



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, January 2, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Brenna McShane (Jill Rice)
 Tuesday, January 3, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Tom Gosche (Marilyn Gosche)
 Wednesday, January 4, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Albert & Veronica Backmann (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, January 5, St. Austin
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Friday, January 6, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Rosalie Vomacka (Collette Palmquist)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, January 7 St. Austin
 + 4:30 PM Delores Skorpak (Collette Palmquist)
 Sunday, January 8, St. Bridget
 + 9:30 AM Olimpia Criscitelli (Family)

Collection for December 18..... \$8,693.00
 Collection for December 24/25TBA
 Retirement Funds Collection\$ 995.00
 Immaculate Conception\$69.00

READINGS FOR January 8, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 20
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7, 2017 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Bob Holmes
 Lector: Jacob Sirek
 Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Weber, Dc. Rich Heineman, Carol Wolney
 Usher/Greeter: Ken Klonecz, Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Betty Mysliwicz, Betty Anderson

Sunday, January 8, 2017, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Aislyn & Quinlan Brogdon
 Lector: Richard Ashfeld
 Sacristan: Kim Moore (with Alice Wortman)
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Louise Bauer, Dc. Rich Heineman, Jill Heineman, Denise Hochstedler, Cece Ryan
 Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Rick Mysliwicz, Sam Pender, Ron Willis, Mary Jaeb, Carla Thiewes

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy, Mary Ann Carter, Phyllis Skavnak.

Please remember **Pat Schlee** and **Julie Kelvie**. May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, ushers, and greeters for offering your liturgical ministries for the Holy days. Thanks to the choir and musicians for sharing your talent and enhancing our worship. And finally, thank you to our environment crew for transforming both campuses for Advent. Our parish relies on your volunteerism. We are very grateful for your faithfulness!

THANK YOU for help cleaning St. Austin church December 14, 2016, we are blessed to have so many helping hands. Gerry Nyberg, Gerri Hare, Alice Wortman, Fred Pulling, Laura Spack, Dan Jacobwith, Dave Fridgen, and Maxine Zappa, God bless you all. ~ *Mike McDonough*

SCHOOL TOUR For those interested, there will be a tour of the new addition at Sojourners Truth Academy, donut Sunday on January 8th, following Mass for those interested.

THANK YOU to those who came to clean St. Bridget church December 12 and who stayed for the pot luck. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated helpers: Diane Weber, Emmett Mulcare, Fred & Pat Pulling, Dan Jacobwith, Ralph Wolf, Marlene Longpre, Rosemary Bloomberg, Alice Wortman, Maxine Zappa, Marie Lorbiecki, Cece Ryan, Carol Delzer, Mary Rice, Julie Peterson, Mary Jaeb, Mary & Frank Plant, Bill Moore, Dick and Bernice Ashfeld, Gerri Hare, Mary Tilbury. ~ *Lea and Steve*

THANK YOU to all who helped bake breads and those who helped deliver them to the home-bound of our parish - thanks. Folks loved the breads and so much appreciated the visit. ~ *Sister Gert*

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP Will begin again Tuesday, January 17, 2017. We are always happy to have new people join us whatever your talents may be. All of the supplies are furnished. We meet every Tuesday, St. Austin Campus, (please use the office door on Upton Ave.) at 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 2	Office Closed New Years Observed	10:00 AM	St. B
Thur. Jan. 5	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Jan. 6	Adoration	8:30 AM 3:00 PM	St. B
Sat. Jan. 7	Reconciliation Prep Brennan Hall	10:00AM-12:00PM	St. A
Sat. Jan. 7	Mass	4:30PM	St. A

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 be 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!

~*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.

Happy New Year!

I can't believe that 2017 is already upon us. Perhaps it was the extended autumn we had, or the busyness of the past many months, but it seems like 2016 flew by so quickly.

And then, some days it seemed to have dragged on, and time couldn't pass quickly enough.

With the spark of the New Year comes the time-honored tradition to make a resolution – to lose weight, to travel, to read more books, to somehow recommit oneself to being better, in whatever capacity that means.

I haven't given a whole lot of thought to what my resolution will be. To be very honest, the recent news about the withdrawal of the Franciscans from our community has hit me like a ton of bricks; many of my days have been a struggle as we wait for the dust to settle and as we ponder what the next year will bring. I feel guilty for being in this place of uncertainty, of anxiety, of impatience. I feel like, especially because I am on staff, I should somehow be able to pull myself up by my bootstraps and move on. However, I find myself in the all-too-familiar stages of grief.

While we should not fixate on our current circumstances or dig our heels in in a bout of stubbornness, it is healthy to go through these various stages. I realize this may not impact everyone in the same way, so, at this time, I am primarily speaking to those who are also struggling or who find themselves overcome with sadness.

Knowing that January 1st brought a new meaning this year, I found this column a bit daunting to write. This is Day One of something new – accompanied by a bag of mixed emotions. Grasping for how to start this year and this column out from under Fr. Anthony's wing, I went to Scripture. I found these very comforting words in the first reading, when the Lord is speaking to Moses:

“The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

We've heard these words many times, offered by Fr. Anthony as the final blessing at the end of Mass. Upon reading them, tears instantly filled my eyes.

I quickly realized that this year cannot be one simply of grieving Fr. Anthony or of residing in the unknown. We have a mission – given by Jesus himself – to share the Good News with all who stumble in the darkness. We should all be open to what God has in store for us. Let me be clear, however: it is healthy to go through any grieving stages needed and it is important to reach out, ask questions, and get help if needed; but we cannot become complacent or stagnant. We must cast our anxiety, our fears, our grief on the Lord, for he will sustain us in times of greatest difficulty. Likewise, if you are one who is not nearly as impacted or find yourself eager to have people “move on,” please be patient and compassionate. This is a big transition. However, it does not mean that we as a people, as a community of faith, are changing. We will continue to be the bright light on the north side – sharing the Gospel with those who still need to hear it.

Father Anthony and the Franciscans have shared much of their knowledge and care and Franciscan nature with all of us. As he lay dying, St. Francis is known to have said, “I have done what was mine to do; may Christ teach you what you are to do.” Let that be a resolution all of us can strive to maintain.

Heather Johnson, Director of Worship

ST. BRIDGET'S TEA: CELEBRATING SPRING IN IRELAND

JANUARY 29, 2017 If you would like to sponsor a table at the tea or make a personal reservation, please use the appropriate coupon below. Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$45.00 for a sponsored table. You may return your coupon with reservation monies in the collection baskets in an **envelope** clearly **marked TEA!** Thank you.

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*

Celebrating Spring in Ireland Tea

I would like to attend the Tea!
Enclosed is \$5.00

Your Name _____

Phone _____

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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 and employees that work with youth/minors and/or vulnerable adults. To register visit <http://virtusonline.org>, click on the “First Time Registrants” located on the left side of the screen and follow the directions. Please also contact the parish office and let us know that you have registered. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, or if you don't have a computer, please call the office I am happy to register you. Many thanks to you all! ~ *Ela Georg, Office Manager*

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year, regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3. The office will also be closed on January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day, regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17. **Please note: Faithfully Fit will not meet on those two Monday's.** Thank you for your help and patience. ~ *Ela Georg Office Manager*