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Miracle

The story of the death of Lazarus is one of seven miracle stories that St John tells in his gospel writings. John does not refer to the stories as miracles; he merely calls them 'signs', and he is good at using metaphors to tell of the meaning of the story.

The miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, many say, is what causes the death of Jesus. Oddly enough, John is the only one of the four gospel writers to tell of this miracle.

At the time of this miracle Jesus had only recently left Jerusalem because people were threatening to kill him for claiming to be God. He left Jerusalem and was away when he received word from Mary and Martha that their brother was sick. Jesus waits for a few days before traveling to see Lazarus who was, according to his sisters, near death. Curious, don't you think? Was Jesus waiting to make sure that Lazarus was dead so that he could perform his greatest miracle? Why did he wait?

After two days Jesus told his disciples that it was time to go to Lazarus in Bethany. Since Bethany was only two miles from Jerusalem the disciples objected and told Jesus that he should not go since the people in Jerusalem were just threatening to kill him. When Jesus insisted, the disciple Thomas said that they might as well go as well and die with Jesus.

When Jesus arrived in Bethany he was greeted by the angry sisters. They were resentful that Jesus had not come sooner and their brother had died. We all know this feeling of resentment. We have all asked God to save the life of a loved one and that person has died anyway. It is natural to feel resentful in such a situation. Seeing the sisters' pain Jesus tries to reassure them that their brother will live again, and Martha answers by telling Jesus of her belief in the resurrection on the last day, not totally understanding his words.



Jesus Raising Lazarus

John 11-25

It is at this point that Jesus gives the words of hope to Mary and Martha and, through John, the entire world. He gives us the Good News: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". Jesus is not promising that believers will be brought back to earthly life if they die. He is saying that he is the source of everlasting life and that death is not a barrier to the life he offers. The sign given that day was that Jesus has power over death and the power to give new life.

You will note that the dialogue ends here. There is no great celebration, there is not any expression of gratitude from the sisters. What there was, was fear. The Jewish leaders became fearful that everyone would begin to believe that Jesus was 'The One' promised and that it would anger the Romans and the Roman army would then destroy the temple and the nation of Israel.

What can this story mean for us today? The obvious good news is that Jesus is the Lord over death and belief in him will lead to eternal life. But I think that it is also a reminder that Jesus is also the Lord of life, and he wants us to live an abundant life here on earth.

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Mass Intentions

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, April 3, St. Bridget
8:00 AM The Ferrian Family (Jill Rice)
Tuesday, April 4, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Fr. Ed Sabo TOR (Alice Wortman)
Wednesday, April 5, St. Bridget
8:00 AM Fr. John Brandes (Parish Staff)
Thursday, April 6, St. Austin
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Friday, April 7, St. Bridget
8:00 AM Mary Gaiellogs (Marlene Longpre)
Weekend Liturgies
Saturday, April 8, St. Austin
4:30 PM Timothy Fish (Connie Fish)
Sunday, April 9, St. Bridget
+ 9:30 AM Helen Biever (Linda Davison)

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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 26.....\$3,315.25
Food Shelf\$ 365.00

READINGS FOR April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Bob Holmes, Joe Mullery
Lector: Mary Ann Carter
Eucharistic Sharon Brisk, Dc. Rich Heineman, Emily Walsh
Usher/Greeter: Frank & Mary Plant, Dorothy & Kristine Vnuck

Sunday, April 9, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Chris and Rico Pender
Lector: Tom Greve
Sacristan: Diane Weber
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Delzer, Dc. Rich Heineman, Kay Larson, Lea Schuett, Barb West
Ushers & Greeters: Chuck Dellwo, John Joyce, Bernice King, Sam Pender

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 3	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
	Church Cleaning & Pot Luck	Following Faithfully	St. B
	Lenten Book Study	6:30PM	St. B
Tues. Apr. 4	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	St. A
Wed. Apr. 5	Faith Formation Class	6:30 - 7:45 PM	OLV
Thur. Apr. 6	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Apr. 7	Soup Supper Secular Franciscans Host Stations	5:30PM 7:00PM	St. A
Sat. Apr. 8	Mass Passion Weekend	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. Apr. 9	Mass Palm Sunday	9:30AM	St. B
	Pancake Breakfast	Following Mass	St. B
	Come Together	4:00 - 5:30PM	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, Dorothy Kroll, and Carl Terwey.**

In your charity, remember the soul of **Lavonne Hochstedler**, mother-in-law of **Denise Hochstedler**, who died last week. And please remember the soul of **Joan Hackner**, sister of **Joe Berghorr**, who died last week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

SB-SACCW: Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 10** at Brennan Hall. We will start with the Rosary at **6:45 pm**, have a meeting where we'll discuss Spring Luncheon plans, and then have some fellowship and treats! Don't forget to turn in your membership dues! You can bring them to a meeting or put them in an envelope, label it SB-SACCW, and drop it in the collection basket at a Mass.

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Is there something that has you bound and in the tomb? What is it that keeps you from being the person that God wants you to be? It takes a risk to answer the call of Jesus and to come out and away from whatever has you bound. On another day when another stone had been rolled away from another tomb, the disciples faced the same such questions. In these last days of lent, listen for the call of our Lord and take the risk, come away from anything that

is in your way of having the relationship with God that you want/ need and rise with Jesus on Easter morning to a new life in him.
~ Deacon Rich

THANK YOU. Please reserve the first pews on both the left and right side of the main aisle on both campuses for those people who are unable to walk up to receive communion. To those for whom it is difficult to walk up to receive communion, please use these reserved pews.

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM The schedule for Holy Week and Triduum



Masses and services will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - morning prayer and Mass will be celebrated as usual. On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of feet will be celebrated at St. Bridget's at 7:00PM. Following Mass, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00PM, when we will conclude with the celebration of Night Prayer. On Good Friday, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be at

7:00PM at St. Austin's. The Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 8:00PM at St. Bridget's. This is the Church's greatest and most important liturgy of the year and includes the blessing of the new fire, the lighting of the Easter Candle, the initiation of our Catechumens and Candidates, the blessing of new water, and the renewal of our baptismal promises. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:30AM at St. Austin's. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday at 3:30PM through Palm Sunday weekend. There will be no opportunity for reconciliation after that until the weekend after Easter. Please join us for all of these celebrations.



SPRING CHURCH CLEANING It's that time of the year again! On Monday, April 3, we will gather at St. Bridget immediately following Faithfully Fit. There will be a pot luck lunch in the St. Francis Room after. Please join us as we ready our worship space for Easter.

Thanks!

THANK YOU to those who helped with the cleaning of the St. Austin campus last week: Dorla and Dan Jacobwith, Gerry Nyberg, Laurie Spack, Gerri Hare, Steve Schuett, Pat Bradford, Alice Wortman and Marlene Longpre, your time and talents are greatly appreciated.



MINNESOTA MARCH FOOD SHARE: Collection will be the weekend of 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.



IF YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED A TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE...

... now is the time and the occasion. The Taizé ecumenical monastic community created meditative sung prayers that can be easily remembered and sung by

Christians of all traditions. This meditative music and prayer consist of melodically repeating one beautiful line, with a cellist guiding everyone in song.

There will be sung prayer ... reflections on violence and the peace that we all need ... silence ... remembering those affected by violence ... and conversation between participants.

April's COME TOGETHER -- with Taizé -- will be held at St. Bridget's Church, next Sunday, April 9, from 4 to 5:30 pm, at 3811 Emerson Avenue North, Minneapolis. Candles are important in the service.

GREETING CARD MINISTRY Our home bound folks love

getting the cards with notes from so many parishioners. Thank you for taking the time to sign the cards. The next opportunity to sign new cards, will be at the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, and the evening before at the 4:30PM Mass at St. Austin's. Please contact Sr. Gert with any questions. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO? Come enjoy a

day out to the theaters to catch the Wastebasket Revue at Park Center Senior High. Nearly 300 employees and community members --- including our very own **Tom Greve** - participate in this annual variety show. Shows are April 20-22 and April 27-29 at 7:30PM, as well as a 2:30PM matinee on April 23rd.

CALLING ALL PYXES: Our available supply of pyxes is currently running low. If you have borrowed a pyx from the church and are not currently using it, please return it to Sister Gert, the parish office, or either sacristy as soon as possible to make it available for others. Thank you, and thank you for your ministry!

USHERS NEEDED: Calling all ushers -- have you had the chance to commit to serving at one of the Triduum/Easter services? Please give Heather a call at the parish office to sign up.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN CHANGE DRIVE We have raised over \$70.00 thus far, and will be able to feed one child for a year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and please continue to bring in your change and look for the details of our service opportunity in the coming weeks!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS There will be a pancake Breakfast Following Mass, Palm Sunday, April 9 at St. Bridget Gym. Come for Mass, stay for breakfast.

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.

