ST. BRIDGET
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 28, 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
(closed noon to 1:00pm)

Friday 8:30am-Noon

parish@stbridgetlovespark.org

Call the Parish Office to: Register as a New Parishioner, Schedule a Baptism, or Schedule a Wedding
Please call at least six months before your wedding.

You may also register as a new parishioner on the parish website.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 7:00am, 8:15am
10:00am, 11:30am

Daily Mass
Monday-Saturday 7:00am, 8:15am

LIVESTREAM

Monday-Saturday 8:15am
Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:30am-8:00am
Saturday 8:45am-9:45am
3:30pm-4:15pm
Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend Msgr Steve Knox - *Pastor*
sknox@rockforddiocese.org
Reverend Sean Grismer - *Associate Pastor*
frgrismer@gmail.com
Reverend John McNamara - *Associate Pastor*
jmcnamara@rockforddiocese.org
Deacons
Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

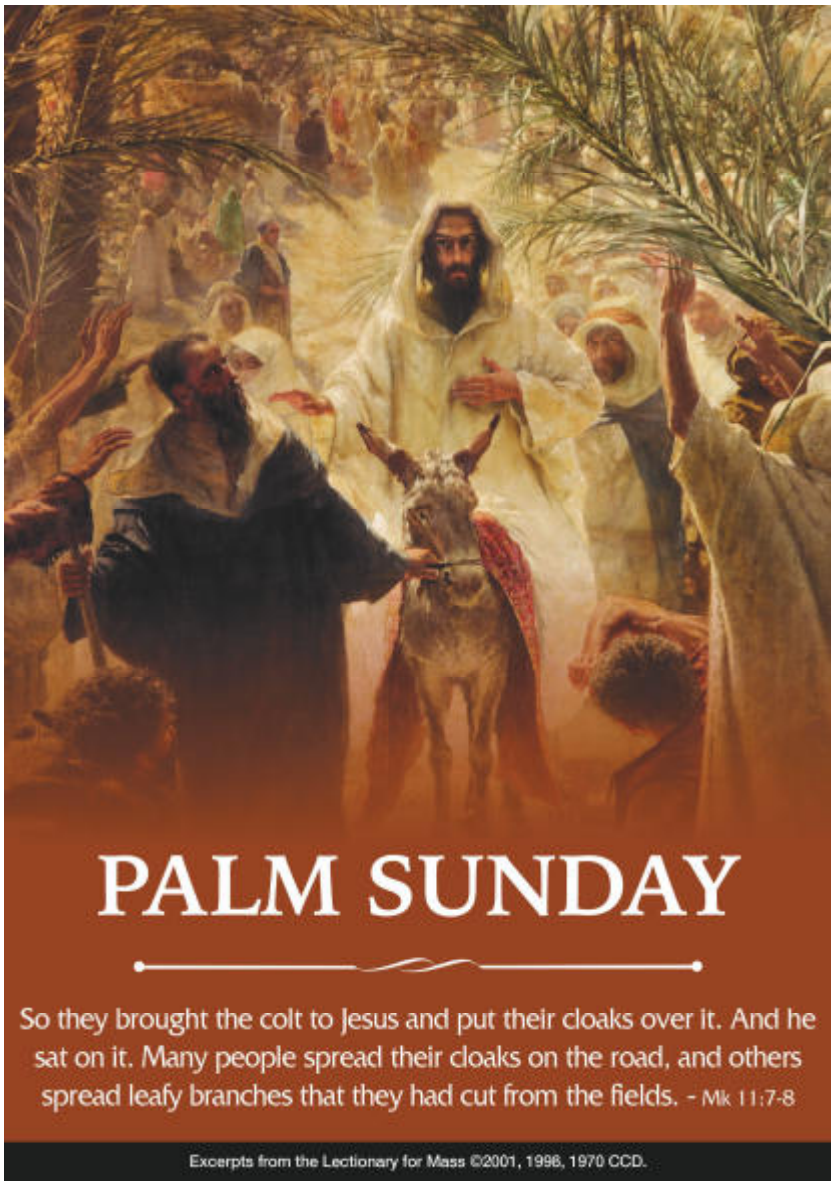
WANT TO CONNECT TO A LIVESTREAM?

Connect through...

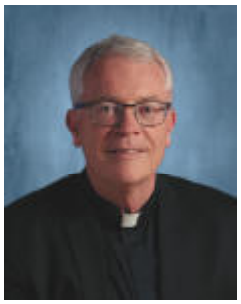
Website (www.stbridgetlovespark.org)
Click on "View Livestream"

YouTube search St Bridget Church

Facebook watch livestream through our Face book page



FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Week 2021

With Palm Sunday Masses, we enter into Holy Week, the most sacred time of year for Christians. Last year in light of the pandemic, Holy Week Services were all online. It is great that we are able to gather in person this year in addition to continuing the livestreaming of Holy Week liturgies. To participate in person, please sign up through our SignUpGenius link on the website or call the Parish Office. Here are some important Holy Week details:

† **Eucharistic Adoration:** After the 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, March 31st, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel during the Holy Triduum or on Easter Sunday. The Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday, April 5th at 7:30am.

† **Holy Thursday:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 7:00pm in the Church (and livestreamed). At this Mass, we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the priesthood, and the call to humble service. This year, we will not be able to use the Adoration Chapel for the altar of repose because of social distancing constraints. Instead, we will process over to the Parish Center where we will have the altar of repose. This procession symbolizes Jesus' journey to Gethsemane. Adoration will conclude with the priest leading Night Prayer at midnight. There will be no morning Masses.

† **Good Friday:** We will have two Good Friday Services, one at 3:00pm and the other at 6:30pm. The 3:00pm service will be livestreamed. We will gather to give thanks for the gift of forgiveness and salvation flowing from the Cross of Jesus. At the 3:00pm Service, the Passion reading will be chanted. At both liturgies we will venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion. There will be no morning Masses.

† **Holy Saturday:** Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place at 9:30am in the Church. At the 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass, we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. We will also celebrate the Easter Sacraments for those who are entering fully into the Catholic faith through the RCIA process and the Adult Confirmation program. The Easter Vigil Mass will also be livestreamed. There will be no morning Masses.

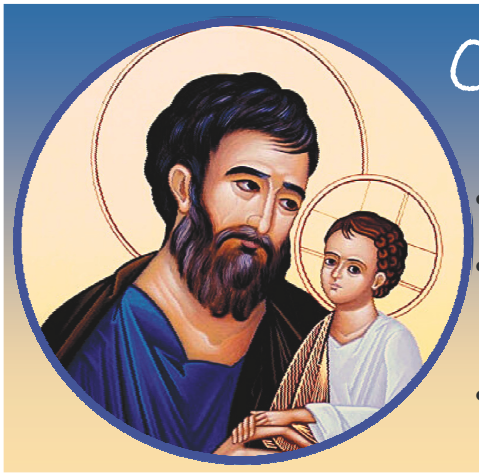
† **Easter Sunday:** We have six Masses planned for Easter Sunday. At 10:00am and 11:30am, we will celebrate Mass in the Church and in the Parish Center. We will have the Parish Center decorated nicely for Easter, along with having Easter music there. At those two liturgies, once the Church is full at 30% capacity, we will direct other Mass participants to go to the Parish Center. Please sign up to participate in those liturgies. The 10:00am Mass will be livestreamed

† **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, March 29th from 6:00-7:00pm, and on Wednesday, March 31st from 7:30am-8:30am, and 6:00pm-7:30pm. We will also have confessions from 11:00am-Noon on Good Friday, April 2nd.

May the Lord's blessings be upon all of you this Holy Week!

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox



Consecration to St. Joseph

What do I do to join in?

- Begin day one on Tuesday, **March 30th**, and follow the daily rhythm of the book.
- Join us **Tuesday, March 30th, in the Church for our first group gathering**. At this session, we will introduce the book and the consecration process. You can come from 9:00-10:00am or from 6:30-7:30pm. Subsequent Tuesday group gatherings will take place in the Parish Center Hall.
- Attend 8:15am Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (Saturday, May 1st) as we make our consecration.

St. Bridget School

WHERE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST
IS **TAUGHT, LIVED, AND SHARED**

We are now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year

Tuition rates and registration paperwork available on our website

https://www.saint-bridget.org/

Preschool full day and half day options 2021-22.

We would love to give you a tour!
(815) 633 - 8255

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish, and all the parishes in the Rockford Diocese, to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, please visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Holy Week Schedule

April 1st - Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm - in person and livestreamed

April 2nd - Good Friday Services, 3:00pm and 6:30pm. (3:00pm livestreamed)

April 3rd - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, 9:30am

April 3rd - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm (in person and livestreamed)

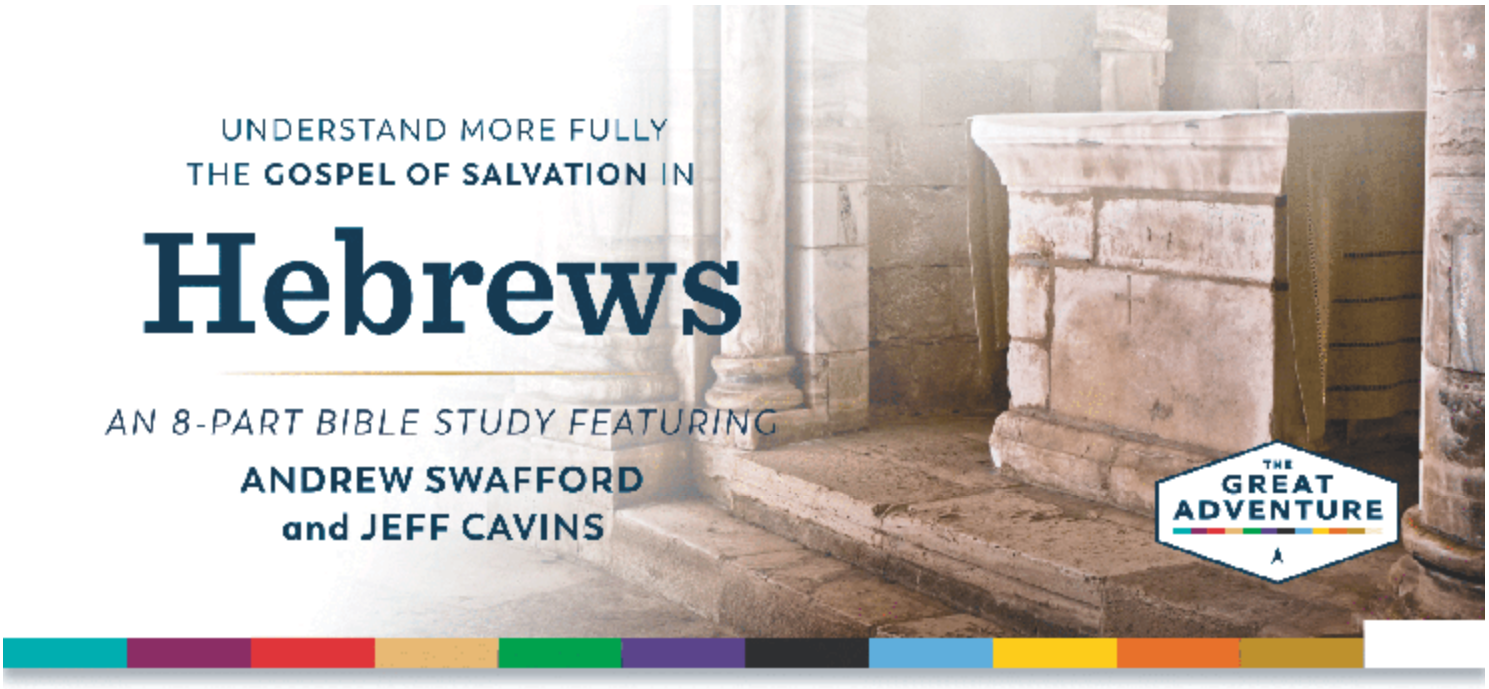
April 4th - Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00am, 8:15am, 10:00am (in person and livestreamed), 11:30am (Mass in the Church **and** Parish Center at 10:00am and 11:30am)

Holy Week confession Times

Monday, March 29th - 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, March 31st - 7:30am-8:30am
6:00pm-7:30pm

Friday, April 2nd - 11:00am-Noon



UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY
THE **GOSPEL OF SALVATION** IN

Hebrews

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING

ANDREW SWAFFORD
and JEFF CAVINS

Dates – Times – Location

St Bridget Catholic Church Bible Study

St Bridget Parish Center

Thursday Evenings at 7pm
Saturday Mornings at 8:30am

First Sessions
April 8 (Thursday Evening)
April 10 (Saturday Mornings)

Cost – Registration

$30 per workbook

For More Information

Scott Long
scottrlong@comcast.net
(815) 262-5007

Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology in ***Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant***, an eight-part Bible study presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins!

In this study, Catholics will be able to see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father's heart in a deeper way than ever before.

> *"Dr. Andrew Swafford's teaching on Hebrews is inspiring, enlightening and exciting. Connecting the Old & New Testaments, he makes all of Scripture really come alive."*
>
> *—**Dr. Scott Hahn**, professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, founder and president of St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology*

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Diocese of Rockford
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Are You an Employee or Volunteer at St. Bridget? Does Your Group or Organization meet at St. Bridget?

The Diocese of Rockford Safe Environment required paperwork and trainings are now accessed online! All employees and volunteers now have a Virtus Account.

How do I access my account? You will receive and email, from Virtus, informing you of your User ID and instructions on how to access your account. This will include a direct link to the Virtus website. If you are unsure of your password, you can click "Need Login Information" and it will allow you set your password to whatever you would like.

If you do not have an email, each diocesan location has a Virtus Site Administrator who will be able to provide you with your User ID so you can also enter your User ID and click Need Login Information to choose a password you would prefer.

What do I have to do right now? Please access your account, by logging into Virtus, and update your contact information. Our Virtus Site Administrators have been working diligently for the last few months manually entering all the dates of everything you have already completed so you are not being asked to resign or retake any trainings previously completed. **If you are missing any documents or trainings the system will make that visible when you log in and ask you to complete or acknowledge those requirements.**

Have an questions? Please contact Debby Brown at the Parish Office 815-633-6311.

5:30pm Mass

Join us for evening weekday Mass during Lent.
Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week.

Covid-19 Relief Funding Is Available Through Catholic Charities

Rent, mortgage, utilities, and water assistance is available.

To qualify for this funding, there needs to be a financial hardship related to COVID-19 as well as residency in Winnebago County. Available for a limited time.

Call Catholic Charities at 815-544-5434, ext. 2 to see if you qualify.

Lenten Almsgiving

HOPE FOR HAITIANS
Learn More

We all know that investment in the future is critical. A good education is an opportunity to succeed. The Hope for Haitians focus on education continues as we partner with other organizations to bring better education to children. What a gift it is to support a child through education.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry or donate online, scan the code with your phone, call 815-847-0656, or visit hopeforhaitians.org.

Please remember to turn in your Hope for Haitian Boxes next week at Mass or Drop off to the Parish Office during office hours.

Respect Life Ministry

Live the Gospel of Life

During the month of March, we will be praying for those in prison at home and abroad. May our prayers provide them with hope.

As Lent continues, consider a day of fast and prayer just for the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

Contact Shirley Poole (815-654-9416) for all Respect Life information.

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."

Adoration Chapel

We are in need of additional adorers to fill our schedule. The hours that are currently open are:

Monday: 2:00-3:00am, 7:00-8:00am
Friday: 11:00am-noon

If you cannot commit to an hour every week, consider filling in as a substitute adorer. You would receive emails when an opening becomes available and fill in as you can.

Adoration Chapel during Holy Week

We will be closing the Chapel Wednesday, March 31st, after the 5:30pm Mass (at 6:00pm).
The Chapel will reopen for Adoration on Easter Monday, April 5th, after the 7:00 am Mass (at 7:30am).

If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact or text Rita at 815-277-7118 or email her at Rita@DrRobertKohn.com

We love getting to hang out with all of our Middle and High School students!!

Our next High School Youth Night is Sunday, April 18th, in the Underground (Parish Center basement) from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Our next Middle School Youth Night is on Wednesday, April 7th, in the Underground (Parish Center basement) from 6:00pm-7:30pm

We always welcome new students and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Ashley or Jake at amunroe@stbridgetlovespark.org or jwashington@stbridgetlovespark.org and please remember, stay safe, stay kind, and wear a mask!

Knights of Columbus

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus, Council 4330 is part of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. Our purpose is to serve St. Bridget's families, Seminarians, and our community. Our meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

We are seeking like-minded men who are interested in joining us. Please contact Grand Knight, Martin Reyes, at Council4330KofC@gmail.com or call 815-988-2734.

Angel Dusters

Angel Dusters will be cleaning the Church on Saturday, April 10th, after the 8:15am Mass and Rosary.

Angel Dusters needs volunteers to help clean the Church! Many hands are needed to keep our Church beautiful and safe!

We are also looking for help on **Mondays after the 8:15am Mass.**

If you have any questions, call Randy Gulotta at 815-262-6840 or just drop in after Mass.

March 28th - Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Would you like to help our Friends in Need (FINs) in our community?

With COVID-19, the needs in our community are growing. We would like our St Vincent de Paul Conference to grow to help meet that demand. To do that, we need your assistance, we need your prayers, your financial support and we need more volunteers. There are many different volunteer roles - leadership, home visitors, phone team, fundraising, prayer team etc.

As a volunteer, you would be joining a team that in 2020 has helped 245 people and provided $27,947 in assistance. We have provided rent and utility assistance, food, clothing and furniture. Our ability to help in our community is because of the generosity of St. Bridget parishioners, those who pray for us, those who support us financially and those who volunteer. Thank you!

We are asking you to pray about how God is asking you to help. If you are interested in finding out more about St. Vincent de Paul, please email us your name, phone number and email address to hvstbridget@stbridget.svdp-rfd.org

Divorced and Healing

Divorced and Healing is an open and ongoing support group that helps individuals cope and heal from divorce and separation. Speakers and faith sharing are offered throughout the year. Whether recently divorced or 20+ years out, this group is for you.

Next Meeting*: Wednesday, March 31st*
Time: *6:30pm - 8:00pm*
Location: *Classroom A in Parish Center*

Please call Rita at 815-277-7118 or Len at 815-654-9727 with any concern you may have. We are always happy to talk with you. Stay healthy! God Bless!

Future meeting dates: *4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21*

SEASONS OF HOPE
Grief Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Please come to this Christ-centered series where we seek to find hope in the midst of sorrow. Anyone in the Greater Rockford Area who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Please join us.

Next Meeting: *Monday, April 12th*
Time: *5:30pm - 6:30pm*
Location: *Hospitality Room of Church*

Our sessions will involve meditation on Sacred Scripture, grounded in our Catholic faith, and no-pressure group discussion. Bring your Bible. For more information or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Kay Ethington 815-633-6311 or email kethington@stbridgetlovespark.org

Future meeting dates: *4/26, 5/10, 5/24*

Low Gluten Hosts Are Available

Persons with Celiac disease are oftentimes unable to consume communion hosts used at Mass because of an intolerance to gluten. A host has been developed that has been given Vatican approval. It has a miniscule amount of gluten to make it valid matter for the Eucharist. Most people with Celiac disease or a gluten intolerance are able to consume these hosts.

If you need to receive one of these hosts, the main priest celebrant at the Mass will have a pyx (small container) in his ciborium that contains the low gluten hosts. Please let one of the priests or the sacristan know before Mass that you are in need of a low gluten host. When you come up to the priest simply say "special host", and the priest will know which host you need to receive. If you have any questions on this please call or email one of the priests and we will be happy to assist you.

Weekly Collection Income

Because of the early bulletin submission date, the collection income for Sunday, March 21st will appear in next week's bulletin.

St. Bridget Online Giving

Do you want to transition away from envelopes and contribute electronically? It is the earth and budget friendly way to go! It saves our Parish money not sending monthly envelopes. Visit our website at www.stbridgetlovespark.org and on the home page, click on "Giving". You will be directed to the St. Bridget Online Giving Page. Set up each way in which you would like to contribute. If you have any questions or need help, please call Lynn at the Parish Office at 815-633-6311. It is also fine to continue to receive envelopes through the mail.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, April 1st, and Friday, April 2nd. The office will reopen Monday, April 5th, at 8:30am.

In the Podcast, Ashley Munroe and Jake Washington go through the bulletin and update you on any upcoming events for the week, while having some good playful banter along the way. Join us every week for all the latest updates and happenings around the Parish. Happy listening!

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. BRIDGET PARISH

Come Join Us...
(Virtually or In Person)
for *THAT MAN IS YOU!*

Every Saturday Morning from 6:45am to 8:00am

In the Mitchell Parish Center, Classroom B

Spring Semester Theme: All Things New

Week 20 - April 3rd:	The Day is Far Spent
Week 21 - April 10th:	The Signs of the Times
Week 22 - April17th:	Renewal of the New Springtime
Week 23 - April 24th:	Angelic Guardians
Week 24 - May 1st:	Renewed in Mercy
Week 25 - May 8th:	A New Day, A New Man
Week 26 - May 15th:	Avanti! The Harvest is Plentiful

For more information, contact:
Todd Hughes 815-378-2589 or
Joe Corrigan 815-985-8850

If you would like to register for online, go to https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-bridget-loves-park
All registered participants will receive weekly emails including a Zoom virtual invite.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 9th-11th in Brookfield, WI or June 25th-27th in Geneva, IL.

Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

St. Bridget Food Pantry

The next distribution day will be Wednesday, April 7th, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Shampoo, conditioner, and body wash.

Please know the recipients of your donations are so very grateful. Your generosity and kindness enables the Pantry to help many of those who otherwise might not have enough to eat or properly care for themselves. God bless you!

Monday Evening Praise and Worship Gatherings

Will be cancelled this Monday, March 29th.

Monday Evening Praise and Worship and the Friday Evening Rosary and Worship Gatherings will starting again the week of April 5th. We all need peace of mind and peace of heart so please consider joining us on Monday and/or Friday evenings!

Saint Rita Chaplet

We will be praying the Chaplet to St. Rita of Cascia every second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 8th. We meet in the Cry Room of the Church after the 8:15am Mass.

The intercession of this blessed saint of the most hopeless and impossible cases would be a tremendous aid not only in our personal situations, but even more so, on a global level. Please remember to pray to her, especially for our brothers and sisters who have not or cannot return to Church, and for those stricken with COVID-19.

For any questions contact Sid Papini at 815-985-3404 or email papini72@aol.com

"No problem is too small to bring to Saint Rita. She will draw you close to the Heart of Jesus, and she will not fail you!"

Mary's Corner

Jesus fell three times on the journey to Calvary. Each time He got up and continued on. His mother was watching Him, her heart so full of pain and sorrow. When we fall in our lives and struggle to get up and continue, she feels the same way about us. She has pain and sorrow for us also. Let us ask Our Mother to help us get up and continue our earthly journey. Ask her for her love and perseverance to continue.

Scrip Dates for 2021

If you purchase scrip, you will be purchasing a gift card at face value. The rebate offered by that business will be applied to either a specific family's account to offset tuition or the general tuition assistance. Please consider purchasing scrip.

Scrip will be holding a Cash & Carry on the last Friday of each month from 10:00am until 11:30am in the narthex of the Church. **We only have one more day scheduled, Friday, April 30th**. Any changes in the schedule due to the pandemic will be noted in the bulletin.

Thank you for your support of St. Bridget's scrip program. It truly makes a difference for families at St. Bridget School! If you have questions, please contact Sarah Butenhoff, scrip coordinator, at scrip@stbridgetlovespark.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses for the week

Monday, March 29th
7:00am Patricia Castello ~ 17th Anniversary
8:15am Phillis Chamber
5:30pm Lloyd DeNure ~ 43rd Anniversary

Tuesday, March 30th
7:00am Shirley Bauer
8:15am Dolores Russell ~ 6th Anniversary
5:30pm Ellen Medina

Wednesday, March 31st
7:00am Jeanne E. Mertzenich
8:15am Ellen Gilbert
5:30pm Deceased Members of the Charles & Rose Alt Family

Thursday, April 1st
7:00pm Sylvia Fulling Hosking

Saturday, April 3rd
7:30pm Terry Downey

Sunday, April 4th
7:00am Chris Thomas
8:15am June Lynch ~ 1st Anniversary
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am Ellen Gilbert

Priest Mass Schedule for Arpil 3rd and 4th

4:30pm Msgr. Steve Knox
7:00am Fr. John McNamara
8:15am Fr. Sean Grismer
10:00am Fr. Sean Grismer
11:30am Msgr. Steve Knox

Croatian Mass
1st Sunday of the month at 4:00pm

Deaf Apostolate Interpreted Mass
Sundays at 10:00am

Filipino Mass
Postponed until further notice

Readings for the week of March 28th

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Flame Intention

The Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week for:

Shirley Bauer

Project Rachel: Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

All inquires are confidential. Peace starts here!

815-387-3379 ~ www.hopeafterabortion.com
projectrachelrockford@gmail.com

Flame Intention

The Presence Lamp in the Church is burning this week for:

Special Intention for Jude Salazar

PRO LIFE

Why is a bacteria considered Life on Mars, when a prenatal heartbeat is not considered Life on Earth?

Please Welcome

Our parish community welcomes the following new parishioner that registered:

Ann Gearhart

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Carpenter's Place Outreach Ministry
Vince and Monica Kelso 815-978-1555
Charismatic Prayer Group
Ron Bergman 815-654-8420
Homebound Ministry
LeRoy and Moe Alt 815-765-2019
Marriage Ministry
Mark and Barb Peterson 815-282-6642
Our Lady of Consolation Ministry
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Baptisms
A Pre-Baptismal Instruction class is required. Call the Parish Office for a reservation.

Marriages
Couples planning marriage should contact one of the priests at least six months in advance. A Diocesan Pre-Marriage Seminar is required.

Devotions
Novena of Perpetual Help
Postponed until further notice

Family Rosary
Daily 20 minutes before Masses
Sunday 6:40am before the 7:00am Mass
7:55am before the 8:15am Mass

Perpetual Adoration
Begins on Sunday at 12:30pm and ends Saturday at 1:00pm. Limited to 9 people in the Chapel at a time. Please contact Rita Araoz at 815-277-7118 for more information.

Bulletin Notices
Must be in the Parish Office in writing by 4:00pm Monday.

Registration in the Parish
We are thrilled that you would like to be part of the St. Bridget family! To register...

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Fill out the editable pdf, save, and email to lynnhagedorn@stbridgetlovespark.org or print a registration form, fill out, and send to Parish Office.

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