

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

Saint Bridget Campus

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24th Sunday Ordinary Time Sept. 17, 2017

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What Is Truth?

Can you recall what your first lie was? Can you remember the first time that you were asked for a direct answer to a question and you responded with something less than the truth? Perhaps it was just the standard, “I don’t know,” or the ever present whine of “don’t ask me, ask her.” But whatever it was, and whenever it was, all of us, except for those who are obviously candidates for sainthood from the day of their birth until this very moment, have lied at one time or another. And the lies did not stop when we were children.

As adults, our lying becomes much more skilled and practiced. In our relationships we have learned the



proper and the acceptable way to deny something or someone without actually ever having to come right out with it. For example we might say something like “well that is very interesting,” when all the time we are thinking and feeling that it is anything but interesting. It is in fact downright uninteresting, boring, and we wish it would be

over or the person would be gone. In such a situation we have convinced ourselves that it is better to hide our feelings and our true convictions- or so we have learned. Other kinds of lies are even more pervasive and at times even more subtle. Deep within each of us there is a whole collection of fear, anxieties, and guilt that we would prefer that no one ever knows anything about, and each of us have learned a way to make sure that we never give ourselves away. There are all sorts of ways to hide the truth of our lives, to protect ourselves from being vulnerable, to resist the urge to trust another person with the deepest part of ourselves.



knew human behavior quite well. He was a man who understood how people used one another. He understood that often the person that stood before him to be judged was more often than not, no different from those in the audience, except they were the unfortunate ones and ended up getting caught. To such a man as Pilate, who had heard every kind of lie, had seen every kind of plot, had experienced the never ending dance of one person jockeying for position over another person, and who had engaged in exactly the same kind of behavior himself so he could move up the political ladder of success in ancient Rome, to this man the question, “what is truth?” had to be answered, “whatever it seems to be, and whatever is most convenient and useful at the moment.”



Remember in the gospel narrative of the Passion of Jesus Christ when Pilate asked Jesus this question: “Truth, what is truth?” Pilate was a man who obviously

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Mass Intentions

Collection for September 10\$4,296.80

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, Sept. 18, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 + 8:00 AM Jim Manger (Mary Ann Svobodny)
 Tuesday, Sept. 19, St. Austin
 8:00 AM
 Wednesday, Sept. 20, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 Thursday, Sept. 21, St. Austin
 + 8:00 AM Marie Wortman (Alice Wortman)
 Friday, Sept. 22, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, Sept. 23, St. Bridget
 + 4:30 PM Maynard King (Bernice King)
 Sunday, Sept. 24, St. Bridget
 + 9:30 AM Kovol-Adamietz Families (Ursula Armstrong)

READINGS FOR September 24, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16a

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Joe Mullery
 Lector: Diane Weber
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Emily Walsh, Carol Wolney
 Usher/Greeter: Ken Klonca, Mark & Mike Johnson, Betty Mysliwiec

Sunday, September 24, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Hailey Pfarr, Alice Wortman
 Lector: Kay Larson
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich & Jill Heineman, Denise Hochstedler, Diane Liemandt-Reimann, Dianne Mulcare
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Dorothy Vnuck, Ron Willis, Mary Ann Schissler

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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.

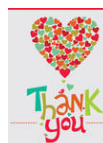
CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 18	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. Sept. 19	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. Sept. 20	Lectio Divina	8:30AM	St. B
	Staff Meeting	12:00Noon	St. B
	Confirmation Classes	6:30 - 7:45PM	OLV
Thur. Sept. 21	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	St. A
Fri. Sept. 22	Adoration	8:30AM - 3:00PM	St. B
Sat. Sept. 23	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Ministry Fair Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. Sept. 24	Ministry Fair Mass	9:30AM	St. B

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.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Helen Moosman** who died last week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

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 to the SB-CCW for their generous donation to our parish of \$4,000 to be used where needed. May God bless them for their very generous hearts. We are very grateful for their kind gift to our parish.

The problem for Pilate, so calloused and so tired, was that he had heard so many lies in his own life that he had become hardened. When the truth finally was spoken before him, he recognized it for what it was, and he was attracted to it, but he was unable to embrace it. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, that Jesus was being used by the Chief Priests and the scribes for their own political ends, but he did not have the courage or the conviction to embrace the truth, and to make the decision that truth and justice demanded of him. Years and years of a practiced and hardened heart had eaten his soul away from him, to the point that he was no longer able to embrace that which would give life.

Contrast Pilate with Jesus, who although he knew well the father of lies and had in fact wrestled with him in the desert, lived and embraced the truth. It was truth, and not ambition, power, the desire to dominate to make a difference, or any other fundamental lie, that brought Jesus to this moment, face to face with his opposite.

What is truth? The choice, the contrast, and the result are all clearly presented for our meditation and reflection, at this moment.

Rev. Thomas M. Santa, C.Ss.R
For the Redemptorist Community and Staff

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, 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**. Thank you for your generosity and consideration.

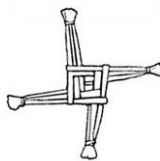
~Gerri Hare

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."

HURRICANE HARVEY EMERGENCY RELIEF. Archbishop Hebda asked all parishes of the Archdiocese to join with Catholics around the country to take up a second collection last weekend. Funds given will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support. If you missed it, we are still accepting donations. Please indicate Hurricane Harvey Emergency Relief on the memo line of your check and on the outside of your envelope. Thank you.

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



A day set aside to recognize those people who have a vocation to serve the church as Catechists – people who devote a lot of time and energy to teaching others how to listen to God's voice so that they learn to follow His call. Catechists teach us to keep the light of Christ burning bright within us. The theme this year, "Living as Missionary Disciples" reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, we are called to pass on the faith and to witness to the gospel. And to share in the ministries of priest, prophet, and king. A special thank you for all past, present and future catechists who have ministered to our children, youth, and adults! On Catechetical Sunday, parents and guardians are also honored because they are the first true catechist, sharing the Catholic faith with their families from the moments of the first breaths of life!



MINISTRY FAIR - COMING SOON! Every fall, the parish hosts its annual Ministry Fair and pledge drive as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to sharing our time, treasure, and talent.

On the weekend of **September 23-24**, we will be hosting the Ministry Fair in the school gym after each of the weekend Masses. Please note, **BOTH** of the weekend Masses on **September 23-24 will be at the St. Bridget campus.**

The Ministry Fair is a fun opportunity to see what types of ministries you can get involved in. At the Fair, you are invited to gather materials of ministries that are really speaking to your heart. You are asked to pray and discern where you are being called. It is also an opportunity for new parishioners to commit themselves to the parish by submitting a registration packet.

The following weekend, September 30-October 1, is Commitment Weekend. Not only will you have time to sign up for various ministries, you also have the opportunity to do a little house-keeping -- update your census information for the parish's records. The brochures handed out at the beginning of Mass will be collected that very day. Hopefully, each parishioner will have taken some time throughout the week to truly listen and discover where God is calling. You might be surprised!

We are all called to be lights for one another -- to drown out the darkness with the radiant light of Jesus Christ. The best way to be that vessel is to open yourselves up to service -- in whatever capacity that means -- and let your light shine for all to see! Start praying and preparing for the weekend now, and let God direct your path!