

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

Saint Bridget Campus

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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Sept. 3, 2017

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WE ALL LIVE FOR OTHERS

Everyone who peruses the internet, reads the newspaper or watches the news channels has witnessed the destructive power of Hurricane Harvey in the hours before, during, and after the storm's landfall along the central Texas Gulf Coast. The images of people chest-deep in floodwaters, submerged cars and flooded homes caused me to flashback to August 29, 2005 when Hurricane Katrina roared ashore on the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast. I am reminded again how much suffering was visited upon so many people in the aftermath of the storm. The memories are still clear in my mind. I was one of the victims of this catastrophe.

For every need there is a response. I can personally tell you about three people, Red Cross volunteers, who had never met each other as they lived in far-flung regions of the United States. The gentleman who drove a Red Cross truck through my Uptown neighborhood daily was from Bangor, ME. The lady who served meals from the back of the truck was from Spokane, WA, and the third person, another kind lady, was from Portland, OR. They devoted time each day to be sure that my neighbors and I were fed a hot meal. They also distributed twelve bottles of water per person daily. Their responses required sacrifices. They left their homes and families, jobs, and sacrificed salaries to ensure that the suffering received care and mercy. People are heeding the call today to sacrifice once again to come to the aid of a region devastated by unprecedented flooding.

Sacrifice. Jeremiah proclaims an unpopular message to the religious leaders of Judah. He is met with criticism, mockery, derision and threats. He complains to God. He believes that he has been tricked into proclaiming a message that no one wishes to hear. He has sacrificed his peace of mind, his security, and his reputation through his prophecy. Jeremiah continues his response to God's message. It



burns in his heart and he cannot hold it in. Jeremiah sees that he must sacrifice his

comfort, position, his self in order to carry out God's message. The message is not easy to deliver, but God will be present with Jeremiah as he speaks the truth.

Jesus makes it clear about the profound need to sacrifice for others. Responding to Peter, who simply cannot understand the need for Jesus to suffer and die, Jesus states that anyone who wishes to follow Him must deny their



selves, pick up their cross, and follow Him. Those who wish to save their lives in this world will lose it, and those who are willing to sacrifice their present lives will gain eternal life. How is this done? St. Paul tells the Romans that if they seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus they must be transformed through the renewal of their minds and hearts.

We all live for others, sacrifice for others. Our actions may seem quite ordinary to us and, thus, not even appear to be sacrifices, but when we are focused outward for the benefit of others we are leading sacrificial lives. Parents who place the welfare of their children ahead of their own are sacrificing. Spouses who forgo an evening or a weekend away from the home and stay with the family are sacrificing, but also strengthening the bonds of love within the family. Think of ways in which you assist coworkers in order to lighten their burdens. Jesus asks us to give our lives to others and sometimes to give up our lives for the benefit of others. We are asked to go beyond our comfort levels to a point where giving can be distressing.

Jesus is clearly the best example of a person who gave up everything so that all of us can possess eternal life, and this demands sacrifice from us. Jesus humbled himself and faced death on a cross.

We will have our weak moments as Jeremiah did, but let us pray for the courage that Jeremiah received, and proclaim Christ by our words and deeds.

~ Br. Bruce



Mass Intentions

Collection for August 27.....\$6,188.25

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

- Monday, Sept. 4, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
8:00 AM Mel Weber (Jeanne Weber)
- Tuesday, Sept. 5, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Dean Blixt (Karen Aubart)
- Wednesday, Sept. 6, St. Bridget
+ 8:00 AM Clarence & Viola Wortman (Alice Wortman)
- Thursday, Sept. 7, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Carl Kroening (Mike McDonough)
- Friday, Sept. 8, St. Bridget
+ 8:00 AM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
- Weekend Liturgies
- Saturday, Sept. 9, St. Bridget
+ 4:30 PM Robert Roos (Joan Roos & Family)
- Sunday, Sept. 10, St. Austin
+ 9:30 AM Dick Ennen (Family)

READINGS FOR September 10, 2017

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Mary Moen
Lector: Kim Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy & Joe Berghoff, Dc. Rich Heineman
Usher/Greeter: Jacque Karas, Frank & Mary Plant, Carol Wolney

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Eldrick & Ellis Dossavi
Lector: Tim Peiffer
Sacristan: Mike McDonough
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Brisk, Dc. Rich Heineman, Cece Ryan, Barb West, Ralph Wolf
Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Rick Mysliwicz, Sam Pender, 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 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. Sept. 4	Office Closed Labor Day No Faithfully Fit Rummage Sale Set-up		St. A
Tues. Sept 5	Rummage Sale Set-up		St. A
Wed. Sept. 6			
Thur. Sept. 7	Rummage Sale Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM - 7:00PM 6:30PM	St. A St. A
Fri. Sept. 8	Rummage Sale	9:00AM - 5:00PM	St. A
Sat. Sept. 9	Rummage Sale Reconciliation Mass	9:00AM - 12:00PM 3:45PM 4:30PM	St. A St. B St. B
Sun. Sept. 10	Mass	9:30AM	St. A

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

 **Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Robert Wirth, Francis Japs, Don Zenner, Rita Holmes, Harold Tilbury and Tim Dornfeld.**

LECTIO DIVINA: You are invited to join our Lectio Divina gathering. We will be meeting for prayer on **Wednesday, September 20, October 18, and November 15 at 8:30AM** 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.



THANK YOU for the lovely Mass and reception recently for my golden jubilee as a Franciscan Sister. I appreciate you all for your affirmations and support.

~ Sr. Louise Bauer, OSF.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume on Friday, September 15th at the St. Bridget campus. Adoration begins after the 8am Mass and closes at 3pm. If you are interested in scheduling a regular time to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

ADULT CHOIR: The start of the musical season is nearly upon us! Our rehearsals for the Adult Choir will start on Thursday, September 7th. They are held weekly at our St. Austin campus from 6:30-8:00pm. If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir, please contact our Director of Worship, Heather Johnson, at the parish office. No audition is required. The Adult Choir typically sings on Sunday mornings twice a month, with the Saturday Schola (a smaller subset of the Adult Choir) that sings at the 4:30pm vigil Mass.

We also have our Praise Ensemble, featuring more contemporary praise & worship style music. This group rehearses once a month and sings 1-2 times per month on Sundays. The starting rehearsal date is Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30PM at St. Austins.

As always, we welcome instrumentalists and cantors (song-leaders) in the ensemble. If you love to sing or play, consider offering your talents to one of these vibrant church groups!

SOJOURNER FOOD PROJECT. Once again, St. Bridget's will partner with Sojourner Truth Academy to bring healthy, fresh groceries to families who may not have enough to make ends meet. Recalling the words of Jesus to "feed the hungry" St. Bridget's has committed \$4,000.00 to provide 20 families with \$50.00 worth of groceries four times during the school year. Working with Coborns Delivers, a grocery delivery service, families receive milk, bread, fresh meat, and assorted grocery items. The staff at Sojourner Truth provides the names of the families most in need. Obviously, there are more than 20 families who could genuinely use these groceries and this is where we invite you to help us alleviate hunger in our community. Parishioners are invited to sponsor one or more families by contributing to the Sojourner Food Project. Your gift of \$200.00 will help one family four times during the year. A gift of \$50.00 will sponsor one family for one month. However you can contribute to this project, will make a difference in the lives of those that receive these groceries. Last year, thanks to your generosity and good stewardship, we were able to help 36 families four times a year. This year we'd like to do more, but we need you! Simply place a check in the weekly collection or drop it off at the parish office during regular office hours and indicate on the memo line: Sojourner Food Project. The first food distribution takes place on **October 26**. In addition to your financial contribution, we also need volunteers to help with the sorting and distribution of the food at the school. It requires about two hours, four times during the school year, from 4:00 - 6:00PM. If you're able to help, contact Gerri Hare at 612-886-3527. Thank you for your generosity and consideration.



FALL FESTIVAL & RESOURCE FAIR: Catholic Eldercare invites you to their 4th annual fall festival. Free food and entertainment, green book fair, free books, 25 senior resource vendors and health screenings, flu & pneumonia vaccines, and more. Event will be held at River Village East, 2919 Randolph St. NE. September 6 from 4 to 6PM. For more info contact Robin Haenze at 612-605-2515.



THE OFFICE will be closed on September 4th, and open again Tuesday September 5th. **Have a happy and safe Labor Day!**

THANK YOU, SHAUN! Our long-time guitarist, Shaun Koelsch, will be bidding farewell after playing for St. Bridget's once a week-end for over 15 years. Shaun started at St. Bridget's after graduating from the University of Saint Thomas in 2002. We are grateful for his musicianship, as he will be sorely missed! Shaun's last Mass will be Sunday, September 17th, so please plan to join us after Mass to thank him for his commitment to the parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. As previously noted, there will not be a senior lunch program this year. We are, however, planning a one time event for **Friday, September 15**. At the St. Austin Campus in Brennan Hall at 12:00, there will be soup, sandwiches, and dessert. We will play bingo and, yes, there will be prizes! Cost for lunch and bingo will be \$5. Everybody is invited and you can bring friends and neighbors. We do ask that reservations be made by calling the parish office no later than Wednesday September 13.

~ Sister Gert

WOMEN'S GROUP: The Women's Group/SB-SACW will kick off their service year with Mass on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm at the St. Austin campus. We will start in the church, go to Brennan Hall after, where we will present Fr. Paul with a check for the parish, conduct a short business meeting and end with treats & fellowship. I am inviting all women of the parish to join us for Mass and the meeting.

~ Diane Weber, President

AN INVITATION FOR YOU! R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, works specifically with three kinds of people who might want to join the Catholic Church: persons who have never been baptized, adults who were baptized but who received little or no instruction after baptism, and those who have been baptized into another denomination. but who would like to consider the Catholic Faith. If you fall into any of these groups and would like to know more, or you are Catholic and have not been confirmed, please give me a call and I will give you more information!

~ Mary Majkczak Director of Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.
612-521-7454

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS CONTINUED. As we welcome you



back after our day of rest, we begin our sale on Thursday. Doors will open at 9:00AM. Our lunch will be served that day, and we will be open until 7:00PM. As we open on Friday at 9:00AM, our bag prices will be chosen by how we did on Thursday. As we close our doors at 5:00PM, we will get ready for our bag day sale on Saturday, \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. A lunch will be served before we pack things up at noon on Saturday. St. Vincent de Paul will be there to help haul things away. We will not put out any Christmas items at the sale; they will be saved to use at a later time. St. Vincent has certain things that they can not take, we will make arrangements for those items. Hope to see many of you during that week to help with the project. Thank you in advance for your help this far and later. We can not have this wonderful sale without all of your help. ~ Rummage Sale Management

ALTAR FLOWERS for this weekend are in loving memory of Robert Roos on the one year anniversary of his death. Sincerely with love, *Joan Roos*