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CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Peace be with you! I hope your Triduum and Easter celebrations were everything they needed to be for you this year. After a very full weekend, I suspect many of you caught a few extra “Zzzs” on Sunday night (I know I snuck a nap in on Monday afternoon). I hope the rest of your week was energizing as we gear up for Spring!

This weekend, we hear the familiar passage of Doubting Thomas, the man who will forever be known as the one disciple who didn’t believe that Jesus really rose from the dead... at first. Poor Thomas, for who of us wouldn’t have reacted in the exact way he did, given the circumstances? He has long been the scapegoat for those who need physical proof, those for whom blind faith is difficult.



And do you blame him? Have any of us truly known the saving power of Christ our entire lives? At some point, we have all doubted; we are all Thomas. Yet, he takes the biblical fall for that one.

Our mission, as a Church – the Great Commission, which we hear about later in the Easter season – is to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ. To do this, we need to spread the Good News and tell everyone about the saving grace Jesus bought for us when he took our sins upon the cross with him. That saving grace that comes at no cost to us, because it was paid for us with the blood of a blemish-free Lamb.

During the Passion readings last weekend, we heard one of the final phrases from Jesus on the cross, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” At that time, Jesus had taken on the sins of the world. God the Father, the antithesis of sin, who had given his own Son to Judas to be betrayed and murdered in order to save the remainder of humanity, could not help Jesus

at this point. God had to let what needed to happen, happen. In that moment, Jesus cried out to His Father, feeling a lack of support – no angels of rescue, no dove of reassurance. The



pain, the loneliness, and feeling of abandonment (not only from his disciples, but from the Father himself) that accompanied His passion, to be sure, was a hollow and empty feeling. And that sacrifice bought for us the gate of salvation. It was a new concept, as Father Paul mentioned on Easter Sunday. The idea of eternal life, life beyond the realm of human awareness, was a far-fetched concept. Many people thought that once you died, that was it. No after-life, no heaven, no hell. You were just dead in the ground.

What should pain us, as Christian people, is that there are so many people now – neighbors, friends, family, strangers – who STILL believe this! Our MISSION as a Church is to tell them that all hope is not lost – that there IS life beyond death – and that Jesus won it for us by His own suffering and death.

If you’ve had a chance to take a look at the parish calendar recently, you’ll notice no shortage of upcoming events. In addition to our month recurring events (Senior Lunch, Arts & Crafts, Knights of Columbus, Coffee & Conversation, etc.), we have a jam-packed upcoming few months. In addition to a **Healing Mass on April 29th**, we have our **Parish Mission from May 15-18th**, which is our opportunity to be renewed in our own discipleship so we can be better equipped to share Jesus with others (how can we spread the Good News if we do not KNOW the Good News?). The mission is followed closely by an opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children on May 31st, and then our **Heart of the Northside Festival on Sunday, June 4th**, with accompanying **Alumni Masses on the weekend of June 3rd-4th**.

Later in the summer, we gather as a community of neighbors to promote healthy relationships at our

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Mass Intentions

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, April 24, St. Bridget *(Word-Communion Service)*
 + 8:00 AM LaJune Stafford (Mars Family)
 Tuesday, April 25, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Kurt Fried (Madelyn Fisher)
 Wednesday, April 26, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Henry Backmann (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, April 27, St. Austin
 + Aubert Schaltbergen (Janet & Carlyle Richter)
 Friday, April 28, St. Bridget
 + Gloria Dorott (Madelyn Fischer)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, April 29, St. Bridget
 Carol Wolney (Wolney Family)
 Sunday, April 30, St. Austin
 + 9:30 AM Rosemary Fielder (Madelyn Fischer)

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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.

April 13 (Outreach).....\$820.00
 April 14, Good Friday (Holy Land).....\$1,395.00
 April 16, Easter Sunday.....\$7,368.50

READINGS FOR April 30, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 29, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Anne Moen

Lector: Mike Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy & Joe Berghoff, Sammy Robeck

Usher/Greeter: Ken Kloncz, Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Alice Wortman

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

Altar Servers: Eldrick & Ellis Dossavi

Lector: Diane Weber

Sacristan: Alice Wortman

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Ashfeld, Jana & Terry Hale, Patti Shand, Ralph Wolf

Ushers & Greeters: Marlene Longpre, Bernice King, Gerry Nyberg, Sam Pender

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 24	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. Apr. 25	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM - 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. Apr. 26	Coffee & Conversation	8:30AM	St. B
	Faith Formation & Confirmation Class	6:30-7:45PM	OLV
Thur. Apr. 27	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. Apr. 28	Adoration	8:30AM - 3:00PM	St. B
Sat. Apr. 29	Sharing & Caring Hands	9:00AM	St. A
	Healing Mass	9:30AM	St. B
	Brunch Following Mass	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. Apr. 30	Mass	9:30AM	St. B



IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Jean Eidem, Emmett Mulcare, Rita Casserly, Jerry Gooley, Agnes Russell, and Carl Terwey.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Irene Jenco**, who died last week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!



WELCOME: Sunday, April 30, we welcome Mira Humphrey into the Church through the waters of Baptism. Mira is the daughter of Fred and Stacey Humphrey.

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

Ice Cream Social, and then celebrate our **nonagenarians** after that.

We have ample opportunity to be involved and to bring others to know Jesus. You are never too young or too old to make an impact on someone's life. We are all called to get involved,

in whatever capacity that means, and to lead our lives following Jesus. All you have to do is look at the many things our little parish community does, and you'll know for certain that Jesus Christ is TRULY alive!!

~Heather Johnson, *Director of Worship*

NOTICE: It is with sadness that we notify you that the Youth Minister position at St. Bridget's has been eliminated. Alex Schindler, subsequently, will be leaving us as of April 24th. Alex has done a wonderful job for us, filling in, in many ways outside of her job description over the last two years, and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors. As a parish, we will be exploring new options to present opportunities for our youth and, as always, welcome the involvement of parishioners. Thank you, Alex, for your work! You will be missed.

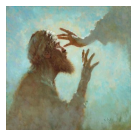


TAKE YOUR CHANCES!

Heart of the Northside Festival- American Summer-time Fun raffle tickets are here to be picked up beginning this weekend after Masses. Please take them home

with you, and sell, sell, sell... this is the largest fundraising component during our festival! We ask you to pick tickets up as it is expensive and time consuming to put them in the U.S Mail. Please return sold tickets and money in the weekly collection basket, to the parish office during regular office hours, or to the raffle table the day of the festival. Call Jennifer Kaplan or Kathleen Ross with questions. The festival planning committee thanks you in advance for your support. Remember, the Heart of the Northside Festival is Sunday, June 4... good luck!

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



HEALING MASS ON APRIL 29th: There will be a Healing Mass at St. Bridget's on Saturday, April 29th at 9:30am. This is open to anyone in need of an anointing and will be followed by a light brunch at the school gym. Please contact Sister Gert if you need a ride. Please fill out the coupon below or call the church office to register for brunch.

Brunch Coupon
Please print clearly

NAME _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

THE SECRET GARDEN: For those who have purchased tickets for the Secret Garden, we will need to be at St. Austin's to meet the bus by 11:00AM.



THANK YOU! On behalf of the Youth Ministry, we want to thank all of you who supported the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. We had over 70 folks in attendance! We also want to thank Rick and the Mysliwiec family who prepared the breakfast and others who helped with set-up and clean-up. Between receipts and donations, the Youth Ministry grossed \$525.00 and \$118.00 from the raffle. Whatever is left after expenses will go to support the young people who will participate in the Steubenville Youth Conference later this summer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to give back to this parish community, but don't have a lot of time? Here's a great opportunity. You are only needed a few hours for a few weeks in the spring. The parish festival committee could use some help with phone calling for volunteers to work a couple hours the day of the festival, June 4th, this year). You can do this from your own home! Lists of needed info will be provided to you. If calling people isn't for you, and you have a bit more time to give, the festival could use your help before and the day of the event, with chairing kids games-there are only 4 games, and/or Community games. This would include the adult games. Please remember the festival is our parish's biggest money maker. If everyone helps even a little bit, we will have a successful event this year.

LABOURE SOCIETY - AN ANSWER TO PRAYER:



A few years ago, Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life be celebrated around the world. Thanks to those prayers, there are many aspirants eager to serve the Lord in the fullest capacity but are unable to until remaining student debt is paid. The Labouré Society exists to provide financial assistance and spiritual support to individuals who must resolve education loans in order to pursue a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. This weekend, we have the great opportunity to hear from two of these individuals -- Anne Goedtke and Bill Duffert -- who will inform us about this great way to participate in the advancement of the Church. A second collection will be taken, so we invite you to consider bringing a gift in support. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION, April 23 will be our Confirmation Parent, Student and Sponsor Retreat. Beginning at 11:30AM until 2:00PM with a pot luck lunch provided by the parents. It will be held at St. Austin's Brennan Hall.

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.