



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. Austin 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 16, Word-Communion Service
 Tuesday, January 17, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Yvonne Lindquist (Marilyn Gosche)
 Wednesday, January 18, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Clarence & Viola Wortman (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, January 19, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Devin Rice (Jill Rice)
 Friday, January 20, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Emmett & Dianne Mulcare (Collette Palmquist)

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, January 21, St. Austin
 + 4:30 PM Theresa Ross (Collette Palmquist)
 Sunday, January 22, St. Bridget
 9:30 AM Shurrell & Bernadette Olmstead (Family)
 Mass of Enrollment

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Kay Larson, Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Pam Murphy, Mary Ann Carter, Phyllis Skavnak, Joan Kastner, Dorothy Kroll, Linda Johnson, and Carl Terwey. Please remember **Charles Hall**, brother of Mary Jaeb. May his soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

PLAN TO JOIN US for a pancake breakfast, immediately following the 9:30am Mass **TODAY Sunday, January 15th 2017.** **Breakfast includes: Pancakes, sausage, muffins, eggs, coffee & orange juice** **Tickets: Adults \$8.00; Children (6-12) \$5.00 Children 5 and under are free! Family of Five: \$25.00 (includes two adults and up to 5 minor children) . Tickets can be purchased at the door.**

SENIOR LUNCH will be held in Brennan Hall at the St. Austin Campus on Friday, January 20th at 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to the parish office (612-529-7779) by Wednesday, January 18th to secure your spot. Lunch tickets are \$5. Thank you.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION Our first session of the season will be on Wednesday, January 25th, after the 8:00 AM Mass at St Bridget's. Fr. Paul will discuss the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle. All are invited to participate in this adult faith enrichment opportunity. If you can help with refreshments, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17. Please note: there will be no Faithfully Fit on Monday. Thank you for your help and patience.
 ~ Ela Georg, Office Manager

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.*

Collection for January 8..... \$6,241.00

READINGS FOR January 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 21, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Joe Mullery
 Lector: Mary Dass
 Sacristan: Mary Ann Carter
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Carter, Dc. Rich Heineman, Bob Holmes
 Usher/Greeter: Jacque Karas, Ken Klonecz, Mike Johnson, Carol Wolney

Sunday, January 22, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Ethan & Madison Nevalainen
 Lector: Kathy Kubow
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Diane Liemandt-Reimann, Dan Lindquist, Tim Peiffer, Alice Wortman
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn Brogdon, Hannah Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Gerry Nyberg, Herman Kubow

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Office Closed		
	NOTE: No Faithfully Fit		
Tues. Jan. 17	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00 PM	St. A
	Praise Ensemble	6:30PM	
Wed. Jan. 18	Knights of Columbus Meeting SFR	6:00 PM	St. B
	Family Faith Night Pot Luck	6:00PM	St. A
Thur. Jan. 19	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Jan. 20	Adoration	8:30AM-3:00PM	St. B
	Senior Luncheon	12:00 PM	St. A
Sat. Jan. 21	Reconciliation Prep	10:00AM-12:00	St. A
	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. A
	Mass	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. Jan. 22	Mass of Enrollment	9:30 AM	St. B

IT'S TIME FOR PEACE WALKING & CAROLING AGAIN...

THIS SUNDAY Our next monthly peace walk with peace caroling is this weekend, Jan. 15, 1:30 pm, New Creation Church, 1922 25th Ave N., Mpls; (612) 200-8474
www.newcreationchurchmn.org. Meet in the New Creation Church parking lot, and we'll set off with blessings and prayers from there.

SB-SACCW NEWS: Baskets will be set out at each campus to gather donations of baby items to be given to the North Side Life Care Center. Baskets will be out throughout the month of January and will be boxed up at the February 6, SB-SACCW meeting. All women are encouraged to attend the meeting; fun 'shower' games will be played after the business meeting.

I MUST DECREASE

A few years ago, I started reading the daily Mass readings as part of my prayer time each day. I have found it to be a great daily practice myself and I find myself all the time hearing stories that I may have forgotten exist in the Bible because we don't hear them often, if ever, during a Sunday Liturgy. While there are many moments like this, today is not one of them. Today's readings are ones that always somehow end up staying fresh in my memory no matter how long it has been since my last encounter with them.

Several years ago when I was working as a summer staff member at a Catholic Youth Camp in Bowling Green, Kentucky, we were constantly reminded of our staff motto: "move forward in love and service". As I read today's Gospel, I am taken back to those words. We find John the Baptist speaking to a crowd of his own disciples as Jesus approaches, and he reminds them that he is but a simple servant of the one who sent him. John is perfectly content being in the shadows while Jesus takes the spotlight; he actually directs the gaze and attention of his own followers to Jesus. I don't know about you but it takes everything in my being to keep my pride in check through my daily activities. I can say with almost 100% certainty that it would be one of the most challenging things in the world to be in John the Baptist's shoes. Every time I read this particular encounter of John, his disciples, and Jesus, I have to gaze in the mirror, look at myself honestly, and ask myself if I am keeping the attention on myself or if I am following in John's saintly footsteps and directing the attention of others to Jesus Christ.

This idea is easier said than done, trust me. I know this fact all too well. We are all prideful human beings and struggle with the strong desires that we have to be the center of our world (and everyone else's at times), but if there is one thing that I have

learned it is that living in an 'Alex-centered' world has only led me to dissatisfaction. It is through following in John the Baptist's words of "I must decrease" (John 3:30) that I have been able to find the joy I am ultimately seeking when I try to keep myself at the center of the universe.

As Christians we are called to live a life of servanthood, to live a life of putting others first and ourselves second. We are to follow not only in John the Baptist's footsteps but those of Christ. I can think of no better image of what servanthood is than what John's Gospel gives us when Jesus lowers himself on the night before his passion and death and kneels at the feet of his disciples and washes their feet. During Jesus' life, this was a task given to those that were servants and slaves, which gives us a good window into why Peter had a slight freak out moment and argued with Jesus over this action.



As we enter into this new Church season of Ordinary Time, I want to grow in the virtue of humility so that I might be a better servant to those around me, and that I might not fall into trying to make everything about me in my life. When I was in college I was introduced to the Litany of Humility, a beautiful prayer asking God to deliver us from various forms of pride and to grant us the grace to desire being seen as the least and not the greatest. If you have never heard of or prayed this beautiful prayer I would encourage you to find it and test it out. I will warn you though that praying for humility can be 'dangerous' as it is one of those virtues that when you pray for it God will give you ample opportunities to practice it. May we become the greatest by becoming the least. God bless!

In Christ, *Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry*

THE FRANCISCAN SPIRIT The recent announcement about the Franciscan Friars leaving St. Bridget's still has some of us reeling and wondering what our future will be like. While there are several families in the parish who have been parishioners here for many generations, there are many or more who only know the parish in the hands of the friars and still others who only know Fr. Anthony's ministry here over the past 15 years. We all regret the circumstances that led to the Franciscans' decision to return the parish to the care of the Archdiocese. At the same time, we are grateful for the legacy that they leave us with in terms of the Franciscan spirit and charism. That we are such a welcoming and hospitable community is certainly something that the Franciscans taught and modeled for us in the course of their time here. The parish's concern for the poor and marginalized and dedication to the social justice ministry of the Church are also a part of the Franciscan legacy. Perhaps one of the most important lessons we learned from the friars is how to be community, people who care for one another and who take the risk of becoming invested in the lives of our brothers and sisters both within and outside of the parish. These gifts, deeply rooted in our community, are also made manifest in the witness of Sr. Gert OSF and the lives of the Secular Franciscans who have been part of the life of our parish community for over 30 years. They, along with all of us, will keep alive the vibrant spirit of St. Francis. As we make our way into a New Year and a new future, may we never forget the important lessons the friars taught us and look to people like Sr. Gert and our Secular sisters and brothers to continue to teach us to live simply, love generously, welcome openly, and strive to see the presence of God in one another and all creation. Thank you,

~ Gerri Hare, Parish Trustee

A NOTE FROM FR. ANTHONY TOR I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to all of you for your prayers, notes of support, and thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. It is difficult to communicate to you how much these expressions of your love mean to me and how they help me to journey through this difficult and uncertain time. Like you, I am hoping that the New Year will bring resolution to the legal matters that prevent me and my confreres from ministering as friars and priests and that, once resolved, we will be reinstated and receive new assignments. I know that the news of the friars' leaving fell hard on your ears and your hearts. Know that as you have prayed for me, I am doing the same for you. It is my hope that the seeds we planted and nurtured for over 40 years will continue to bear the fruit in the life of the parish and that you will be true to your reputation as the welcoming, hospitable, and compassionate presence of God on the north side. In closing, I offer you the familiar blessing that was a favorite of St. Francis: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

~ Fr. Anthony, TOR



ST. BRIDGET'S TEA: HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

JANUARY 29, 2017 If you haven't signed up for the tea yet, the cutoff for reserving a spot closes on Jan. 16, call the parish office to hold your place. Return your coupon with reservation monies in the collection baskets in an **envelope marked TEA!** Calling all men, we are in need of servers. If you are willing and available to help serve luncheon, please call the church office. Thank you.