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June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday Ordinary

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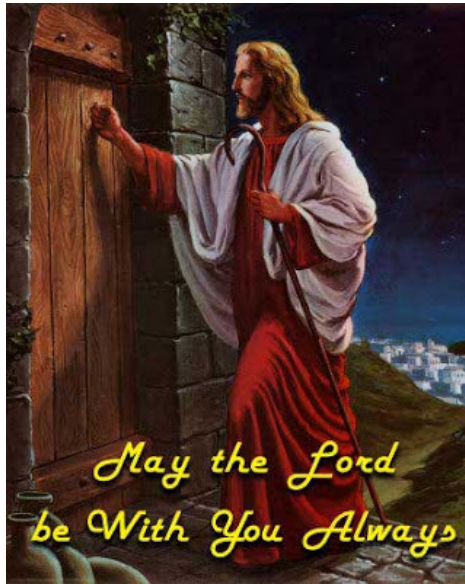
FEARLESS FAITH

For those who may have thought I've been disproportionately putting on a few pounds, you'd be correct – but for good reason. If you haven't heard, Dan and I are delighted to announce that we are expecting our third child, due at the end of November. After a busy and exhausting first trimester (encompassing all of Lent, Triduum and Easter, the parish mission, festival planning, and several other special Masses thrown in), I'm happy to report that at almost 18 weeks, I'm feeling great. Now that the fatigue has passed, my energy levels are back to normal – just in time for, what I'm hoping is, a relaxing summer.

Earlier this week, Dan and I had the opportunity to hear one of the most wonderful sounds for a parent to hear: the heartbeat of our newest and tiniest child. Those beautiful, rhythmic tones offer reassurance to all expecting parents, confirming life and movement within the womb, especially in the weeks before the “flutters” are definitively felt.

With us at the doctor's office was our 20-month-old, Hannah. We were in the same room where Hannah received her 15-month shots, an age where toddlers start to remember things: pain, fear, anxiety. We thought it may be good exposure for Hannah to be in the same room but without the negative memories; where she could just sit with her dad and not be afraid. You can imagine our surprise when I hopped up on the same bed for a belly exam, and Hannah burst into heavy sobs, clinging to her dad while he tried to comfort her and wipe her tears. Dan attempted to reassure Hannah that she was not in harm's way; however, despite her father's knowledge of what was to come (or not come), her bad memories and fear took over. Fortunately, some applesauce and a few Cheerios helped distract her long enough for us to get through the Doppler check.

As I was reading through this weekend's Scripture passages, I thought of Hannah's experience of debilitating terror. Her worries as a toddler mirror many of ours as adults – anxiety-provoked hesitation, though often premature. I thought of the fears that many of us have, especially regarding matters of faith – sharing it, defending it, or encouraging it. *Will I sound foolish? Will I be mocked? Will I lose my status or image?*



Elsewhere around the world where Christianity is banned, the fears are much more serious: *will we be killed for speaking out about Jesus? Will my children or spouse be tortured if we are caught?* What about those who are trying to make a significant change in their lives by turning toward Jesus and admitting the past they leave behind -- *will those who know the “old” me not let me forget it as I strive to turn over a new leaf?*

The first reading from Jeremiah echoes some of these same fears. The author is overwhelmed with anxiety over the perceived threat of those who oppose him, those who are waiting for him to screw up. He is anticipating the impending negativity taking aim at his missteps.

“But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion. My persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph... Praise the LORD, for He has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked.”

What a powerful display of trust and faith in a God who will sustain us in every need! Yet... how can that apply to our lives? I know the Lord is with us, but how can we trust Him so intently?

Easy! Just don't be afraid.

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Mass Intentions

Collection for June 18.....\$5,436.00

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, June 26, St. Bridget *(Word-Communion Service)*
8:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 27, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)

Wednesday, June 28, St. Bridget
+ 8:00 AM Robert Jurosek, TOR (Alice Wortman)

Thursday, June 29, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Maynard King (Bernice King)

Friday, June 30, St. Bridget
8:00 Majorie Shelley (Rose Hofstad)

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday, July 1, St. Bridget
4:30 PM Marjorie Shelley (Rose Hofstad)

Sunday, July 2, St. Austin
9:30 AM Joe Peterson (Lea & Steve Schuett)

READINGS FOR July 2, 2017

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 1, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Joe Mullery
Lector: Bob Holmes
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Brisk, Judy Neiss, Kathy Purdes
Usher/Greeter: Bonnie Moore, Betty Mysliwicz, Carol Wolney, Alice Wortman

Sunday, July 2, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman
Lector: Kay Larson
Sacristan: Sammy Robeck
Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Lorbiecki, Sammy Robeck, Cece Ryan, Barb West, Ralph Wolf
Ushers & Greeters: Chuck Dellwo, Marlene Longpre, Bernice King, Emmett Mulcare

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Bridget Campus 4:30 PM

Sunday—St. Austin 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. Bridget 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. June 26	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. June 27	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. June 28	Lectio Divina	9:00AM	St. B
Thur. June 29			
Fri. June 30			
Sat. July 1	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. July 2	Mass	9:00AM	St. A

 **IN YOUR KINDNESS** Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Dianne & Emmett Mulcare, Carolyn Orth, Jerry Gooley, Judy Luxan, Mary LaDuke, Robert Wirth, Helen Moosmann, and Tim Dornfeld.

THANK YOU: Dear Parish Community of Saint Bridget, thank you for generously investing \$670.00 to help Minnesota FoodShare address food insecurity. Your cash gift has an even greater impact on hunger relief than a typical donation of food. Cash gifts can be converted into at least four times the food than can be purchased from a grocery store, per research from the Center for High Impact Philanthropy at the University of Pennsylvania. Cash investments make it possible for food shelves to purchase what their community needs from regional food banks and other discount purchasing programs. For 35 years, Minnesota FoodShare has been helping nearly 300 food shelves across the state meet local hunger needs. We couldn't do that without you! The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hunger. Again, thank you.

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Ok... maybe *not* so easy. However, in this weekend's gospel, Jesus says *three* different times: DO NOT BE AFRAID. In a world of so much mistrust and room for error (and exposure of said error), these words can be hard to swallow. Yet Jesus commanded His disciples (and us) to "fear no one." When the gospel of Matthew was written, the early Christians were struggling with their faith after facing persecution. This was the writer's attempt to assure them of Jesus' nearness, that regardless of the damage that could be done to their bodies, their souls would never be damaged.

Fear can be debilitating. It can force us to do things we'd otherwise never do or say things we'd normally not say. It can change our way of thinking about people or situations. Fear can ruin lives and limit the dreams we have for ourselves and our families. However, fear of the Lord results in reverence, wisdom, and spiritual growth.

Jesus summons us to move forward in faith, unashamed and unafraid to proclaim His inevitable return. He reminds us of how valuable we are, and that our deepest needs and desires are already known to our God, a God who knows the life span of each insignificant sparrow ever to have flown. Always venture out in faith, remembering just how loved and important you are. Leave fear behind and move forward in the Lord, trusting His plan for your life.

**LET YOUR
FAITH
BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR
FEARS**

~Heather Johnson, *Director of Worship*

FAITHFULLY FIT: will not be meeting June 26. classes will begin again July 3rd. We'll see you then. **Also note**, the office will be closed July 4th. The office is open Monday July 3rd and Wednesday July 5th. **Happy 4th of July!**

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.

LECTIO DIVINA: You are invited to a follow up gathering to our parish mission. We will be meeting for prayer on Wednesday, June 28th at 9:00AM in the St. Francis room to pray LECTIO DIVINA. Lectio Divina is a "Traditional practice of scripture reading, meditation, and prayer intended to promote communion with God." Please plan to join us. It really is the perfect way to extend our mission experience. If anyone is interested in gathering in the evening, please call the office. If we have enough interest, we can gather as a group at an agreed upon time and date. Please call Sr. Gert or Heather .



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: The Ice Cream Social will be held at the St. Bridget Campus on July 26, from 6:00 - 8:00PM. Mark your calendars, bring family and friends and enjoy the fun!



THANK YOU all for the lovely card with all your names and good wishes, it made my day and helped me to feel better. Sincerely with love, Geri Burke



RETIREMENT RECEPTION---Please join us on Sunday, July 9th after the 9:30 Mass in Brennan Hall to thank **Jean Eidem** for her 17 years of service at St. Bridget's. We hope you can join us as we wish Jean continued happiness and good health in her retirement. **THANK YOU, Jean!**

REMINDER OF MASS LOCATION CHANGES: Saturday 3:45 Reconciliation and 4:30PM Mass will be held at the St. Bridget Campus and Sunday 9:30AM Mass will be held at St. Austin Campus. Weekday Mass remains the same; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Bridget Campus and Tuesday, Thursday at St. Austin Campus.



FLAGS NEEDED: We are in need of American flags, 5 feet by 8 feet - nylon type for the flag pole at the St. Austin Campus. We are short on having back-up flags when they wear out. If you can help or would like to purchase, please call the office.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL will be held the week of **Monday, August 21 thru Friday, August 25th, 9:00 - 11:30AM**, at our St. Austin Campus. Mark your calendars and watch your bulletins for registration information.

~Mary Majkozak, *Faith Formation Director*

CLASSY!ART RECITAL SERIES: Parishioner Natasha Cramer will be sharing her vocal talents at our bi-monthly music series. This second session, *Extraits de Nature*, will be **Sunday July 2nd at 2pm** at our St. Bridget campus. There is no charge for the event, but a free-will donation will be accepted. Take a break from the heat and come enjoy an afternoon of music!



OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be **September 7, 8, 9th** this year. Our next drop off day will be **July 8th from 1:00 - 3:00PM**. Please use north entrance at the St. Austin Campus to drop things off - we have the right to turn things away that we cannot have in the sale. We cannot accept: TV's, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, magazines, printers, copiers, headboards, mattresses, box springs, computers-monitors, key boards, tires, oil, hazardous waste, combustibles, medications, hide-a-beds, carpets or large furniture.