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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 Aaron Downing - Associate Pastor
adowning@rockforddiocese.org

Deacons

Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

August 1, 2021



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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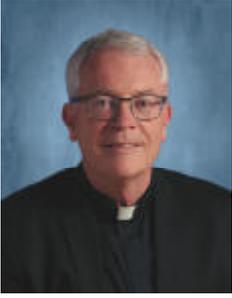
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FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

RCIA to Begin in September

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the faith formation process by which one enters into full communion with the Catholic Church. The formal entry takes place at the Easter Vigil liturgy each spring. We are going to be starting up a new group in mid-September. This ministry will be led by Fr. Grismer and Deacon John Gibson and their RCIA team. Over a number of months, the Catholic faith is presented to the participants. In addition to learning about the faith, it is also a great community experience for all involved. Many participants have questions about God and the Catholic faith. RCIA is a safe place to explore those questions and find answers. Over the years, I have found RCIA to be an experience that can be life transforming for participants. It also brings blessings to one's family.

The first two months of the RCIA is an inquiry phase. It is important that one feels at peace about entering fully into the Catholic faith. This phase allows one to ask questions and get a sense that this is the right step in one's life. At the bottom of this page, I have more information on who this faith formation process is for. It is our desire to meet people where they are at and help them to grow from there. Please feel free to call or email Fr. Grismer if you need more information or you would like to register. We would be happy to assist you!

Registering for our Pre-K through 7th Grade Family Faith Formation

Last year, our religious education program was home-based learning in light of the pandemic. This year, we will resume in-person classes. We received feedback that the classes were too infrequent in the past, so we are planning on having a multi-faceted approach this year. See page 4 of the bulletin for more details. We received excellent feedback on the "Alive in Christ" materials produced by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), so we will continue to use those materials again this year.

Online registration is now available. To register, please visit our website at www.stbridgetlovespark.org and click the "**Youth Formation**" button on our homepage. We also have information on First Communion, Youth Confirmation Program for 8th Graders, and other important religious education information. We are happy to announce that tuition for all programs will remain the same as it has been the last two years. We do have a need for dedicated catechists (teachers) and aides. Tuition is waived for the children of those who serve in those roles. If you would like to share your time and talent as a catechist or aide, please let Mary Henson know at mhenson@stbridgetlovespark.org and she will assist you in getting connected.

May the Lord's blessings be upon your and your family!

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

In a society that offers options for everything, we know that even choosing which religion to follow can be difficult. We want to offer you the opportunity to discover the Truth in Catholicism. We offer classes called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) geared at helping people in their discernment of the Catholic Faith. These classes are for:



- ◆ You who have thought about joining the Catholic Church
- ◆ You who are unbaptized but feel a call within you to draw closer to God
- ◆ You who were raised in a Protestant tradition and now feel drawn toward Catholicism
- ◆ You who are baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation
- ◆ You who have received baptism and Communion in the Catholic Church but not Confirmation

If you are interested in joining or would simply like more information, we would love to walk with you! Please contact Fr. Grismer at 815-633-6311 or frgrismer@gmail.com

ST. BRIDGET'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Our parish came into existence when Mass was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, August 15, 1946. In order to celebrate this significant anniversary, **Bishop Malloy will be at St. Bridget to celebrate our 11:30am Mass** on August 15th, which is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Jon Bakkelund and Fr. Bobby Blood, who both grew up at our parish, will be here for the celebration. Also joining us will be Msgr. Dan Deutsch, Msgr. Bob Sweeney, Fr. Burt Absalon, Fr. Chris DiTomo, Fr. John McNamara, and Fr. Ryan Browning. We are hoping Msgr. Arquimedes Vallejo and Fr. Keith Romke will also be able to attend.

After Mass, we will be having an outdoor celebration behind the school. We have a nice area for some tents, tables, and chairs. There will be past photos, articles, and memorabilia of our different parish buildings, events, sacraments, and people to reminisce over.

At this time, we have three food trucks: Olivo Taco, Savor BBQ, and Veebo's Woodfire Grill, that will be part of our day, and they will have meals and beverages available for purchase. There will also be some child-friendly food items for purchase. We are happy to announce that "Three Good Men", a local live act, will be providing musical entertainment. Children will have access to a great playground and a field for games. We will also have a traditional Cakewalk and "backyard games" for all to enjoy. The parish will supply scoops of Culver's frozen custard for our "ice cream social" tradition to top off the day!

We have a **SignUpGenius** link available, you can sign up through our website or by calling the Parish Office to help us get a count of how many will attend the outdoor celebration. We want to make sure the food trucks are prepared, and we have enough ice cream for everyone in attendance. For more information, check out the parish website www.stbridgetlovespark.org to see a schedule of events and food truck menus with prices. Please email Lynn at lynnhagedorn@stbridgetlovespark.org with any additional questions.



Schedule of Events

July 25th

Distribution of St. Bridget Parish Prayer Card

August 7th through August 15th

Novena to St. Bridget

August 15th

11:30am Mass with Bishop Malloy

12:45pm - 4:00pm 75th Anniversary Celebration

1:00 - 3:30pm Live Entertainment by "Three Good Men"

Built on Rock:

A Young Adult Series (Ages 18-35)

St. Bridget Parish Center



"Built on Rock" will take place at St. Bridget Parish Center in Loves Park. Our goal is to bring young adults together to build up their faith and their relationship with the Church. The evenings will feature a great talk, conversation, and fellowship. The atmosphere will be casual with some light snacks provided. For more information, contact Fr. Grismer at frgrismer@gmail.com.

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30-8:00pm "Intentionally Today" - Fr. Bobby Blood

Fr. Blood will share some tips on how to find fulfillment in the now. As the world tries to force us into a perpetual struggle between "remember when" and the fear of tomorrow, the Lord draws us into this very moment where rest, peace, and genuine hope can be found.

Tuesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00pm "Yes, that Really Happened. Now What?" - Fr. James Linkenheld

Fr. Linkenheld will share how diving into the questions raised in us by the pandemic, and not shying away from them, can lead us into a more dynamic and exciting relationship with God.

LOURDES LESSONS: THE PANDEMIC SERIES

This engaging 5-part series explores the profound suffering and grief caused by the global pandemic through the lens of Lourdes and explores how to find hope, leading to restorative physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Featuring, Father Sean Grismer, the series airs on EWTN August 9th-13th at 4:30pm. Re-airs August 10th-14th at 1:30am. Preview at lourdesvolunteers.org/lourdes-lessons-pandemic-series





Family Faith Formation

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM!

The Religious Education program at St. Bridget seeks to be attentive to the spiritual formation of all members of the family. Our Catholic tradition goes all the way back to Jesus. We seek to impart the teachings of Jesus and our Church to the young people of our parish. This will be a team effort. The priests of the parish will be very involved along with our Coordinator of Religious Education, catechists, aides, and in a very important way the parents of the children. We welcome you to Family Faith Formation, and we look forward to making this journey together. When Jesus is at the center of our lives and our families, we gain strength to put our faith into practice in daily life!

What does the Family Faith Formation Religious Education Program look like?

- It is a parish-based program that enriches the faith of the entire family.
- We use excellent faith formation materials, "Alive in Christ", produced by Our Sunday Visitor.
- Twice a month, grades Pre-K through 7th Grade will come to the parish. We'll gather together in the Parish Center and then the children will go to their faith formation class with their catechist to their individual classrooms.
- Once a month, parents will remain in the Parish Center to receive a faith formation teaching from one of the priests while the children are participating in their classrooms. What the priests share will be connected to what the children are learning.
- Once a month, parents will do a home lesson with their child. This 30-45 minute home lesson gives you the flexibility to complete this lesson in your home at your own convenience.
- Seasonal activities will be an opportunity to bring all families together. Activities can include family adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Family Living Rosary, or prayer experiences.

Why Family Faith Formation Religious Education Program?

- Studies show that parents are the MOST IMPORTANT element in a child's faith life. That is why the Church asks parents at their child's Baptism to accept the responsibility of raising their child in the practice of the faith. Family Faith Formation is designed to give you the tools and confidence to live that promise.
- Family Faith Formation will allow parents to experience community in the parish, find support among other Catholic parents, and grow in their own faith along with their children.
- The program will be on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:45am and will allow families to participate in the 10:00am Sunday Mass.

How do I Register for Family Faith Formation?

- Visit our website <https://www.stbridgetlovespark.org/> and click on the "Youth Formation" button to access the online family registration form to fill out. You can also register your child for sacrament preparation - Baptism, First Communion, and Youth Confirmation - on this form.

How do I Make Payment for Family Faith Formation & Sacrament Registration?

- The online registration form will also accept online payment. Follow directions on the form if other payment options are needed.

Questions?

- Contact Mary Henson at 815-633-6311 or mhenson@stbridgetlovespark.org

SIGN UP NOW FOR CONFIRMATION!

We are looking forward to walking with you as your child's life is enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation! We invite students in 8th Grade to join our formation classes. If you have a child in High School who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, we want them to join as well! If you would like to register your child, please fill out the online registration form. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

For program questions, contact Fr. Aaron Downing at: 815-633-6311 or email adowning@rockforddiocese.org

AUGUST DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS

“Saint Bridget of Ireland: Our Patron Saint”

Wednesday, August 11th - 7:00pm-7:45pm

Presented by Fr. Sean Grismer, in Church or Livestream

When our parish was formed in 1946, a decision was made to name this new parish “St. Bridget of Ireland”. We usually shorten the title by calling our parish St. Bridget. In light of our 75th anniversary, we’d like to share some information on this fascinating saint. St. Patrick is the saint usually connected with Ireland, but there are many more. Please join Fr. Grismer as he shares about her life, her faith, and why she is lifted up as a canonized saint of the Church.



Join us for our High School Summer Retreat, which is for all incoming freshmen, through the Class of 2021 seniors on Saturday, August 7th, from 10:00am-5:00pm. Sign up on our ministry page on the website or through the Flocknote. For more information contact Ashley Munroe at amunroe@stbridgetlovespark.org or Jake Washington at jwashington@stbridgetlovespark.org

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

As we prepare for our 75th Anniversary, we invite you to lift up our parish community in prayer throughout the summer.

First, spend an hour with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open from Sunday 12:30pm through Saturday 1:00pm. The chapel is open to the public 6:00am - 8:00pm.

Finally, we will be praying a novena to St. Bridget beginning on August 7th and concluding on August 15th. The novena prayers will be available in print after Mass the weekend of August 5th/6th, in the bulletin, sent by Flocknote, on our parish website, and Facebook page.

We look forward to praying with you in the weeks leading up to the celebration!

2022 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

A positive change this year is that it will now be possible to schedule Masses online through a link on our parish website. It is also fine to come to the Parish Office to schedule Masses or to mail them to the Parish Office. Many parishes now use online scheduler programs which are accessible 24/7, and are efficient and easy to use. I think this will be a very helpful tool for us. We will continue to list the Mass intentions each week in the bulletin and announce the particular intention during the intercessory prayers at Mass. Flame of Faith Intentions, which are for the Presence Lamp in the Sanctuary and the Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel, can also be scheduled online or in person. Please be aware that Masses cannot be scheduled more than a full year from the current date of your request.

Mass Intentions are very popular and are frequently requested to remember and pray for a deceased loved one. Our desire is to be as generous as possible in fulfilling everyone’s requests, but we also have to be fair so that everyone has an opportunity to have Masses offered. Last year, the Mass Intentions Book filled up rapidly, so we needed to make some adjustments to our guidelines. Here are the updated guidelines:

- We will only have the **first 6 months of 2022** available to schedule.
- We will need to limit parishioners to **8 Mass intentions per year**. Of the 8 Masses, only two can be Sunday Masses or 1 Sunday and 1 Holy Day.
- The donation for each Mass will **now be \$12** to help cover the costs of maintaining the new program.
- The donation for the **Presence Lamp will be \$12**.
- The donation for the 4 Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel will be \$40.
- A person can reserve Mass Intentions, Presence Lamp, or Vigil Lights online, in person, or by mail.
- Payment for Mass Intentions, Presence Lamp, or Vigil Lights can be made online, in person, or by mail.
- All Mass Intentions, Presence Lamp, and Vigil Lights request are subject to approval by the parish.

Please know that if you have an abundance of Mass Intentions, they can also be sent to the Diocese for distribution to retired priests and missionaries.

Please give call the Parish Office if you have any questions at 815-633-6311.



SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or more years in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL, on Sunday, August 22nd, at 2:30pm celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone 815-399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

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, August 9th
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 815-621-7117 or email k.ethington14@gmail.com

Future meeting dates: 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20



THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in Classroom C of the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The Charismatic Renewal encourages the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, another life changing event of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 3rd.

For more information contact Ron Bergman by phone at 815-654-8420 or email at r-bergman@att.net

AUGUST 1ST - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign like the bread Moses had received in the desert. Jesus tells them that He is the true Bread of Life.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to bring bread to the hungry as a sign of God's love.

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

The needs in our community continue to grow. 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's 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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Live the Gospel of Life

During the month of August, we will be praying for the end of abortion as the Supreme Court will be hearing a very significant case in October.

Respect Life Mass - Saturday, August 21st, at 8:15am. Respect Life Rosary will be prayed before the Mass.

Respect Life Rosary Intention for August - Friday, August 27th, will be the 24 Hour Rosary. This is the Feast Day of Saint Monica. Monica prayed for over 15 years for the conversion of Saint Augustine. May we continue to pray for the end of abortion in the United States. It has been 48 years too long. Sign up will begin Tuesday, August 17th, in the Church narthex and continue until August 23rd.

Save the Date - Saturday, September 18th - **Memorial to the Unborn** at Calvary Cemetery. Details to follow next month

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

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."

SAINT RITA CHAPLET

We will now be praying the Chaplet to St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 5th. We meet in the Cry Room of the Church after the 8:15am Mass. Rosaries, Chaplet Copies, and Prayer Cards will be available in the Narthex.

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.

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!"

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Are you burdened with a problem and feel you have nowhere to turn for help? The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help might be the place to find an answer. Many prayers have been answered by petitioning the Blessed Mother under the title "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". We will meet in the Cry Room of the Church every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Our next meeting is August 4th.



POSITION OPENING

Emergency Assistance Caseworker

Catholic Charities – Diocese of Rockford seeks a part-time employee for the Emergency Assistance Program in the Belvidere office. The Emergency Assistance Caseworker will respond to individuals who are seeking assistance, complete applications and submit disbursement requests. The caseworker will also provide appropriate resources and referrals to callers.

For more information regarding this position, please email Amber Emmert, Emergency Assistance Supervisor, at aemmert@rockforddiocese.org

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Tuesday 11:00am-12:00pm
Thursday 2:00am- 3:00am

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.

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



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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10th.

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.

ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be Wednesday, August 4th, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned fruit, ravioli, canned tomatoes, pasta, and hand soap. All your donations are greatly appreciated!

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!

ANGEL DUSTERS

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.



St. Bridget lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King meets once a month from 6:00-7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Room of the Church. We will pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, read the monthly message, and have discussion. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3rd. If you are interested in attending or have any question, please contact Craig Anderson at bananacra@comcast.net 815-985-4665 or Jane Gomulka at jane.gomulka@aol.com or 815-543-5013.



GUARDIAN ANGEL ENVELOPE

Once every two months, we will have an envelope in the contribution envelope packet that gets sent out to parishioners. Proceeds from the Guardian Angel envelope will go to help provide temporary tuition support to our school families that are undergoing struggles because of sickness or employment issues. This will help them to keep their children in our school during tough times. If you would like more information on how to contribute to the Guardian Angel Fund, please contact Principal, Mary Toldo, at the school by calling 815-633-8255.

FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY AND ADORATION

Each Friday evening from 7:00pm-7:45pm, we pray the Rosary in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration. The gathering is also livestreamed. The evening is led by our priests. This evening allow us to connect with the Lord in a special way and be led into deeper spiritual waters through Adoration, the Rosary, and uplifting, prayerful music. We all need peace of mind and peace of heart so please consider joining us.

MARY'S CORNER

I miss my Mom. When I had a question or was feeling bad or needed to discuss something, I always went to her. I am sure she is very happy in heaven. I pray to her, but I realize I have another Mom and that is the mother of Jesus. I pray to her, ask her for her help, share things with her. She is very special to me. Ask her to be with you always. She has such a great love for you and wants to be with you. Ask her to help you grow closer to her each day. She has a very important task, which is to lead you to her Beloved Son. Pray to her and ask her how she can help you with that.



WOMEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET ~SAVE THE DATE~

Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women are pleased to announce that our banquet honoring the 2020 Rockford Deanery, Women of Inspiration, with Bishop David J. Malloy is Sunday, November 7, 2021 at Franchesco's Ristorante.

Due to very limited seating at the event, it is suggested if parishes have not already honored their 2020 Woman of the Year, they hold a parish recognition so more can attend. More information on the Banquet will be forthcoming.

PROJECT RACHEL: POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY

All inquires are confidential. Peace starts here!
815-387-3379 ~ www.hopeafterabortion.com
projectrachelrockford@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR JULY 25, 2021

Registered Families	2,167
Sunday Envelopes	\$9,522.00
Offertory	\$661.28
Online (238)	\$8,577.17
Total for the week	\$18,760.45

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.

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, August 4th
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: 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8, 12/22, 1/5, 1/19

ST. BRIDGET SENIORS



ATTENTION SENIORS (65 & older) - Our final potluck for the summer will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, at noon in Mitchell Hall of the Parish Center. Arrive earlier than noon because the north entrance door will be locked at that time. Since August is known for its HOT DAYS, I am thinking that COLD FOODS might be the answer. Think picnic foods when planning your dish to share. Don't forget to bring your own table service (plates, silverware, and napkins).

We had a wonderful turnout last month and are hoping for the same this month. We will be discussing ideas for monthly themes in the coming year. Some months are already planned, but we need some new ideas for September, March, April, and August, so put on your "thinking caps". Hope to see you Tuesday, August 3rd. Any questions, call Sandi 815- 633-0728.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 2nd

7:00am Charlie Franklin ~ 1st Anniversary
8:15am Mike Z. and Michael J Nowicki

Tuesday, August 3rd

7:00am Gilbert Sparhawk
8:15am Bob Laing

Wednesday, August 4th

7:00am Dave Graham
8:15am Batilde Balcita

Thursday, August 6th

7:00am Don Pflipsen
8:15am Dorris Franchini

Friday, August 7th

7:00am Margaret Kalinowski & Evelyn Krogmar
8:15am Cecilia Salazar ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, August 8th

7:00am Baby Royal and All Adoptive Children ~
Mass of Special Intention
8:15am Jerry Schindler
4:30pm Mark Nytko ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, August 9th

7:00am Bruce Van Kessel
8:15am Richard Provi
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am Charlie Franklin

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH

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

CROATIAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month at 3:30pm

DEAF APOSTOLATE INTERPRETED MASS

Sundays at 10:00am

FILIPINO MASS

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm

PLEASE WELCOME

Our parish community welcomes the following new parishioners that registered:

Ricardo Mandulano & Jasmine Cadengo

Edward & Agata Kaczmarek

Tyler & Joanna LaMont

BAPTISMS

Please welcome into our Catholic Community the following who received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Julius Franklin

Ezra Kross



FLAME INTENTION

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

Hugh Ganske

WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Margaret M. Murphy

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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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

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Sunday 6:40am before the 7:00am Mass
7:55am before the 8:15am Mass

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BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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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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