



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 26, St. Bridget (*St. Stephen*)

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, December 27, St. Austin (*St. John*)

8:00 AM Rose Chyrklund (Collette Palmquist)

Wednesday, December 28, St. Bridget (*The Holy Innocents*)

+ 8:00 AM Doris Marohnic (Collette Palmquist)

Thursday, December 29, St. Austin (*St. Thomas Becket*)

8:00 AM Agnes Russell (Collette Palmquist)

Friday, December 30, St. Bridget (*The Holy Family*)

8:00 AM Carmen Pennaz (Collette Palmquist)

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, December 31, St. Austin (*St. Sylvester*)

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM Shurrell & Bernadette Olmstead (Family)

Sunday, January 1, St. Bridget

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

+ 9:30 AM Ron Ferris (Mary Ann Svobodny)

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED There are several liturgical ministry roles that are in need of being filled for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God on December 31st at the 4:30PM Mass and January 1st at the 9:30AM Mass. 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!

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!

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. To register 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!

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/>

Collection for December 18..... TBA

READINGS FOR January 1

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27; 18

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman (**NEED 1**)

Lector: Bob Holmes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Brisk, Patti Shand (**NEED 1**)

Usher/Greeter: (**NEED 1 GREETERS and 4 USHERS**)

Sunday, January 1, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman (**NEED 1**)

Lector: Cece Ryan

Sacristan: (**NEED 1**)

Eucharistic Ministers: Gerri Hare, Patti Shand (**NEED 2**)

Ushers & Greeters: (**NEED 1 GREETER and 4 USHERS**)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 26 OFFICE CLOSED

Tues. Dec. 27 Arts & Crafts 9:00AM & 6:00 PM St. A

Wed. Dec. 28 NO Faith Formation

CELEBRATING SPRING IN IRELAND TEA Once again we will host a Tea on **Sunday, January 29, 2017** in honor of St. Bridget of Ireland – whose feast is February 1st. The Tea will take place **after the 9:30am Mass** in the Sojourner Truth Academy Gymnasium and all parishioners and their guests are welcome. The cost will be \$5.00 per person or \$45.00 for a table of nine, please note there is limited seating. Individuals may sponsor a table – or you may simply choose to attend the Tea as a guest. In addition to the wonderful food and drink and opportunity for fellowship, enjoy Celtic harp music. Ladies are encouraged to wear hats and all guests are invited to bring a teacup and its story. Save the date on your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, January 29th.

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

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

I AM REAL

Last year during the season of Christmas concerts, cookie baking, and the rest of the holiday traditions I was introduced to a song that really made me stop and think. One of my roommates was asked to play for a concert with Nichole Nordeman, a very popular Christian recording artist, that was being held in the Twin Cities, when she got home from the concert she immediately



(and anyone else in the house) left me speechless and astounded at its beauty and truth.

'Real' is about the Nativity scene, yep the one that you see in the front yard of various churches and houses all over town. It starts out painting the picture of someone walking past a Nativity Scene at night in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, as they pass by this scene they begin wondering what stories the characters they are looking at would have to say if they could talk. In response to these ponderings the refrain comes in:

*And as I turn to walk away
I hear you say
I am real
Don't turn me into memory or myth
Let me be real
And I'll show you what it means to love like this
To be real*

"I am real" these are the words I hear almost being screamed from every Nativity scene I see these days. I can't help but think of how many times those scenes get passed by without a second thought or glance. One of the most important and life changing events in my life and lives of every other Christian is just walked right past and often times ignored all together. I find myself constantly coming to a renewed sense of how forgotten the truth of God's message to his people is and have to ask myself am I doing a good job at remembering his message myself or have I fallen into complacency and coasting by in life.



This advent as I have been pondering and praying with the stories of the Annunciation—the angel Gabriel's message being relayed to Mary—the Visitation—Mary's going in haste to her cousin Elizabeth's house in her great time of need—and the Nativity of Jesus Christ, I have found myself totally blown away by the simplicity and humility of the members of the Holy Family.

Mary, a young girl, is told by an angel that she will bear the Son of God and what is her response? She is "greatly troubled" and asks "How can this be...?", but in conclusion to the angel's explanation she states "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your word." (*Luke 1:26-38*) Without much hesitation Mary consents to the unknown and shows great trust in the words that have been spoken to her and the truth that they hold. Joseph, Mary's betrothed, finds out of



Mary's pregnancy and comes to the conclusion that he would "divorce her quietly" but is stopped by another of God's angelic messengers through a dream (*Matthew 1:18-25*). He shows great trust and faith in God's plans as well and takes Mary into

his home and cares for the child, Jesus, even though he is not his own son. And then there is Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who chooses the humblest of ways to reveal himself to the world. He comes not as a glorious king, but as a tiny, helpless babe, he comes in a manner that requires that he must rely upon others to care for him, he has to look to Mary and Joseph for everything. The King of the Universe comes as a servant, goes through all of the trials, sufferings, struggles and joys of this human life that each and every one of us experiences, all so that we might have the knowledge that God is not outside of us but is one of us!

As we celebrate the beginning of the Church's Christmas season with the Octave of Christmas—liturgically Christmas day doesn't end until the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st—I find myself returning to this song and really spending some time refocusing where my thoughts are in this joyful season. It is so easy to get wrapped up in all the presents and traveling to see family that we forget that the Holy Family was indeed a 'real' family and what that means for us as Catholic Christians.



*In Christ,
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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES Upcoming bulletin submission deadlines are as follows:

Jan. 7/8th: entries due Jan. 2nd by 12:00pm.

Jan. 14/15th: entries due Jan. 9th by 12:00pm.

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