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PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Our Parish Mission, May 13-18, is an opportunity to come together as a community to recommit ourselves to be Christ in our local community, to draw nearer to Jesus as people who may have been led away, and to take the opportunity to deepen and strengthen our faith. This mission is for everyone.

We invite you to take part of the preparation by offering, with some regularity, this prayer for the success of the mission, especially during this time of Lenten retreat. Cut out this section, hang it on your fridge or bathroom mirror, place it in your Bible – some place you will see it often and remember:

Lord Jesus, as we prepare for our parish's special time of mission, open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members cultivate an environment of welcome and hospitality, opening our doors to all who are in need of hearing the Word of God.

Bless the missionaries who will break open Your word for us with their preaching. May they be guided by the Spirit, and may their words penetrate the hardest of hearts.

Help us to welcome into our parish community all of those who feel distant from Your loving care. Show us how to be a reflection of Your love to all we meet and to offer support to those who are in despair. Remind each of us that we are CHOSEN for a specific purpose and that we each have gifts to offer to bring about Your glorious kingdom.

We ask this of You, confident that You are our Savior, and that You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

"THIRST"

It was the middle of the day on a warm, maybe hot, early summer day on the Camino de Santiago I don't remember the actual temperature, because I only had a wristwatch in terms of electronics and was in the land of Celsius. I had been walking for several hours by this time in the day and felt the blazing sun beating down on me, which (combined with the 15-pound backpack that was beginning to feel like a part of my body) left me parched. Up to this point in the day, I had been walking with a friend, who, due to some unfortunate circumstances, had had to leave her dud of a water reservoir behind on the second day of our journey, leaving the two of us to share three 1-liter water bottles. Shortly before I realized I felt like the desert in the middle of a drought, I had decided to slow my pace and 'enjoy' the scenery and soak in the peace and quiet of the stretch of road we were currently on. Upon my realization of thirst, it also hit me that the one water bottle I had in my backpack was completely empty and Sarah, who was out of my sight by now, had the other two bottles. I then proceeded to sprint, backpack and all, to the only water I knew I would be able to find for another few kilometers. To add to the drama of the situation, I was also at this time struggling with a mild injury to my knee, which made the whole sprinting bit slightly more challenging. As I approached Sarah, I decided since I was moving pretty well (and quickly) to keep running right on past her till I had to stop, I knew at the pace she was walking she would catch up to me in no time. When she finally did catch up to me, I pulled out a water bottle from the side pocket of her backpack and we had a good laugh about both of our surprise at my speeding past her moments before.

Today's readings, particularly the Gospel of the Samaritan woman at the well, brought this and other memories flooding back into the forefront of my brain. As I was recalling this particular memory, it hit me that we as humans will go to some extremes to satisfy our bodily thirst. In order to catch up to Sarah and the water that day, it took quite a bit of mental power to overcome the tiredness and discomfort I was feeling. I have talked with many people and heard a talk or two on the various thirsts we have in our lives, often times the word thirst is used in lieu of the word desire. We thirst for water, for friendship, for love, to belong, and a whole boatload of other things, but the one thing that I have come to realize over the last several years of wrestling with the question of "what do I thirst for?" I have

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, March 20, St. Bridget (*Mass by Redemptorist*)
 8:00 AM Harris Herman (Jill Rice)
 Tuesday, March 21, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Patty Witte (Rich & Pat Loehlein)
 Wednesday, March 22, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Fr. David Kaczmarek, TOR (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, March 23, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Douglas Eidem (Family)
 Friday, March 24, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Janice Olson (Friend)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, March 25, St. Austin
 4:30 PM Secular Franciscans
 Sunday, March 26, St. Bridget
 9:30 AM Shurrell & Bernadette Olmstead (Family)

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Austin Campus..... 4:30 PM
 Sunday—St. Bridget Campus9:30 AM
 Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
 St. Bridget Campus.....8:00 AM
 Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Austin Campus.....3:45-4:10 PM
 (Doors of the Church open at 3:45 PM)

Seasonal Communal ServicesAdvent and Lent

Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage and Sick

Please call the Parish Office.

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.

Collection for March 12.....4,422.25

READINGS FOR March 26, 2017

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Mary Ann Carter
 Lector: Mary Dass
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jana Hale, Dc. Rich Heineman, Anne Moen
 Usher/Greeter: Frank and Mary Plant, Dorothy Vnuck, Kristine Vnuck

Sunday, March 26, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Terry Hale
 Lector: Stephen Schmelz
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Ashfeld, Gerri Hare, Dc. Rich Heineman, Diane Liemandt-Reimann, Dan Lindquist
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn & Hannah Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Gerry Nyberg

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 20	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
	Lenten Book Study	6:30PM	St. B
Tues. Mar. 21	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00 PM	St. A
Wed. Mar. 22	Church Cleaning	9:00 - 11:00AM	St. A
	Penance Service	7:00PM	OLV
	Faith Formation & Confirmation Class	6:30 - 7:45PM	OLV
Thur. Mar. 23	Social Justice	6:30PM	St.
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Olaf
			St. A
Fri. Mar. 24	Soup Supper	5:30PM	St. A
	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM	St. A
Sat. Mar. 25	Mass	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. Mar. 26	Mass	9:30AM	St. B



IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Jean Eidem, Curt Johnson, Dianne Mulcare, Shirley Peterson, Rita Casserly, Jerry Gooley, Sam Aubart, Mark Johnson, Francis Japs, Sam Aubart, and Carl Terwey.** In your charity, remember the souls of **Catherine (Kay) Saliga and Dean Blixt, father of Karen Aubart,** who died last week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!



MINNESOTA MARCH FOOD SHARE: Collection will be the weekends of March 25/26 and April 1/2. This is an opportunity to contribute money and/or food to help restock food shelves throughout the city. This week, you will find an envelope marked for Food Share in the bulletin. Place cash or check (made out to St. Bridget with Food Share marked in memo) the envelopes can be put in with the regular collection basket.

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come to see that the true and deepest desire and thirst of my heart and soul is the desire for God, I have found that this desire is often masked by other things in my own life. God is the one thing in this life that can satisfy all the little desires I have, no matter what they may be.



As we continue in this Lenten season I pray that each of us might be able to have an encounter with Christ like the Samaritan woman at the well did. That we would be enlightened to our true thirst and see

the living water that we are constantly being offered by Christ and have the grace to ask as the woman did "give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water" (John 4:15).

~Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry

It's time to not just talk the talk.
It's time to walk the walk.
It's time to come together.

Four of our brothers were victims of violence last week.

The next **Peace Walk with Peace Caroling is this Sunday, March 19, 1:30 pm, at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.** This is a south Minneapolis congregation in solidarity with north Minneapolis residents.

Come if you can. If you can't, please try to find two or three people to walk-the-walk in your stead. Address: 5760 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis. Phone: (612) 866-2579.

Here's the Peace Prayer movement's website:
www.facebook.com/ComeTogetherTC



Faith Formation March 22nd the north side parishes will have a communal penance service at Our Lady of Victory at 7:00pm. Beginning at 6:30PM during Penance Service, we will be making Easter cards for our homebound parishioners, if you have recently received sacrament please join us. There will be no classes that evening.

March 31st at St. Bridget Parish, the students in Faith Formation students will host the soup supper at 5:30PM, followed by the Stations of the Cross. On **April 7th** the Faith Formation students will lead the Stations at the Church of the Ascension at 6:30PM, Children have been assigned a station, please encourage them to practice reading to you out loud. There will be only one practice for the two nights Thursday, March 30th at 6:30PM at St. Bridget.



Join St. Anthony of Padua Secular Franciscans on a Journey in Lent

How to Deepen Your Life in Christ after the Sacraments

What to Do When You Feel

- spiritually stuck, lost or alone
- emotionally overwhelmed, anxious or depressed

We will focus on Franciscan solutions

- how science affirms these ancient practices
- through personal and communal prayer

You are cordially invited to attend a free retreat at the Church of St. Austin (Brennan Hall) on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. This event is open to anyone wishing to attend (you need not be Franciscan).



SPRING DAY TRIP is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, to the Bloomington Art Center to see the musical theatrical performance "The Secret Garden." The bus will pick up at St. Austin Campus at 11:00AM, with lunch at Olive Garden at 11:30AM. The performance is at 2:00PM, and we'll return at 5:30PM. Total cost is \$70.00, which includes the bus, lunch, performance, and all gratuities. Reservation and payment are due no later than April 7.

~ Sister Gert.

THANK YOU to Rich and Betty Mysliwicz and family and friends who worked on the St. Patrick's celebration dinner. Also thank you to Mike and Mary Regan for serving and providing the beer and wine. A special thanks to Shannon Regan for putting on and donating the items for the raffle, the \$200.00 will go towards our youth groups. And for the donation of all the vegetables. Thank you to the Soda Bread Crew for once again making and baking the bread, to Alice Wortman for selling tickets after mass, thanks to the guys who bussed dishes after dinner. And to all who came to celebrate St. Patty's Day.

ON APRIL 1ST there will be a **Lifeline Mass and Program** on forming a Catholic conscience, featuring Bishop Andrew Cozzens. We'll be carpooling to the NET Center, leaving St. Bridget's at 5pm and returning at 10pm. *Dinner will be provided.* Contact Alex by March 30th to attend.



DO YOU HAVE EXTRA VASES AROUND THAT YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE?

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW), are in need of vases for the spring and Christmas luncheon. There are two CUB boxes at the entrance of both campuses. Vases that are not used will go to the rummage sale or the summer festival. Thank you.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN CHANGE DRIVE All parishioners are invited this Lent to participate in an opportunity of alms-giving through a change drive to collect funds for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). During the Easter season, the parish will be offering a service opportunity to volunteer with FMSC packing food for children and families who have limited or no access to adequate food resources. The funds raised during Lent will go toward covering the costs of the food packed. *Collection buckets are located in the back of either campus.*

