



THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

Saint Bridget Campus

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"HE GAVE IT AWAY."

"No disrespect to you or to Fr. ____, but we really like it when Lay Presiders preach at Word & Communion Liturgies during the week."

It was fourteen years ago, and I was visiting St. Joseph's Church up in Lino Lakes where I had done a diaconal internship in seminary. The no-nonsense, very faithful maintenance guy at the parish had come up to me and whispered these words to me, looking to see if Fr. ____ might be around. He knew I had been tasked with creating a Lay Presider Ministry at St. Joe's -- "The Twelve" we called them -- when that suburban parish went to having just one priest. I guess he thought I could use an update on the fairly new ministry.

"No insult taken," I smiled back after his feedback. "In fact, I've enjoyed hearing them myself back when I was a deacon." Maybe you've thought about it on occasion as well -- what you'd have put on your tombstone -- something to live up to. Mine would be this column's headline. It certainly sounds better than my likely last words: "Oops!"

I think most of us first think of "giving it all away" as nobly giving away financial and material possessions before one dies.

Or before joining the monastery.

But in Christian church circles, an increasingly important giving-away is of our God-given time and abilities and energy. Through evangelization. Through active participation in liturgies. Through ministries.

Long gone are the days when Father, Sister, Brother, or Staff did it all.

Current best-practice in surviving-and-thriving parishes -- urban, suburban, and rural -- is full engagement of all parishioners, of all ages and circumstances. Of course, ministry involvement will differ with someone's circumstances. But every disciple can take up and give away in some unique way. Some examples here and elsewhere: Eucharistic Ministers bringing Communion to hospital residents and the homebound ... our lectors and acolytes and choir members ...

money counters ... homebound parishioners reading the Bible to each other over the phone ... parish and finance councils' membership ... events volunteers ... greeters and welcomees ... prayer leaders praying with hurting folks after Mass ... leaders with childrens' liturgy of the Word ...

Although increasingly critical as the clergy- and religious-shortage is, and the subsequent need for lay involvement ... this giving-away of ministry to laypeople also reflects the Second Vatican Council's call for the active participation of all the baptized faithful, with everyone sharing in Christ's

priestly, prophetic and royal (servant-leadership) ministry.

Thank God, the comparatively small Parish Community of St. Bridget has long been blessed with a lot of active members -- it's probably why folks around the Archdiocese see it as "the little parish that could ... and did."

Just one example, we've been blessed here with a well-trained Lay Presider Ministry. These men and women preside and preach on most Mondays. And they are ready to step up in the emergent absence of a priest during a weekend Mass.

The reason why the St. Joe's maintenance guy mentioned above says parishioners enjoy Lay Presiders' preaching now and then is that their reflections are usually grounded in the day-to-day life that most parishioners can relate to:

Working in a factory or owning a business perhaps, being elated with a promotion or depressed with a firing, staying up late into the night with a sick kid or waiting for a teen's return home, celebrating the joy of a daughter's or son's marriage, struggling to make ends meet, grieving over children who've left the Faith ...

And, he added, it's nice to hear a different voice every once and a while, "Again, no offense, Fr. Paul." None taken. Absolutely no offense taken.



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Mass Intentions

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, Sept. 11, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 + 8:00 AM Floyd Anthony Schake (Pat Schake)
 Tuesday, Sept 12, St. Austin
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Wednesday, Sept. 13, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Bob Wortman (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, Sept 14, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Sheldon Spack (Laura Spack)
 Friday, Sept 15, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Ericka Criscitelli (Family)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, Sept. 16, St. Bridget
 + 4:30 PM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
 Sunday, Sept. 17, St. Austin
 9:30 AM Secular Franciscans

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Bridget Campus 4:30 PM
 Sunday—St. Austin Campus9:30 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.

Collection for September 03\$4,492.25

READINGS FOR September 17, 2017

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7
 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 16, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

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

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Hazel Pfarr, Chris Pender
 Lector: Sr. Louise Bauer
 Sacristan: Sammy Robeck
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Delzer, Barb Joyce, Mary Majkozak, Sammy Robeck, Patti Shand
 Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Bernice King, Marlene Longpre, Gerry Nyberg, Patti Shand

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 11	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
	SB-SACCW Mass	6:30 - 8:30PM	St. A
Tues. Sept. 12	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
	Praise Ensemble	6:30PM	St. A
Wed. Sept. 13	Knights of Columbus	6:00 - 8:00PM	St. B
	Meeting		
	Confirmation Classes	6:30 - 7:45PM	OLV
Thur. Sept. 14	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	St. A
Fri. Sept. 15	Lunch & Bingo	12:00 Noon	St. A
Sat. Sept. 16	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. Sept. 17	Mass	9:30AM	St. A

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



Jean Eidem, 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 Dear Parishioners, Thank you for all of your prayers, consideration and cards during my journey back to health.

~ Carolyn Orth

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Honestly, even if this Archdiocese were awash in clergy and religious vocations, I wholeheartedly believe the Second Vatican Council still calls for clergy, religious and staff to give-away ... so that others may take-up.

~ Fr. Paul

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Because of the Ministry Fair, both weekend Masses will be at the St. Bridget Campus, September 23 & 24.

HURRICANE HARVEY EMERGENCY RELIEF. Archbishop Hebda is asking all parishes of the Archdiocese to join with Catholics around the country to take up a second collection on September 9-10. Funds given will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support. Please indicate Hurricane Harvey Emergency Relief on the memo line of your check and on the outside of your envelope. Thank you.

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

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.



COME TOGETHER with many others in praying for peace. In our homes. In our neighborhoods. In our cities. In our state. In our country. In our world. Joining with people of all faiths. People of good faith.

September's monthly **COME TOGETHER** interfaith peace prayer, with a Peace Walk & Peace Caroling, is Sunday, September 17 at 4 pm - 6 pm, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale St N, Saint Paul, MN. www.facebook.com/LCRStPaul/ Over 300 were in attendance in August's **COME TOGETHER**. Let's see if even more can come in September. This depends on you spreading the word. For more info: read and earmark this website: <https://www.facebook.com/ComeTogetherTC/> Or simply google "COME TOGETHER Twin Cities Facebook."

DAILY MASS READINGS Start your day off right! Many of us would love the opportunity to attend daily Mass but are unable to due to our work schedules. An easy way to stay up-to-date with the daily lectionary is to sign up and have the readings delivered right to your inbox. Simply go to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and enter your email address (at the bottom of the page)! <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. As previously noted there will not be a senior lunch program this year. We are however planned 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. To make **reservations**, please call the parish office **no later than Wednesday September 13**.
~ Sister Gert

THANK YOU to a very generous parishioner for the donation to our parish for \$2,000. The family has been a member of St. Bridget's for many years and wanted to make a donation to be used as needed. May God bless them for their very generous hearts. We are very grateful for their gift to our parish. **THANK YOU!**



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.

WOMEN'S GROUP: The Women's Group/SB-SACCW 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