



## THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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### A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

Each day in the week following Easter Sunday we hear accounts of the disciples' response to the Resurrection from each of the Evangelists. Like the narratives of Jesus' birth, the Easter story is too much to absorb in one day or in one particular Gospel. In fact, in the case of Easter, it takes the Great Fifty Days to comprehend and celebrate the wondrous fact of Jesus' rising from the dead.

On Wednesday of Easter Week, the Church gifted us with the beautiful and familiar passage from Luke's Gospel about the disciples who were making their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Having hoped that Jesus was the long-awaited



Messiah who would deliver God's people and restore them to a right relationship with God, and having witnessed his passion and horrific death on the cross, they are now disappointed and despairing. They believe their hopes were dashed on that cross and even the "rumors" of an empty tomb and sightings of their beloved Lord prove too much for them to put their hopes in. In Luke's Gospel we find them with their backs to Jerusalem, returning to the routine of their daily lives---lives of oppression, without hope, with no future.

In many ways, this is a story about perspective: are the disciples walking AWAY from Jerusalem or TOWARDS Emmaus? It's not simply a matter of semantics; it's a matter of faith! Walking away from Jerusalem means that they are without reason to hope. It means that they believe God has abandoned them and that they have no reason to move into the future with confidence. Walking towards Emmaus, on the other hand, could mean that, having seen God fulfill his

promise of redemption and filled with the joy of the Risen One, they are going back to their sisters and brothers to share with them the Good News....Good News that will give them the courage and confidence they need to continue the work for which Jesus prepared them. The "stranger" who walks along with them helps to open their minds and hearts to new possibilities by explaining the Scriptures and then, in the new sign of his presence among them, breaks the bread and assures them that he continues to be with them in ways that are new and mysterious, but very real. "...and their eyes are opened" as are their hearts and their spirits! They return to Jerusalem to witness to the still-frightened disciples locked behind closed doors, and then head towards Emmaus to live a new and full life, filled with hope. As I said at the beginning, this scripture is about perspective. And perspective is more than merely seeing what is in front of us, but knowing and understanding who and what it is. It is something far deeper than merely seeing with our eyes. And this is part of the gift of the risen Christ to us---not only the assurance that he is risen and with us, but also--- and more important---that we share in that risen life so that we can rise above whatever it is that saddens us....whatever it is that drags us down...whatever it is that prevents us from knowing the fullness of life God desires for us.

We see that so clearly and beautifully in the life of the disciples and the early Church. Having seen Jesus crucified and buried, they had been plunged into the depths of despair. They were a broken and frightened community; grieving people who felt that they lost everything meaningful for them, but each time the risen Lord appeared to them they grew confident in his presence among them and with them, they experienced a transformation that empowered them to unlock the doors and windows and go out into the world with confidence and joy to bring the Good News to any and all who would listen.



For the past year, our parish community has been walking away from Jerusalem. When circumstances removed Fr. Anthony away from us and the Franciscans announced their difficult decision to withdraw from their ministerial commitments in the Archdiocese, we---like the disciples on the road-- felt like our hopes were dashed.

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# Mass Intentions

*(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)*

Monday, May 1, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Rosemary Fielder (Madelyn Fischer)  
 Tuesday, May 2, Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Sheldon Spack (Laura Spack)  
 Wednesday, May 3, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Clarence & Viola Wortman (Alice Wortman)  
 Thursday, May 4, St. Austin  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Friday, May 5, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Owen Johnson (Dan & Heather Johnson)  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, May 6, St. Austin  
 + 4:30 PM Bruce Steinmetz (Linda Lohman)  
 Sunday, May 7, St. Bridget  
 9:30 AM Sean Rice (Jill Rice)

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**Liturgy**

Saturday Vigil—St. Austin Campus ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday—St. Bridget Campus .....9:30 AM  
 Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
 St. Bridget Campus.....8:00 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus ..... 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

Seasonal Communal Services .....Advent 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 April 23.....\$2,696.25  
 Laboure Society.....\$1,529.00

**READINGS FOR May 7, 2017**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33  
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 6, 4:30 PM, St. Austin**

Altar Servers: Diane Weber  
 Lector: Alice Wortman  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Brisk, Linda Lohman, Anne Moen  
 Usher/Greeter: Frank and Mary Plant, Dorothy Vnuck, Carol Wolney

**Sunday, May 7, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget**

Altar Servers: Aislyn & Quinlan Brogdon  
 Lector: Diane Liemandt-Reimann  
 Sacristan: Diane Weber  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gerri Hare, Barb Joyce, Dan Lindquist, Marie Lorbiecki, Dianne Mulcare  
 Ushers & Greeters: Emmett Mulcare, Hannah Brogdon, John Joyce, Alice Wortman

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Mon. May 1	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. May 2	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM - 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. May 3	Faith Formation Classes (Last Class)	6:30 - 7:45 PM	OLV
Thur. May 4	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. May 5	Adoration	9:00AM-3:00PM	St. B
Sat. May 6	CCW Spring Luncheon	11:00AM - 2:00PM	St. A
	Mass	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. May 7	Rosary	9:00AM	St. B
	Mass	9:30AM	St. B
	Music Concert Series	2:00PM	St. B

**IN YOUR KINDNESS:** Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Jean Eidem, Emmett Mulcare, Rita Casserly, Jerry Gooley, Agnes Russell, James & Evie Lausen, and Carl Terwey.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Jack Ring, husband of Lillian Ring**, who died last week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC) UPDATE!** During Lent this year we raised over \$200 to donate to Feed My Starving Children. We will continue to have the collection bucket available until our service opportunity which is set for **Wednesday, May 31st from 6:00-7:30PM** at the Coon Rapids FMSC packing facility. We have registered for 40 volunteer spots during that time and any parishioners or friends are welcome to join for this wonderful service opportunity! To register please visit <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/register> and click on the 'Join A Group' link and enter our group code: 1124703

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Our stable, secure and happy community was thrown into chaos and we began to look to the future with a certain amount of dread and fear. Although we say that we believe in the risen Christ, we feel like life has lost its meaning. We allow ourselves to get mired down in sadness and grief and forget the times and ways we have seen and experienced the presence of the risen Christ...the way the Parish Staff stepped up to the plate to keep things moving forward, the sacramental ministry we receive from Fr. Jarvis and Deacon Rich, our Redemptorist neighbors, and parishioners ....just to name a few. It's at these moments that we need to know and understand that the risen Christ is with us and that we have been and are loved by God more than we recognize.

And the more we recognize---know and understand---this presence, the more our sadness is transformed into joy and we are empowered to be his witnesses to others.

During these Great Fifty Days, as we await new pastoral leadership and as we allow the Paschal Mystery to unfold in our lives and the life of our community, may we begin to walk towards Emmaus ---towards the future--- with confidence, strength and hope.

*Gerri Hare, Trustee*

**PARISH MISSION PRAYER (May 15-18)**

*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.*

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** Last weekend Fr. Paul and Deacon



Rich allowed us to talk about the Laboure Society and ask for your support at the weekend Masses. We are so grateful for the warm welcome and generosity we received! Thank you all for your individual support! Our 6-month fundraising period ends June 30th. Thanks to your support, we are closer to our goal of entering formation!



If you would like to learn more about us or the Laboure Society, please visit: <http://labouresociety.org/current-class/meet-the-aspirants>

Please keep us in your prayers and know of our prayers for each of you and the parishes of St. Bridget and St. Austin. God Bless!

Sincerely in Christ, Bill Duffert & Anne Goedtk

**ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY IN MAY:** As we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, please join us in praying the rosary each Sunday at 9:00AM.

**ALUMNI MASS:** To honor our esteemed alumni, we are celebrating with Alumni Masses the weekend of **June 3-4th!** After the 4:30pm Saturday Mass at St. Austin will be a light reception in Brennan Hall. Sunday's 9:30am Mass at St. Bridget will be followed by the parish festival -- including a host of delicious things to eat and fun things to do! And of course, all are welcome to either Mass, regardless of where you graduated. So start spreading the news to those who call one of the campuses their Alma Mater!

**CAREGIVER'S RETREAT: Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 - 11:45AM** at St. Austin Campus. This year's retreat will explore the emotional side of being a caregiver, presented by Anne Marie Bartlet, MSW. Pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information, call or email: Mary Majkozak - 612-521-7454 or Cindy Boggs - [cboggs@ascensionmpls.org](mailto:cboggs@ascensionmpls.org) or call 612-529-9684.

**CLASSY ART VOCAL RECITAL SERIES:** Come and enjoy an afternoon of music! Professional vocalist and parishioner, Natasha Cramer, will be offering a concert on Sunday, May 7th at 2pm at the St. Bridget Campus (please note the location update). There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be taken. Come, and join in the fun!

**SILENT AUCTION:** It's that time of year again -- time to find great deals for our Silent Auction baskets. Please drop off your donations to the parish office as soon as possible so our basket ladies can get a head start on their organizing. Thanks!



**Women's Group/SB-SACCW:** Tickets for the **Spring Luncheon, Saturday, May 6,** will be on sale after mass starting this weekend. Tickets are \$9.00 and sold pre-event only. The parish Arts & Crafts group will have a table and there will be door prizes. Our final meeting of the service year will be Monday, May 1. A short business meeting will be followed by a pot luck meal and fellowship; bring a salad or dessert to share. All women are invited to attend - bring a friend!

*~Diane Weber, President*

**EXPERIENCE THE ONE-OF-A-KIND  
"FESTIVAL SHOPPES OF EMERSON AVENUE"  
Here for one day only, Sunday, June 4 at the  
"Heart of the Northside Festival- American Summertime  
Fun"**

Take a leisurely Sunday stroll, and check out the following:

**Arts and Crafts-** find beautiful and unique hand-crafted items made by our own parishioners.

**Country Store-** discover unique items with a country touch. **We are looking for items such as: handmade soaps, candles, homemade preserves, jams/jellies, canned pickles, salsa, and fruit.**

**Heavenly Host-** take chances on time-saving kitchen and home machines.

**New this year! Festival Marketplace-** find new and gently used, one-of-a-kind items at reasonable prices.



Thanks in advance for your support of our Heart of the Northside Festival!