



THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

Saint Bridget Campus

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17th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 30, 2017

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A CONFESSION & A FORTUNE COOKIE

FIRST MY CONFESSION.

Not that long ago, a parishioner in a nearby parish talked with me about her possibly switching parishes, and joining ours. Leaving XYZ Parish for St. Bridget's Parish Community because they liked the energy of the place, the parishioners. I suppose she expected me to be thrilled and encouraging. And so I expect she was really surprised when I said, "No! Your parish needs you there. If it's change you want in your parish, then BE the change you want to happen in your parish."

I call this a confession, because I think in many parishes, the clergy are expected to do anything to increase membership. Even if it means enticing other parishes' parishioners to make the switch to the "good guys." "The holier folks." "The more orthodox practitioners." "The more relevant community." I confess that I personally don't believe this at all. First of all, we're really one big extended family – this Archdiocese, this Universal Church.

Secondly, instead of expending energy on enticing parishioners to make the difficult switch – which is cannibalism, when you think about it – I believe a parish should focus limited resources on re-evangelizing the lapsed, welcoming again the disaffected, and embracing the intrigued.

And re-energizing the already-attending. For example; our recent Redemptorist-led parish mission, and the monthly Lectio Divina sessions following Wednesday 8 am Mass at our St. Bridget's Campus. There's also the three-day weekend Cursillo retreat that more and more vibrant parishes are sending parishioners to www.tc-cursillo.org

Pew Research Center -- www.pewresearch.org -- studies reveal that the second largest identifiable religious group in America, after those identifying themselves as "Catholic", is "former Catholics."

Increasingly few parents and grandparents have kids and grandkids still attending Church, much less still active in the Catholic Christian Church.

And about those still active in the Faith: Pew Research also reveals that the typical "active Catholic" attends Mass a little more than once a month. Sports-as-religion enjoys a much higher participation rate.

As we evangelize – evangelizing Catholic-style: inviting (to liturgies and events), welcoming, embracing, inviting back, and engaging in ministry – I'd like to think we're not only evangelizing for this parish community. We're also evangelizing for parish communities around the Archdiocese. Preferably nearer to the evangelized and re-evangelized.

At funerals and weddings that I preside at, I know that a great many live nowhere near our Parish Community's St. Austin and St. Bridget campuses. My hope is to interest them enough to later check out a parish that "feeds their souls" ... nearer to where they live. I am forever directing people to the www.archspm.org website's "locations" tab. It's great! You should check it out.

This big-picture evangelization is the incredible legacy of the Basilica, the largest parish in the Archdiocese and, arguably, the most successful evangelizing parish.

Nearly all of my parish ministry assignments around the Archdiocese had middle-aged adults who'd come back to the Faith, or had become active in the Faith, as young adults ... while as members of the Basilica. When they got married and started having babies, they needed larger living spaces. And so they moved out and settled into other parishes. But the Basilica continued enjoying a special place in their heart. Quite often, older Catholics will suggest the Basilica's Masses and ministries to young adults.

I'd like to think we at St. Bridget's Parish Community could do a similar service to the wider Church. While also aiming to fill our pews over the next four or five years. It's all good. All for the greater glory of God.

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Mass Intentions

Collection for July 23\$2,940.00

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

- Monday, July 31, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
- + 8:00 AM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
- Tuesday, Aug 1, St. Austin
- 8:00 AM People of the Parish
- Wednesday, Aug 2, St. Bridget
- + 8:00 AM Maynard King (Bernice King)
- Thursday, Aug 3, St. Austin
- + 8:00 AM Sheldon Spack (Laura Spack)
- Friday, Aug 4, St. Bridget
- + 8:00 AM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
- Weekend Liturgies
- Saturday, Aug 5, St. Bridget
- + 4:30 PM Gene Steinmetz (Linda Lohman)
- Sunday, Aug 6, St. Austin
- + 9:30 AM Richard Haik (Pat Bradford)

READINGS FOR August 6, 2017

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 5, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Diane Weber
 Lector: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Moen, Mary & Mike Regan
 Usher/Greeter: Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Dorothy & Kristine Vnuck

Sunday, August 6, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Hazel Pfarr, Alice Wortman
 Lector: Richard Ashfeld
 Sacristan: Mary Ann Carter
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Majkozak, Sammy Robeck, Cece Ryan, Barb West, Ralph Wolf
 Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Aislyn Brogdon, Bernice King, Gerry Nyberg

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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 Campus8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Bridget Campus3:45-4:10 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. July 31	No Faithfully Fit		
Tues. Aug 1	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. Aug 2			
Thur. Aug 3			
Fri. Aug 4			
Sat. Aug 5	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. Aug 6	Mass	9:30AM	St. A
	Redemptorist Reception Following Mass		

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:



Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Carolyn Orth, Robert Wirth, Don Zenner, Jim Manger, Gary Klein and Tim Dornfeld. In your charity, remember the soul of **John Kundla**, who died last week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!

MEMORIAL RECEIVED On behalf of the parish community, we wish to thank the families of the late **Carl Kroening and Dorothy Kroll**, for their generous memorial gifts. Memorial gifts are placed in a dedicated account and, unless otherwise specified by the donor, are used for special projects or items needed for the worship of the parish.

THANK YOU.....Dearest Parishioners, thank you for all your prayers, the fun and wonderful reception and the many cards and gifts you gave me. I enjoyed seeing so many of you and sharing many conversations, hugs and good wishes. Thank you for thinking of me and your many kindnesses. It is greatly appreciated. *Jean Eidem*

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I wish I could find that dang thing again. It's probably somewhere in the mess I call my car.

Anyway, I found the little paper's question riveting:

"Are you behaving in way that others would want to emulate?"

Wow! That's a great question for a priest to ponder – for all of us to ponder, really. As a priest of 13 years, and as a disciple for 59, I have heard a great many Christians express expectations of others that they do not apply to themselves. My daily morning prayer is for the grace to be able to truthfully answer "YES" to that

cookie's question.

That little fortune cookie morning-reminder sticks with me when, later in the day, I'm tempted to judge others ... to gossip ... to talk others down ... to not act in compassion when ignoring would be easier ... to yell or swear ... to push my agenda over others' ... to boast ... to remain silent when others are harming ... to shade the truth ... to .. to ... to ...

Well, you know. The same temptations everyone faces. What helps me in the moment is to respond with action: the example Jesus gave us.

~ Fr. Paul

PRAYING FOR HEALING in a divided community burdened by violence, grief and distrust

COME TOGETHER Service and Peace Prayer Walk Sunday, August 13, 2017, Ecumenical Service: 4:30-5:30pm

Prayer Walk & Hospitality: 5:30-6:30pm

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, 4537 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis. Enter the church from Clinton Avenue or from the parking lot.

The ecumenical faith leaders of **COME TOGETHER** invite all to a service of music, prayer, contemplation and discussion on Sunday, August 13th beginning at 4:30pm.



Robert Robinson will be sharing his inspirational music with us. The service will focus on ending the violence that hurts and divides us. Immediately after the service, there will be a Prayer Walk around the St. Joan of Arc neighborhood and light refreshments. **COME TOGETHER** is a coalition of churches, faith-based organizations and people of good faith ... committed to monthly prayer services and walks begun after the death of Philando Castile.

"If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." ~ 1 Corinthians 2:26

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**



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.

Thanks

THANKS to all of you who help celebrate our nonagenarians! It was a wonderful celebration of some great faith-filled folks. Thanks to one of those nonagenarians, Father John Brandes (an alumni of

St. Bridget School) who presided at the mass, for Fathers Tom and Tuan who join him and then all of us ate a wonderful brunch prepared by the Mysliwiec. We sent out 32 invitations and 17 nonagenarians responded and had invited 3 or 4 family members to join them. We were entertained by some wonderful piano and concertina music by Jarod Schriefels from Elk River. Thanks also to a group of great volunteers who helped with serving, set up, and clean up. Thanks also to Mary Majkozak for the flowers. This was our 5th year of this annual celebration. Agnes Manger and Lillian Ring are two of our parishioners who have attended all 5 years. At their next birthdays, along with Francis Japs, they will be celebrating 100 years!

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 the week of **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 agosto, 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



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!