



THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017

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YOU ARE CHOSEN

When I was a teenager, I had the opportunity to go to the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Ohio for 6 years. I always found it energizing to take a retreat from life – to slow down and have the opportunity to be with friends and strangers, listen to the speakers, be enriched by the music, and overall, have some quiet time with our Lord. Regardless of what had been going on in my life leading up to the weekend, I always left the mountain-top experience on a high, energized in my relationship with Christ.

One of those summers, our keynote speaker was a man named Fr. Stan Fortuna, a Franciscan friar, whose claim to fame was his profound ability to sing and rap. Yes, rap. He was assigned to a parish in the Bronx, NY, and you could tell by his thick New York accent that he must have grown up nearby.

In one of the clinics, Fr. Stan shared with us a song that he had written, regarding the familiar passage of Jesus asking Peter, “do you love me,” to which Peter responds, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus commands, “feed my sheep.” This happens three times, mirroring the three times that Peter denied knowing Jesus during the time of His passion and death. The melody of those lyrics and his voice were permanently ingrained in my memory.

Upon starting work at St. Bridget’s years later, I came to find out that former pastoral minister John Kerr not only KNEW Fr. Stan, but he played a regular game of basketball with him on the courts in the Bronx. Small world, indeed. However, I choose to believe this is more than a coincidence. It secured for me that I was supposed to be at St. Bridget’s – that God had **chosen me** for the ever-evolving role I have had over the years. I’ve mentioned before that as I look back over the years, I can very clearly see God’s gentle guiding (and sometimes forceful door-closings) that have led me to where I am in my life. My path has not been perfect, but the more I open myself up to the ministry to which God is calling me, the more fulfilling I find what I do.

This weekend, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, confirms for us that Jesus desires to be our shepherd. “[The shepherd] walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” If we fail to draw nearer to Jesus – to listen to the Word and increase our relationship with Him – how will we know His voice?

During the evenings next week, May 15-18th, a mission will be held at our St. Austin campus. This mission, as you likely have heard, is for everyone – not just people from our parish, but from the local community as well! Friends, neighbors, strangers, Catholic or not. The purpose of this mission is to re-energize each of us in our own discipleship, so that, as Fr. Paul mentioned last week, we CAN tell everyone this not-

so-secret secret – of Jesus’s redeeming love for us – ALL of us. This is our responsibility as Catholic-Christian people! We are required to proclaim the teachings of Jesus, but to do that we must first KNOW what those teachings are! Our friends, Fr. Tuan and Fr. Patrick of the Redemptorist Congregation will be facilitating the evening services. All of the evening services are hosted

at our St. Austin campus from 6:30-8pm (childcare will be available, so all can attend), and will be followed by a time of refreshment. If you are in need of transportation, please call Sister Gert at the parish office. (Be sure to come to our 8:00am daily Mass – follow the normal schedule, as noted on the bulletin.)

Monday, May 15th: Salvation and God’s Word of Love

Tuesday, May 16th: Who is Jesus for us?

Wednesday, May 17th: Sin, Reconciliation, and Healing
(*Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Thursday, May 18th: Closing Mass, with a potluck dinner to follow in Brennan Hall

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Join our parish community for a 4-day mission facilitated by the Redemptorist Congregation.





Mass Intentions

Collection for April 30.....\$3,073.25

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 8, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 + 8:00 AM Carl & Helen Anderson (Andy Pennaz)
 Tuesday, May 9, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Harry & Marcy Penas (Andy Pennaz)
 Wednesday, May 10, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Thursday, May 11, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Jerry Anderson (Andy Pennaz)
 Friday, May 12, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Bob Wortman (Alice Wortman)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, May 13, St. Bridget
 4:30 PM Suzanne Messer (Marlene Longpre)
 Sunday, May 14, St. Austin
 + 9:30 AM All Mothers (Happy Mother's Day)

READINGS FOR May 14, 2017

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman
 Lector: Kim Moore
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Stephen Schmelz, Carol Worney
 Usher/Greeter: Jacque Karas, Ken Klonecz, Mike Johnson, Kristine Vnuck

Sunday, May 14, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Elvan Dossavi, Alice Wortman
 Lector: Linda Rogers
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Delzer, Tom Greve, Dc. Rich & Jill-Heineman, Mary Majkozak
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn & Hannah Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Gerry Nyberg

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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 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. May 8	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. May 9	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM - 6:00PM	St. A
	Parish Council Meeting	6:30PM	St. B
Wed. May 10			
Thur. May 11	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. A
Fri. May 12	Adoration	9:00AM-3:00PM	St. B
Sat. May 13	NET Retreat for Confirmation Students	10:00AM - 1:00PM	St. A
	Mass Parish Mission	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. May 14	Rosary	9:00AM	St. B
	Mass	9:30AM	St. B



IN YOUR KINDNESS: Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Jean Eidem, Emmett Mulcare, Arlene Scherber, Phyllis Skavnak, Carolyn Orth, Susana Daugherty, Jerry Gooley, Agnes Russell, James & Evie Lausen, and Carl Terwey.**

DEAR FRIENDS AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, What a blessing it was to receive your generous gift for our Parkview Service Center. We are so grateful for your partnership in our mission to do as much good as we can here in the Twin Cities. Many of the people who come to us for help are going through tremendous hardships. Thanks to your support & many others; we are able to restore hope & provide for tangible needs. Your compassion give's them the courage to say: "I can do this." Thank you so much. With deep gratitude, *Katie Sandness, Donor Relations Associate Salvation Army*

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.

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If you find that you might like some time to speak to a priest privately, they will be available throughout the days and appointments are available.

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Every person, in the history of the world, has been chosen for a purpose – but as God’s will and not our own. He who has chosen you will instill within you the desire to bring your call to fruition. So come, and take some time to learn about the One who wants to give us life in abundance, for **YOU ARE CHOSEN!**

~Heather Johnson, Director of Worship



FOOD... GLORIOUS FOOD! Enjoy a delicious brunch after Mass at the **Heart of the Northside Festival- American Summer-time Fun**, Sunday, June 4! Spend some time enjoying all our festival has to offer, volunteer to help out for a shift or two, THEN enjoy some good American fare- burgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, popcorn cookies, lemonade, pop, and more! There’s no better way to welcome summer... and about those calories? For one day, who’s counting? Enjoy!!!

A NOTE FROM FR. ANTHONY, TOR

First, I want to thank you for your kind birthday and Easter greetings. I appreciated receiving your cards and gifts, and, more than anything, it made me happy to know you continue to pray for me and my confreres. In my last update, you were told that we were anticipating a court appearance on April 27th and that this appearance would either bring resolution to these legal matters or that a trial date would be set. Several days before the expected court date, our attorneys informed us that the prosecutor asked the court for a postponement of at least 45 days. Consequently, our court appearance will be re-scheduled for a date in mid/late June. Although this is disappointing, I continue to trust that God is present in this---even in the delays and bumps along the way. Please continue to pray for me and my Franciscan Community and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as well. A blessed and happy Easter Season to all of you.

-Fr. Anthony, TOR



After this update was received, we were informed that a court date has been scheduled for June 14th in PA. Please keep Fr. Anthony and his community in your prayers.

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

CAREGIVER'S RETREAT: Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 - 11:45AM at St. Austin Campus. Pre-registration is requested. To register, call or email: Mary Majkozak - 612-521-7454 or Cindy Boggs - cboggs@ascensionmpls.org or call 612-529-9684.

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.

NOW ACCEPTING FESTIVAL DONATIONS! To help those of us who need a written reminder, Anne Moen has created a donation board, available at the back of both campuses. On it, you will find envelopes with specific items needed for the upcoming festival. Considering taking an envelope or two and returning the items to the Donation Buckets at the entrances of church or directly to the parish office. Thank you!



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!

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!