



## THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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### GOOD SOIL

These summer days are passing as quickly as they usually do – here we are, already mid-July. Dan and I are enjoying time with family and friends, as well as few summer hobbies. I have long desired to grow a vegetable garden like my parents had growing up. I've been fortunate to now have the sunny area to do so, as well as some time to tend to it. In addition to the outdoor starts (corn, peas, beans, cucumbers, carrots, among others), I started growing a variety of tomato seeds (cherry, roma, beefsteak, and Rutgers) indoors, several weeks before the last frost date, and was very happy to see their transplant went smoothly. Now, however, I'm wondering if I may have bitten off more than I can chew, so to speak, and that I'll have more tomatoes than I know what to do with. Either way, there is truly something rewarding about watching the first seedlings sprout and grow into mature plants. We have a lot of sand where we are, so I'm learning about how to successfully maintain those plants in the high heat of the summer. I've lost a few, but I'll continue to nurture the remaining and keep notes for next year.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear Jesus' parable about sowing seeds on various types of soil. The examples Jesus gives are familiar to those who heard the parable because they were describing the plowing process in Palestine. The examples are more than just ways a seed will not produce. They reference real-life scenarios that are far more relatable. Essentially, the breakdown is that on bad soil, the seeds never grow; they get eaten or lost or never really grow a deep root system (referencing those who hear the Word of God but are distracted by secular ventures or those who are not equipped to embrace the Word in their lives at the moment). However, seeds that fall on the good soil grow, mature, and are vastly fruitful. To bear fruit, you must listen to the Word and let your life be transformed by it; by this, you will truly hear, understand, and perform according to the will of God.

One of the Gospel passages says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." This phrase, heard often in the Gospel of Matthew, is essentially an invitation for the listener to think and reflect on the "human application of the figure" – meaning: how does it

apply to us? "The audience must participate if the parable is to have its desired effect." ([www.scborromeo.org](http://www.scborromeo.org))

A dear priest friend of mine often would request that people put down their missalettes and LISTEN to the Word of God that is being proclaimed (of course, with the exception of those who are hearing-impaired). There is a reason for this: people tend to hear things differently when someone is saying it to them than when reading from a book. At Mass each week, we have the opportunity to sit and listen to someone who has, by their ministerial practice, taken time to prepare the reading; to learn about the phrases used and the necessary inflections or tone of the passage.

This weekend's second reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans. I often struggle with Paul's writings, because they tend to be very dense, with many tangential inclusions. In fact, the entire reading this weekend is only three sentences, but I've found I've needed to read, re-read, and read again the passage to really examine it before I could understand it. This happens a lot for me when reading Paul's letters... and, sometimes, I *still* don't understand what he's saying! I'll frequently seek outside contextual information for clarification.

One of the tools I've recently re-encountered (as mentioned by the Redemptorists at the mission in May) is the practice of Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading").

This practice is fixated on the meditation on a small passage of Scripture, allowing the words to truly speak to you as you read them. This can be done on an individual or group basis. In fact, we at St. B's have recently started a morning group in this practice. The next meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup> after morning mass in the St. Francis Room, will be parishioner-led. All are invited to attend, regardless of whether you attended the mission.

As Catholic Christians, we are called to come to church each week and pray the Mass – not just sit through it. We are also summoned to prepare for the Mass by reading the Scripture passages ahead of time. (There are countless devotionals available in print or on the internet. I get the readings emailed to me from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).

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# Mass Intentions

Collection for July 9 .....\$2,215.93

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

Monday, July 17, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)  
 + 8:00 AM Kurt Fried (Madelyn Fischer)  
 Tuesday, July 18, St. Austin  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Wednesday, July 19, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Fr. Ed Sabo TOR (Alice Wortman)  
 Thursday, July 20, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Timothy Fish (Connie Fish)  
 Friday, July 21, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, July 22, St. Bridget  
 + 4:30 PM Robert Roos (Joan Roos)  
 Sunday, July 23, St. Austin  
 9:30 AM All Grandparents

## READINGS FOR July 23, 2017

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
 Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 22, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Bob Holmes  
 Lector: Mary Moen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Emily Walsh, Stephen Schmelz  
 Usher/Greeter: Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Betty Mysliwiec, Alice Wortman

### Sunday, July 23, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Eldrick & Ellis Dossavi  
 Lector: Terry Hale  
 Sacristan: Mike McDonough  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Ashfeld, Jana Hale, Dc. Rich Heineman, Dan Lindquist, Lea Schuette  
 Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Bernice King, Marlene Longpre, Alice Wortman

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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. July 17	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. July 18	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. July 19	Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 - 8:00PM	St. A
	Confirmation Class	6:30 - 7:45PM	OLV
Thur. July 20			
Fri. July 21			
Sat. July 22	Nonagenarian Celebration Mass	10:00AM	St. A
	Reconciliation Mass	3:45PM	St. A
		4:30PM	St. A
Sun. July 23	Mass	9:30AM	St. B

### IN YOUR KINDNESS

Please pray for the sick of our parish: **Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Carolyn Orth, Robert Wirth, Don Zenner, and Tim Dornfeld.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Judy Laxen**, sister-in-law of Annette Laxen, who died and was buried last week, and **Ray Rudolph**, Uncle of Diane Weber, who passed away June 22. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!

**WE ARE SADDENED** to announce the closure of Catholic Charities' Counseling Services on September 1st, 2017. The program based out of Seton at 1276 University Avenue West, St Paul, MN 55104 will close due to shifts in funding and changing community and market dynamics. We are grateful for your years of support and your ongoing willingness to announce information about Counseling in your bulletin. We have greatly valued our connection to the parish, and hope that the services of our counselors have been helpful to parishioners through the years. We will be working with clients to provide for a smooth transition and we will maintain records for 7 years at Seton. For more information about how to access your records and learn about other nearby counseling programs please visit our website at <https://www.cctwincities.org/locations/counseling-services/>.

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Even if I don't have a lot of time, I find it rewarding to at least read through the passages a few times in the week prior so I know what I'll be hearing at Mass. It allows the Scripture to be broken open even more – to hear things that I may have missed in my own preparation. There have been days when I've actually questioned whether the readings change Saturday to Sunday (they don't), because I was so distracted at Mass that I failed to even hear what was being read. Perusing the readings ahead of time has caused my ears to perk up when a certain verse was heard at Mass, allowing me to focus more intently on the words being spoken.

I hope you considering joining the group on July 26<sup>th</sup>, even just as an introduction to this scriptural practice. Be sure to keep an eye out for more upcoming dates. We are hoping to establish a once-a-month routine. If you are interested in having an evening session, please feel free to call the office and speak with Sister Gert or myself. May the summer days be long and rewarding, and may you continue to be the fertile soil to bear great fruit! Oh, and if you are in need of tomatoes, I might know someone...

~Heather Johnson, Director of Worship

**SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS** Although children are loathe to admit it, school will be starting again soon. Both Sojourner Truth Academy at St. Bridget's Campus and the new Mastery School at St. Austin's Campus will be opening their doors very soon. In an effort to aid these young scholars whose parents can't afford all the necessary supplies needed, we will once again be collecting supplies thru the month of August, and divided between both schools. Items can be dropped off at both campuses. There will be receptacles in the vestibules of both. Items needed include: glue, pencils, paper, backpacks, crayons, pens, erasers, binders, notebooks, and tissues. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated, by the students, their parents, and the teachers who often supply these supplies with their own money. **THANK YOU**

**CELEBRATING OUR GRANDPARENTS:** The Feast of Saints



Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, falls on July 26th. While the rest of the country may celebrate Grandparent's Day in September, we choose to celebrate closest to this feast day -- the weekend of July 22nd and

23rd. So grandkids, invite your grandparents; grandparents, invite your grandchildren and join us for Mass as we honor these special people.

**SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL** Join us for a week of fun before school starts! We'll be meeting at different churches throughout the week to have our adventures. **Aug 21 - 25, 9 - 11:30 a.m.** Call Anne for more info or to register: 612-424-6211, or call Mary Majkozak at 612-396-9168 with questions or to sign up. Register at St Bridget's or Ascension during office hours. Escuela de la Biblia para Niños 2017 Vengan a estar con nosotros antes que comience el año escolar. ¡Reuniremos en diferentes iglesias cada día para tener nuestras aventuras! 21 - 25 de gosto, 9 - 11:30 a.m. ¡Llamando a jóvenes que quieren ayudar también! Más información e inscripciones con Anita: 612-424-6211 ~Mary Majkozak, Faith Formation Director

**THANK YOU** to some very generous friends of Fr. Paul's.....we received a donation to our parish for \$2,000....they want to support and recognize Fr. Paul's ministry and his one year anniversary at St. Bridget's. May God bless them for their very generous hearts. We are very grateful for their gift to our parish. **THANK YOU!**

**OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE** will be **September 7, 8, 9th** this



year. Our next drop off day will be **August 12, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.** Please use north entrance at the St. Austin Campus to drop things off - we have the right to turn things away that we can not have in the sale. We cannot accept: TVs, 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.

**HERE'S TO THE LADIES (AND MEN) WHO LUNCH.....**

For nearly 40 years, a dedicated group of women and men have been preparing and serving the monthly Senior Lunches that take place on the third Friday of each month, September through May. Mothers and fathers who know the importance of sitting down to a family meal, when their own families were grown and gone and out of the house, they gave themselves to preparing this monthly repast so that others could come together, feast on a home-cooked meal, enjoy time with longtime friends and have an opportunity to make new ones.....all for a meager donation of \$5.00, which never increased in the course of four decades! They were able to do this because they shopped for the groceries....taking advantage of sales and seasonal produce....and prepared everything from scratch, just as they did for their own families. Truly, it was an act of love....nothing less than an extension of the Eucharistic Table where we come together as a family of faith and allow God to feed us and reveal himself to us in Word, Sacrament, and one another.

Over the course of the years, some of the kitchen crew have gone to their eternal reward and some have had to retire because of illness or to care for family members. While others have come forward to join their ranks, they have been few and far between. Now the time has come to hang up their aprons, put away their time-tested recipes, and take a well-deserved rest. Come September, there will be no more Senior Lunches. While those who attended these monthly gatherings will surely miss coming together to share a meal and catch-up with each other, they will certainly agree that the dedicated women and men who prepared and served them each month earned their rest and that they are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Although there will no longer be monthly gatherings, there will still be times during the year when Seniors and others will have the opportunity to come together. We will continue to have Anointing Masses and lunches in April and October and plans are in the works for a January BINGO and lunch. It is our hope that these events and others will continue to provide our Seniors and all parishioners occasions to gather and continue to nurture their relationships with one another and strengthen our bonds as a parish community. In the meantime, we hope that the women and men who have given of themselves so generously for 40 years will know deep satisfaction in the ministry they provided and the heart-felt gratitude of those who benefited from it!

~Gerri Hare and Bob Majkozak, Trustees

**WELCOME WEEKEND** for our Redemptorist's.....please plan to join us on the weekend of **August 5th and 6th** to welcome the Redemptorist's to The Parish Community of St. Bridget! We are grateful they said "yes" to the call from Archbishop Hebda and look forward to their ministries at our parish. Please join us for a reception in Brennan Hall following the 9:30 Mass on August 6th to welcome and thank the Redemptorist's.