the Archdiocese) have known about the impending decision. Please be assured by the date of the letter from the Archbishop. Aside from those responsible for making the decision, the earliest knowledge was from December 5. In an effort to be as transparent as possible, the news was broadcast to the congregation for the first time at the 4:30PM Mass on December 10th. The intention is to always relay information to the largest audience as soon as is plausible to avoid rumors and to promote clarity and unification.

A large portion of this community has dealt with sudden change in pastoral care in the recent years. While some will feel this loss more than others, all of us in this parish community owe a debt of gratitude to Fr. Anthony and the Franciscan community. Fr. Anthony is hugely responsible for the success of the merger five years ago. The bonding and genuine care that we have for one another is largely due to the warm, good-natured, and conscientious mentality that is embraced and encouraged by the Franciscans. We've seen it among Fr. Anthony and his confreres who have visited or been in residence here, the Franciscan Sisters who are a presence in our neighborhoods, as well as the Secular Franciscans who have vowed to take on the spirit of Francis in their daily lives.

We have been fortunate to have been in the care of the TORs for the past 42+ years and to have had Fr. Anthony with us for the past 14 years. In addition to his years here in the '80s and the time spent at St. Gerard's, Fr. Anthony has been a resident in Minnesota longer than New York, DC, or anywhere else – all the more reason this transition will be a very difficult one. However, with the number of men entering the priesthood, it is only logical that the TORs would focus their ministerial efforts in a more consolidated way.

In the coming weeks as we enter into our new reality and prepare for a new pastor, I'd invite you to remember that despite what happens, God is still in charge – just as he was when St. Philips closed its doors, when St. Austin's and St. Bridget's merged, and now, as the tenure of the Franciscan community in residence comes to an end. His plan encompasses our fears and trepidation about the future – and His plan is always, always better. His plan for us, for Fr. Anthony, and for the Franciscans. He has started a good work here and will bring it to fruition – always in His perfect timing.

With great love and concern,
Parish Staff and Trustees

ARCHDIOCESE SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICIES In an effort to ensure the safest environment for all parishioners and those that come in contact with volunteers of the parishes, the Archdiocese, and the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, requires that all volunteers that work with youth and/or vulnerable adults are in compliance with safe environment standards set forth. These include attending a VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children training session, signing a volunteer Code of Conduct and having a background check on file with the parish.

If you have any questions in regards to these policies please contact Alex Schindler, our parish safe environment coordinator, at alexs@stbridgetnorthside.com and she is happy to answer them!

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://uscgb.org/bible/readings/>

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT All parishioners are welcome to attend the Northside Faith Formation Family Faith Night on **January 18th** at the St. Austin Campus. There will be a potluck dinner beginning at **6:00PM**, followed by a brief talk and activity, concluding with a time of Eucharistic Adoration with worship music.

~Mary Majkozak, Director of Faith Formation
Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry
and Heather Johnson, Director of Worship

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.

VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION On Thursday, **January 12th 2017**, we will be hosting a VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Training Session. This training will take place in the **Saint Francis Room at 6PM** and will last approximately 3 hours. This is a mandatory training for any volunteers that work with youth/minors and/or vulnerable adults. There can be a maximum of 35 participants. In order to register to attend visit www.virtus.org and follow the directions for first time registrants. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or need assistance with registration. Thanks!

COME TOGETHER AND PEACE CAROLING This past Sunday was the most recent 'Come Together' which was held at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. These peace gathering have now expanded to include congregations from across the Twin Cities spanning a variety of denominations.

The next peace walk & caroling will take place on Sunday, December 18th at 1:30PM. Meeting at JJ Hill Montessori School (998 Selby Ave., Saint Paul, MN). Remember, we live in Minnesota, so bring warm clothing and wear boots.

~Fr. Paul Jarvis, Associate Pastor



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

Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st: entries due Dec 21st by 12:00pm.

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