



## THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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### LIVING FOR ETERNITY

The other day, I was chatting with a friend about all of the house projects on our “honey-do” lists. We found that our lists grew faster than our “honeys” could keep up with them, and our eagerness to complete the task (you know – that satisfaction of crossing something off) was overtaking our patience. I said to her, “it is times like this that I just can’t wait until we are all dead, and we don’t have to worry about projects anymore.” She laughed and agreed.

While it seems quite morbid to look forward to death, what I am actually looking forward to is LIFE – eternal life, free from earthly things. Life with all of our loved ones, unburdened by challenges of this world. We must do our best to follow Jesus to enjoy eternal life with Him!

Shortly after the death of our son, Owen, I remember going into a pretty significant depression. On the surface, things seemed okay. I could handle conversations, answer questions, talk about his death, even be with friends who had little ones his age. But I remember the days that I could barely get out of bed; how eating was an afterthought; how on more than one occasion, I didn’t think it would be the worst thing if my car rolled over into the ditch. I left flowers on the table to completely wilt, die, and mold, because the thought of throwing them out was too symbolically emotional (to the point that my mom had to come and clean them for me, because I just couldn’t do it). What is the scarier thought is that I was somehow handling this grief “better” than many in my shoes (or so I was told). As I look back, I realize that I probably was – and that was purely because of my faith in Jesus Christ and the constant presence of family and friends, including this church family – a reminder that He’s not finished with me yet. I had many conversations about the loss of a child with my parents who lost their own son, my brother Eric, 20 years beforehand.

About a month after Owen’s funeral, a cousin of mine, Anna, passed away at the young age of 23 after a long battle with cystic fibrosis. At her funeral, I spoke to my cousin, Jerod, who had previously attended the Steubenville Conference with his church. Because they were not planning a trip, I told him that if a spot opened up with our group (unlikely), I’d let him know. As it turns out (or as God had planned), not only was I afforded the opportunity to attend the conference as a chaperon, but one of the teenagers stepped down and so Jerod could come.

If anyone has been to a conference, one of the features is the Saturday night Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration. Teens and chaperons alike welcome the Holy Spirit to move through

the building. The gifts of the Spirit are poured out upon those

present – some in more visible ways than others: wailing, hysterical laughter, gift of tongues, etc. I spent my time in prayer crying out to God and weeping for my son. I knew what was possible, so, in the week prior to the conference (in secret), I prayed for the chance to see him again by way of a vision.

After a time of deep sorrow and tears, I heard these words as clear as day: “You will not see Owen tonight, but don’t worry. Someone else has, and they will tell you about it.” I felt myself nodding with understanding. Suddenly, I had an overwhelming peace envelop me and a sense of joy return – even with some laughter. After the evening was over and we had time for small group discussion, Jerod came to me, eyes wet with tears, and said, “I saw Owen. Anna was holding him, and Eric was there, too.” I fell to the ground, sobbing. Jerod continued,

“I was positioned at the top of a little hill. There were rolling hills, and I saw a large field. The grass was green, kind of faded. It was knee-high and there were no weeds. On the left was a tree line, towering high, as if it was protecting something. At the end of the tree line was the sun – so, so bright – at the center of my view. Once I had a chance to see and understand the landscape, a girl appeared. I recognized her immediately – it was Anna. She was facing away from me, looking into the sun, with a baby in her right hand. She turned around, holding baby Owen. She smiled and waved and waved Owen’s hand. She tickled him, making him laugh and smile. At that point, Eric walked in from the left; he looked at me and waved. Eric tickled Owen, smiled, and laughed with him. They turned around and Eric put his arm around them both, as if he was showing them around. He pointed at the tree line and they began to walk away. About five steps in, Anna turned around with Owen and waved with his little hand one more time. I watched them walk away until I could no longer see them. They were all very clean and healthy-looking, unlike when they were ill. There were no words spoken the whole time, but it was evident by their faces and smiles that they were happy and that everything was going to be okay.”

I asked Jerod if it felt like a dream, and he said “no.” He tried blinking his eyes a few times, but it was just in front of him. The interesting piece of this is that Jerod had never met Eric (he was born 4 years after Eric died), he was not particularly close with Anna, and he had never seen a picture of Owen.

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# Mass Intentions

Collection for July 30 .....\$3444.00

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

Monday, Aug. 7, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)  
 + 8:00 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)  
 Tuesday, Aug. 8, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Filomena Fusco (Family)  
 Wednesday, Aug. 9, St. Bridget  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Thursday, Aug. 10, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Leo DeMatteo (Joann DeMatteo)  
 Friday, Aug. 11, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Helen Bieber (Linda Davison)  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, Aug. 12, St. Bridget  
 + 4:30 PM Donna Brist (Linda Davison)  
 Sunday, Aug. 13, St. Austin  
 + 9:30 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)

## READINGS FOR August 13, 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 10:9a, 11-13a  
 Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 12, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Joe Mullery  
 Lector: Peter Aubart  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Holmes, Linda Lohman, Judy Neiss  
 Usher/Greeter: Ken Klonecz, Mark Johnson, Betty Mysliwiec, Alice Wortman

### Sunday, August 13, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Chris Pender, Hailey Pfarr  
 Lector: Kathy Kubow  
 Sacristan: Mike McDonough  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Delzer, Denise Hochstedler, Barb Joyce, Tim Peiffer, Patti Shand  
 Ushers & Greeters: Chuck Dellwo, Marlene Longpre, John Joyce, 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. Aug. 7	No Faithfully Fit		
Tues. Aug. 8	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. Aug. 9			
Thur. Aug. 10			
Fri. Aug. 11			St. A
Sat. Aug. 12	Rummage Sale Drop	10:00AM - 2:00PM	St. A
	Off		
	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. Aug. 13	Mass	9:30AM	St. A

### IN YOUR KINDNESS

Please pray for the sick of our parish:  
 **Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Robert Wirth, Don Zenner, Gary Klein and Tim Dornfeld.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Jim Manger**, son of **Agnes Manger** and brother of **Ron Manger**, who died last week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace!



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS** will be celebrated Tuesday, **August 15 at 8:00AM** at St. Austin campus and **7:00PM at St. Bridget** campus. We invite you to come and celebrate this Marian feast!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rebecca Erickson and John Aubart, son of parishioners Karen and Peter Aubart, who were married last weekend! May they continue to grow in love for God and one another and may they know the support of our example and prayers. May God bless you and keep you in marital bliss!

Why did God choose him to share this vision? In my opinion, it was so I would believe him, which I absolutely do. This mental image has given me such peace in my grief, and gives me something to look forward to in the next life.

However, I am cautioned about way of thinking by a phrase I heard in a homily years ago: don't be so heavenly-minded that you are no earthly good. If you are still here, your mission is not yet complete. I bet Jerod had no idea the profound impact he, as a vessel for the Lord's message, has had on me.

This weekend we hear, again, about the Transfiguration (as we do during Lent) – disciples of Jesus seeing things beyond their scope of understanding. We can be so caught up in the black-and-white nature of the things of this earth that we can fail to realize the possibilities of our God when we live in Him. The miracles we've heard of old are still happening today, but our busyness and worry keep us bound. I invite you to open your heart to Jesus each day in prayer and study. Through us, as lamps in the dark places, will the kingdom of God be extended on this earth until that day when we can be together in eternity.

~Heather Johnson, *Director of Worship*

**THANKS** to all of you who help celebrate our nonagenarians!

*Thanks*

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 joined him. All of us ate a wonderful brunch prepared by the Mysliwiec family. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

~ Sr. Gert

**OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS FAST APPROACHING.** There



will be some changes to our sale this year. This year, beginning on Thursday, we will sell a bag of items for \$10.00, if the bag is not full we will ask that a donation be given. Our larger items and some selected items will be marked. Monday, lunch will be served during set up time.

Tuesday, we will work a half day and end the day with a pot luck lunch, please bring a dish to share. Wednesday, is our day of rest, and Thursday our first day of the sale, lunch will be served to the workers only. Please watch future bulletins for more information on the last days of the sale. Have a good rest of the summer. ~The Rummage Sale Team

**WOMEN'S GROUP/SB-SACCW:** For everyone who has been SO generous in supporting our Appalachian Mission each year, now is the time to take advantage of the back-to-school bargains at our neighborhood stores. Socks, school supplies, clothing, etc. are all at low prices right now. We won't be gathering items until October but it's never too late to plan ahead!

~ Diane Weber, *President*



**THANK YOU** to the individuals who stepped forward and brought flags for our St. Austin Campus. We appreciate your American spirit.

**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!



**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. Registration forms are in the back of church.

~Mary Majkozak, *Faith Formation Director*

**THANK YOU** to all those that helped make this years Ice



Cream Social such a fun success for our parish and the community. Thank you for your generous donation of soda, hot dogs, buns, ice cream, and desserts. Thank you to those

that came to set up and stayed to clean up. Many hands really did make light work! A big thank you to Deacon Rich and Jill for the wonderful door prizes they donated. We appreciate all your generous hearts! **THANK YOU!** ~ Gerri Hare

**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**

**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. Robert Robinson will be sharing his inspirational music with 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. "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