



## THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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27th Sunday Ordinary Time Oct. 8, 2017

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### MY FRIENDS SONG

I have a friend who always orders a glass of white Zinfandel or sometimes a glass of Blush when we go out to eat. Every time she orders it, I try and convince her that white Zinfandel is not a white wine, and it is not even a good Zinfandel. I tell her that Blush is simply a wine that wine owners thought up as a way to sell their OK leftover white wine and their OK leftover red wine: "Let's mix it together and call it Blush!" I then sing the praises and the complexion of a good bottle of red or white. I really don't know much about wine, and I certainly don't much about vineyards and how the wine is produced, but I do have more than a few opinions about it.

I was thinking about wine because in both our first reading from the prophet and our reading from the Gospel the role of the vineyard is very important. For the people who first heard these readings it can be safe to assume that they understood the inner workings of a vineyard, and as a result of their familiarity with vineyards, they understood the central symbol of today's readings. They understood that Isaiah was talking about the people of Israel and their relationship with the Lord in the first reading.

They also understood Jesus when in his teaching, he inverted Isaiah's story, turning it around as a warning to their leaders, the scribes and the Pharisee's. However, for us today, who only happen upon a vineyard if we happen to be touring wine country, the story loses a little of its symbolic value.

Because we don't understand all of the nuances that are suggested by the symbol of a vineyard, we are in a sense robbed of the full meaning of the stories and as a result find ourselves focusing on the parts of the story that we understand the most. In the example of the gospel, probably the part of the story that we hear is the warning, "you did not respect me or pay attention to my word, and so what you think you have will be taken away from you and given to another." The warning is the power of the Word of God for us today, but the gospel becomes even more powerful if we know and recognize the nuances of what is being presented to us.

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we are reminded that the Catholic approach to the Sacred Scripture is always

an approach that should lead us away from the narrow viewpoint or the focused opinion, to a place that permits us to see the teaching presented within the full context of the experience. In other words, if you attended my scripture class you heard me repeatedly talk about the "big picture." The Catholic viewpoint of the world in which we live, of the Sacred Scriptures that we pray and study, and of our relationship with God should always attempt to develop a perspective of seeing, "not just the trees, but the entire forest, the big picture." Catholics are at their best when we develop an all embracing awareness of God and his people, and we are at our worse when we zero in on one single point, and demand that everyone see it the way that we see it.

It is because of the insistence of the Church, especially as it is taught to us through the living tradition of the Church, that we develop a sense of the big picture and that we resist the urge to become too narrowly focused. There has always been tolerance in the Church for many different opinions, many different expressions of the events and the experiences of the human person. Catholics have never insisted that everyone sing the same song, or pray in exactly the same way, or participate in only one kind of liturgical experience - there has always been a variety

of experiences that lead us to God, and we have always, except on those rare occasions when we have forgotten what it means to be Catholic, rejoiced and celebrated the many and varied expressions of Catholic life and worship.

This assertion does not mean that we do not have creeds and dogmas. It does not mean that everything is open to debate and interpretation - obviously that is not the case as each of us pray the Creed of the mass together, but the opposite is also true: in the Catholic world, we cannot cut off debate, we cannot insist on only one interpretation or one experience of God - we try and remain open to all of the promptings of the Spirit of the Lord because we believe that the Lord is active and alive in our midst.

I was thinking about the authentic Catholic viewpoint of the world as I read the readings this week, and especially as I read the second letter from St. Paul. I asked myself, "How does a person become someone who does not experience anxiety? How does a person come to a point in their life when they are





# Mass Intentions

Collection for October 1 .....\$5,067.50

*(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)*  
 Monday, Oct. 9, St. Bridget *(Word-Communion Service)*  
 8:00 AM Pheobe Nosker (Friend)  
 Tuesday, Oct. 10, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Tom Wolney Sr. (Family)  
 Wednesday, Oct. 11, St. Bridget  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 Thursday, Oct. 12, St. Austin  
 + 8:00 AM Susie Rieschel (Alice Wortman)  
 Friday, Oct. 13, St. Bridget  
 + 8:00 AM Rita Holmes (Alice Wortman)  
 Weekend Liturgies  
 Saturday, Oct. 14, St. Bridget  
 + 4:30 PM Daniella Rieter (Bernice King)  
 Sunday, Oct. 15, St. Austin  
 9:30 AM Joyce Haggerle (Family)

## READINGS FOR October 15, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a  
 Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 14, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget**  
 Altar Servers: Mary Moen  
 Lector: Mike Johnson  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Moen, Mary & Mike Regan  
 Usher/Greeter: Ken Klonecz, Mark Johnson, Betty Mysliwiec, Alice Wortman

**Sunday, October 15, 9:30 AM, St. Austin**  
 Altar Servers: Andrea Pfarr, Alice Wortman  
 Lector:  
 Sacristan: Mary Ann Carter  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gerri Hare, Marie Lorbiecki, Mary Majkockak, Kathy Purdes, Alice Wortman  
 Ushers & Greeters: Aislyn Brogdon, Chuck Dellwo, Gerry Nyberg, Dorothy Vnuck

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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. Oct. 9	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
Tues. Oct. 10	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
Wed. Oct. 11	Faith Formation Class	6:30 - 7:45PM	OLV
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Thur. Oct. 12	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	St. A
Fri. Oct. 13	Adoration	8:30AM - 3:00PM	St. B
Sat. Oct. 14	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
Sun. Oct. 15	Rosary	8:45AM	St. A
	Mass	9:30AM	St. A
	Donut Sunday	Following Mass	

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

**Jean Eidem, Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Robert Wirth, Joan Speers, Chuck Dellwo, Don Zenner, Denise Brisk, Jacque Block, Pam Murphy, Jack Fay, Dawn Minell daughter of Joan Roos, and Tim Dornfeld.** In your charity, remember the soul of **Ruth Rademacher**, and former parishioner Helen Kozlak, who died last week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

**BLOOD DRIVE REMINDER:** at St. Austin **October 26**, from 3:30 to 7:00PM in Brennan Hall.

**ALTAR LINENS:** We seem to be missing some of our altar linens (purificators, specifically). If you were tasked with washing them and had forgotten, please return them as soon as possible to the parish office. Thank you!

 **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED October 9**, in observance of Columbus Day.

able to recognize and celebrate that which is honorable, just, lovely, gracious, and excellent, thus enjoying the fullness of the peace of the Lord in their life?"

It seems to me that the only way to truly enjoy life in the way that St. Paul is talking about, is to develop a perspective in life that is Catholic, that rejoices in the big picture, and that resists the need that is somehow part of the human experience, to narrowly focus on one point, one opinion, or one expression of the love of God in the world in which we live.

When I thought about all of this it brought me back to the gospel. Why is the vineyard taken away from the scribes and the Pharisees? Could it be that they became too narrow in their understanding of God and as a result, forgot what it was like to celebrate the goodness of God? Could it be that this was part of what Jesus was talking about in an earlier part of the gospel when he accused the scribes and the Pharisees of laying burdens on the backs of the people, and refusing to lend a helping hand? It would be unfair to just single out the scribes and the Pharisees for comment. In my own life, I recognize that the moments when I have the most anxiety and fear, when I forget how to be joyful

and celebrate, is when I become totally focused on my own needs and wants, my own opinions and judgments. I become unhappy because I place myself at the center of everything, and in attempting to do that, I push God out of the picture.

The gospel today challenges us to become the people that the Lord has asked us to be. When we develop and nourish a Catholic sensibility about life, and the events and the experiences of life, we will truly be able to celebrate, and we will live lives free from anxiety and fear.



*Rev. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R.*

For the Redemptorist Community who serves you.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with this event. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, who were instrumental in helping to set up and clean up before and after the event. Everybody sang. We blessed the sick pets, remembered the love between departed pets and humans, and gave out more than the advertised five \$10-awards (thanks to contributions at the event). Thank you all again.



**OKTOBERFEST** Our annual autumn celebration will be held at St. Bridget Campus on **Saturday, October 14**, following the 4:30PM Mass. There will be traditional German foods, music, and the opportunity for a good time of fun and fellowship. Tickets are adults \$9.00, children ages 12-5years \$5.00, family of five (includes 2 adults and 3 children) \$25.00, and will be available after Masses in the coming weeks.



**ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** As is our custom, we will burn vigil candles in memory of the souls of the faithfully departed around the altar at the Church of Saint Bridget beginning on Tuesday evening, October 31st, the eve of All Saints' Day. The offering is \$7.50 per candle and should be submitted with the coupon below. **Your requests must be in the parish office by 4:00PM on Thursday October 26.**



**NAME/S OF THOSE TO BE REMEMBERED:**  
*Please print names clearly.*

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Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is October 22nd. The theme for this year's appeal is "Caring for the Spiritual Wounds of the People", and it reflects the responsibility we have as Catholic Christian people to bring the Gospel to the whole world -especially to young and developing churches. You have envelopes in your packets for this collection. You are invited to use them and to bring them with you to Mass on the weekend of October 21-22nd.



**ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER:** October is the month that the Church celebrates and honors the Blessed Virgin Mary for her role in salvation history. Please join fellow parishioners in honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of October by praying the Rosary before the Sunday morning Mass. Rosary will begin at 8:45AM.

**LECTIO DIVINA** (Divine Reading) is a type of prayer often done in groups. A scripture passage is chosen to be read aloud. There is time for reflection and the passage is read again with more time for reflection. There is a parish group that gets together on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St. Bridget. Beginning December 21st they will meet at 8:30AM, after Thursday mornings at St. Austin in the Fireside Room. Usually the Group is no larger than 6-8 folks. Please treat yourself to a time of prayer and join the group. It is not necessary for you to attend each month, but come when possible. The scripture reading that the group usually uses is the gospel for the upcoming Sunday, a great way to prepare for participation in the weekend liturgy.



**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** begin on Wednesday, October 11th, 6:30PM - at Brightwater School (Our Lady of Victory Campus) 51ST and Emerson Ave No. We will have prayer service and an informational meeting mapping out the upcoming year. Of course, treats too! Parents and students need to attend this first night. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime. ~*Mary Majkozak*, Director Faith Formation / R.C.I.A. 612-521-7454