

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS

I suspect we are all familiar with the spiritual, “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands.” The lyrics seek to give us a sense of comfort in the fact that the world and all that goes on in it are in the hands of God; hands that we imagine to be strong and powerful, able to hold us and our world up when we find ourselves on the verge of collapse. However, there are other images in Scripture that seek to remind us that the hands of God are also tender and gentle hands; hands, as the gospel reminds us today that are directed by a heart that refuses to yank out the weeds for fear of injuring the wheat. Hands that mold us carefully, caress us lovingly, soothe us gently, and yet hold us firm and straight.

To use Jesus’ image, think of the hands of a gardener; hands that are no strangers to hard work. Hands that till the soil, break up clods of dirt to prepare the ground for the delicate seeds, calloused



hands that have been toughened by years of handling wheelbarrows, flats of plants, and bushel baskets of vegetables. But at the same time hands that are nurturing and careful not to break the young plants or lose the tiniest seeds. These are the hands of God—hands powerful enough to lift and carry yet gentle enough to bruise no living thing. Hands that flow from One who loves fiercely the lives he has created and sustains.

As we consider the world in which we live, it seems as though the weeds are winning—wars being waged in every corner of the globe and violence in every corner of our own city and streets.

Greed continues to deprive the poor and keep

countless men and women from the jobs they deserve and need. All of these things and more remind us that the weeds seem to be thriving. As we feel the pain of our



sisters and brothers we are not alone. God feels that pain with us; after all, that is what compassion is all about. But more than feeling our pain, God promises us that the weeds will not win. God’s love is unending and his Spirit stands with us enabling us to go on even in the midst of the weeds trusting that, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, evil and injustice will not prevail. Isn’t that the message of Jesus’ dying and rising? And until that day, we are called to be signs of God’s presence to those overwhelmed by the weeds. What that means is that we must stand in solidarity with others; to have compassion for them as God has for each of us. It does not mean that we have to have all the answers or that we can alleviate the pains of others by ourselves.

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Mass Intentions

Collection for July 16\$2,753.25

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)
 Monday, July 24, St. Bridget *(Word-Communion Service)*
 + 8:00 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)
 Tuesday, July 25, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Mel Weber (Jeanne Weber)
 Wednesday, July 26 St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Fr. Cyprian Mercides, TOR (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, July 27, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Julia Olmstead (Faith Form, People of Parish)
 Friday, July 28, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, July 29, St. Bridget
 + 4:30 PM Sr. Pat Binko, CSJ (Alice Wortman)
 Sunday, July 30, St. Austin
 + 9:30 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)

READINGS FOR July 30, 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 29, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget
 Altar Servers: Mary Moen
 Lector: Diane Weber
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy & Joe Berghoff, Joe Mullery
 Usher/Greeter: Jacque Karas, Frank & Mary Plant, Carol Wolney

Sunday, July 30, 9:30 AM, St. Austin
 Altar Servers: Ellis Dossavi, Ethan Nevalainen
 Lector: Mary Ann Carter
 Sacristan: Denise & Sharon Brisk
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Louise Bauer, Gerri Hare, Kay Larson, Marie Lorbiecki, Kathy Purdes
 Ushers & Greeters: Chuck Dellwo, John Joyce, Rick Mysliwiec, Sam Pender

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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 24	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. July 25	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. July 26	Lectio Divina Ice Cream Social	Following Mass 6:00 - 8:00PM	St. B St. B
Thur. July 27			
Fri. July 28	Steubenville Youth Conference		
Sat. July 29	Sharing & Caring Hands Reconciliation Mass Steubenville Conference	9:00AM to 12:00 3:45PM 4:30PM	St. A St. B St. B
Sun. July 30	Mass	9:30AM	St. A

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 **Carl Kroening**, father of Kathryn Kroening-Smith, who passed away June 29, and **Hubert Schaitberger**, brother of Janet Richter. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!

THANK YOU all for the lovely mass and reception on Sunday, July 16 for my golden jubilee as a Francis-can Sister. It is an honor being with you. May God bless each of you abundantly.
 ~ Sr. Louise Bauer, OSF

STEBENVILLE CONFERENCE: Next weekend, we send several of our youth and chaperons to the Steubenville Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Please keep them in prayer as they pursue a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the weekend.

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Rather, it means that we remain open to the wisdom of God and have courage to ask the right questions. Questions like what does it mean to love our enemies in a world of terrorism? What is a just war? How can I cast off fear and be an effective “instrument of peace” in the midst of the violence around me? How does my life—the way I use my resources and the resources of the earth—affect others?

By our willingness to ask these questions—to spend time with them and bring them to prayer—we allow the wisdom of God to come to the surface and, ever so gradually, we will know the steps to take. We can be the wheat among the weeds. And who knows, God may even have it in mind to bring the weeds into the Kingdom through us!



~ Gerri Hare, Trustee

WELCOME WEEKEND for our Redemptorists.....please plan to join us on the weekend of **August 5th and 6th** to welcome the Redemptorists 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 Redemptorists.

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.



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**

WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODIES AND SODA We are still in need of soda (2-liters of root beer, orange, and other flavors) and baked goods for the Ice Cream Social - **July 26**. Please bring all baked goods to the parish office the day of the event, and bring your soda donations anytime during office hours. We currently have enough condiments (thanks to many donations!).



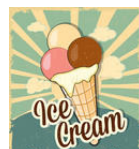
You are cordially invited to join our parishioners and friends for
THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. BRIDGET'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

In joyful celebration of our neighborhood, we invite you to gather with us on **Wednesday, July 26 from 6:00 - 8:00PM**
- rain or shine -

On the Emerson Avenue lawn of the church
3811 Emerson Avenue North

There will be hot dogs, ice cream, pie, cookies, pop, door prizes, and fellowship

There is no cost, but free will offerings are welcome!



VACATION 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 Majkczak 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 agosto, 9 - 11:30 a.m. ¡Llamando a jóvenes que quieren ayudar también! Más información e inscripciones con Anita: 612-424-6211



~Mary Majkczak, Faith Formation Director

VOTIVE CANDLES: Votive prayer candles are a long-used offering to present our petitions to the Lord. In an effort to cover the cost of the votive candles at Mary's altar, the suggested donation will be \$3 per candle. Thank you for your contribution!

