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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.

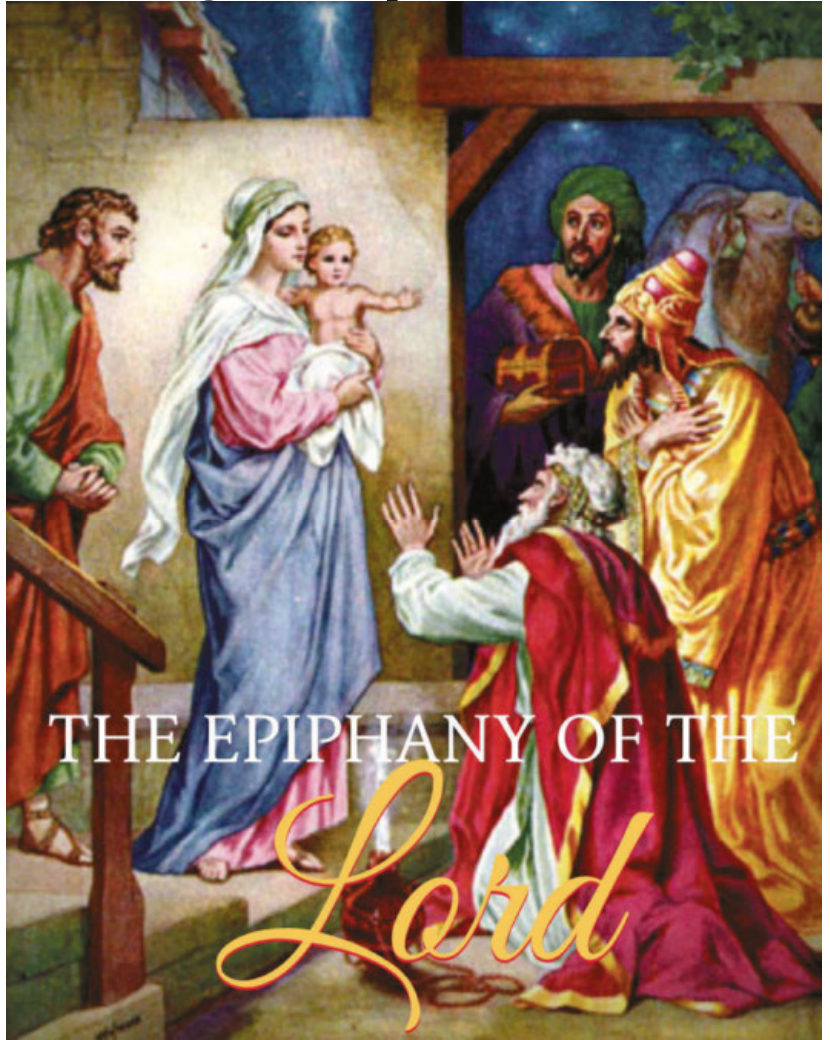
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday** 4:30pm  
**Sunday** 7:00am, 8:15am 10:00am, 11:30am  
**Daily Mass**  
**Monday-Saturday** 7:00am, 8:15am

**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

**January 2, 2022**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
*Lord*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BRIDGET THIS WEEK**

- **January 3rd:** Parish Office Closed
- **January 3rd:** Sisters in Christ Prayer Group 12:30pm PC Rm A
- **January 3rd:** Seasons of Hope-Grief Ministry 5:30pm Church Hospitality Rm
- **January 3rd:** Light of the World 6:30pm PC Rm C
- **January 4th:** Senior Potluck 12:00 PC Hall
- **January 4th:** RCIA Meeting 6:30pm PC Rm B
- **January 5th:** Food Pantry Distribution 4:00pm PC
- **January 5th:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 5:30pm Church Cry Rm

- **January 5th:** Divorced and Healing Group 6:30pm PC Rm A
- **January 5th:** Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
- **January 6th:** St. Rita Chaplet 8:45am Church Cry Rm
- **January 6th:** Youth Confirmation Preparation 6:00pm PC Rm C
- **January 6th:** Bible Study Group 7:00pm PC Rm B
- **January 7th:** Cor Iesu 6:30pm Church
- **January 8th:** Bible Study Group 8:30am PC Rm B
- **January 9th:** Family of Faith Formation 8:30am PC
- **January 9th:** High School Ministry 6:30pm Bridge

## FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

### Epiphany of the Lord

The word “Epiphany” means to make manifest, and what is made manifest in today’s Gospel is the Lord Jesus. The Magi follow a star and it brings them to the Christ child. They come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. King Herod is bent on destroying the child because of a perceived threat to his power. Warned of this danger in a dream, the Magi depart back to their country by a different route.

There are some powerful spiritual lessons flowing from this Gospel. Jesus is the Bread of Life who was born into our world to be that spiritual nourishment that satisfies our spiritual hunger. He came to save us from our sins and to set us free. The Magi are on a spiritual journey: following this star and seeking satisfaction for their souls. They reflect all of us. At times, we seek to satisfy our deepest spiritual hunger with things that fall short. We may think that certain material possessions, power, titles, or high octane pleasures will bring us to the Promised Land. They may provide temporary satisfaction but after a while we will realize there has to be something more. When the Magi came before Jesus, they realized this is what they truly hungered for. That ancient line from St. Augustine rings true, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in God”. The Magi reflect a healthy spirituality. They are on the move, and they are growing.

King Herod, on the other hand, is an example of where we don’t want to end up. He is self-centered, fearful, and possessed by his power and material possessions. He is not free. He is enslaved by his ego and the things he owns, which sadly now own him. Many people in our world end up in the same situation as King Herod.

We read that the Magi bring gifts to Jesus. While the gifts they bring are significant; the amazing thing is that they receive the ultimate gift, a relationship with Jesus Christ. Their spiritual hunger and search brought them to Jesus, the Bread of Life. We all desire satisfaction of the soul, and Jesus can only provide what we desire at the deepest level.

Jesus desires that we keep learning and growing. In a sense, a Christian is always on the move because on this side of Heaven, we will never have completely arrived. Our God is a generous God, and he always has more to give us. We never retire from discipleship because even at an advanced age, God can do great things through us to touch the lives of others.

Prayer is the key. As we enter into this New Year, may the Lord bless each one of us in our friendship with him. May we always take time to be with him in prayer. May we allow him to nourish our souls through the sacraments and the ministry life of our parish. It will be another year of navigating this pandemic, so we will need wisdom and a spirit of perseverance. Let us not lose heart, rather, may we always trust in the Lord. May our search for God lead us deeper into his love.

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

### NEW THREE WEEK WINTER DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT SERIES!

Led by the Parish Priests  
Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm  
in Church (also livestreamed)

**Monday, January 17th - “God and the Problem of Evil: Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?”** - Msgr. Knox  
Many people struggle to understand how God who is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving allows so much suffering and tragedy as part of his creation. The pandemic and its aftermath leads some to wonder why God allows such things. Msgr. will explore this issue in light of the scriptures and the teachings of the Church.

**Monday, January 24th - “Pointers on Prayer: How to Begin or Deepen a Prayer Life”** - Fr. Grismer  
Having a prayer life is key for living the faith in everyday life. Fr. Grismer will provide some helpful teachings for those who are new to prayer and also provide some teachings for those who are prayer veterans and want to go deeper.

**Monday, January 31st - “Top Seven Questions Catholics are Asking”** - Fr. Downing  
Most Catholics have had someone challenge them on their faith. Why do you pray to Mary and the Saints? How can you believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ? Are Catholic beliefs found in the Bible? Fr. Downing will explore these and a number of other challenging questions.

# Upcoming Open Houses

Sunday, January 30th  
Thursday, February 3rd

Times TBD

or by appointment in  
February 2022

**Tour the school**  
**Ask Questions**

Tuition rates for 22-23  
will be available

Registration opens in  
February 2022

Preschool classes fill  
quickly!



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

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FIRST  
FRIDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH

ADORATION | CONFESSIONS | PRAISE & WORSHIP

We are excited to introduce to you and your family a new First Friday Devotion right here at St. Bridget! The title is **COR IESU** meaning "Heart of Jesus". The first Friday of every month has always been held within the Church as a day we remember and commemorate the Heart of Jesus. Here at St. Bridget, we will be doing this with an evening of Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confessions, and prayer teams. We would love for you to join us every first Friday from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church. The next Cor Iesu will be on **Friday, January 7th, at 6:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day

## "Finding God in All Things"

**Saturday, January 29th - 9:00am-3:00pm**

All women of the parish are invited to this "retreat" day at St. Bridget Parish Center in Mitchell Hall to make connections between faith and everyday life through talks and discussions. You will meet some of your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere, and we have some great food and snacks planned. Along with Msgr. Steve Knox, our speakers are all parishioners who will share wisdom they gained on life's journey. Please register as soon as possible and invite family and friends to join you!

**9:00am Gathering (Coffee and light breakfast) and Opening Prayer**

**9:30am "What I Have Learned About God on the Journey of Life" - Sue Short**

*This reflection will help us get in touch with our faith story. We come to know the presence of God through the joys and struggles of life. Like the saints, we are all unique but we share much in common with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**10:30am Break**

**10:45am "What I have Learned About Finding God in Prayer" - Rita Araoz**

*Prayer is essential for spiritual growth, but most people struggle when it comes to prayer. How should I pray? Does God respond to my prayers? What blessings does God give us through prayer? Rita will explore these questions and share some of her wisdom on prayer.*

**11:45am Lunch**

**12:45pm "What I have Learned About Finding God in Scripture" - Jane Gomulka**

*The scriptures provide wise guidance when it comes to growing in our relationship with the Lord and navigating the challenges of life. This talk will help us to see how we can grow in our relationship with God through the scriptures.*

**1:15pm Quiet time with Scripture (Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available)**

**2:00pm "What Did Jesus Teach About Forgiveness and Reconciling with Others?" - Msgr. Steve Knox**

*Most people have some struggles in the areas of anger, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Jesus had a great many things to say about these key areas of our discipleship. Msgr. Knox will share some reflections on the works of Jesus and help us make connections.*

**2:45pm Closing Prayer**

To register, fill out the form below put in an envelope marked "Women's Day" with your check for \$12, payable to "St. Bridget Church" for lunch and materials. Drop envelope in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office. Questions? Please call Lynn in the Parish Office at 815-633-6311

## Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day Registration

**Saturday, January 29th, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include \$12.00 Registration Fee. Thank you!**

**Thank you to everyone who donated flowers "In Memory/Honor" of a loved one to embrace the new born Christ in our Church for our Christmas celebrations!**

**In Memory of:**

Members of Hruvek Family  
 Members of Hagemeyer Family  
 Alfred E. Ashbridge  
 Mrs. Dorothy Doherty  
 Jerry Schindler  
 Daniel Myers  
 Georgia Hess  
 Eugene Hess  
 Bob Laing  
 Sam Baker  
 Ellen Gilbert  
 Benny Foto  
 Lilian Koczy  
 Vito J. Rotello  
 Jim Saulsbury  
 Grace Rusin  
 Robert Rusin  
 Dorothy Rusin  
 Chester Rusin  
 Bradley Lique  
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 Ronald Pecaut  
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 Alice Downing  
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 John & Lorraine Youngren  
 Fredrick A. Nordman  
 Charles & Doris Lambke  
 Laura Schumacher  
 Lee & Kay Heimann  
 Theodore Godawski  
 Joseph Godawski  
 Harold "Gene" Wagner  
 Nancy & Gary Brown



Eleanor & Wilbert Brown  
 Beverly & Kenneth Rife  
 James & Anna Hughlock

Joan Harrold  
 Mary Almberg  
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 Klemens Borowski  
 Helen & Frank Misko  
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 Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Nitz  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Lewandowski  
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 Richard Flanagan  
 Merl & Mary Meyer  
 Mary Margaret Conti  
 Thomas & Sara Reynolds  
 Joseph & Ann DiMario  
 Dorothy Verstynen  
 Vivian Verstynen  
 Anthony Masticola  
 Andrew & Frances Muha  
 Shirley & Frank Bauer  
 Amanda Ortiz Bergsten  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Perez  
 Beda Hernandez  
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 Ahsley E. Huhsman  
 Geraldine Orawczyk  
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 John Dement  
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 Nancy Redline  
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 Steve Balzer  
 Donald Pflipsen  
 Robert Gosdick  
 Sarah Armato  
 James Muno  
 Charles Muno  
 Judy Bergsten  
 James DeBaere  
 E. A. Waninger  
 Margaret Waninger  
 Fritzie & Kester Pulver  
 Mary & Gene Sandage  
 Jerry Powers  
 Helen & Joseph Sehr  
 Bernie & Joyce Gambrall  
 Peter & Teresa Magistrini  
 Timothy Paul Merwin  
 Wladyslaw Kurpaska  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Letts Family  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Lopotowski Family

**In Honor of:**

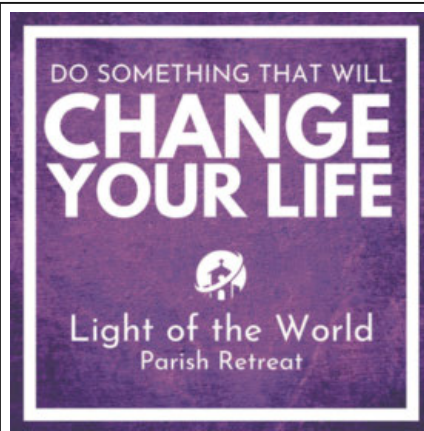
Kennedy Family  
 Hoang Family

**ADORATION HOURS FOR NEW YEARS EVE/DAY**

For New Years .... close on Friday, December 31st, at 5:00pm and reopen on Sunday, January 2nd, at 12:30pm after the 11:30am Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will also be closed on Friday, December 31st, and Monday, January 3rd, for New Years. It will reopen Tuesday, January 4th, at 8:30am.



## Light of the World Retreat ... at St. Bridget Church

**Save the Date: Friday, February 25th - Monday, February 28th**

Light of the World Retreats are meant to be the vehicle to help participants find that deeper friendship with God and find more peace of mind and peace of heart.

This parish retreat will help you deepen your relationship with God, with the Church, and help you find more meaning in life. Many people have a hunger to draw closer to Jesus and find a closer connection with their parish community, but are not sure how to get there. Life is too short to put our relationship with God on the backburner.

Mark your calendar now to attend. This retreat will be held at the Parish Center for four consecutive days. Participants will return home at the end of each night.

## ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE

**Saturday, January 15th - 11:00am**

**Federal Courthouse: 237 S. Church Street, Rockford**



We will begin with a rally and then walk several blocks past the State of Illinois building, then back to the Federal Courthouse to conclude in prayer.

### Confirmed Speakers:

Pastor Charlie Heffelfinger - Calvary Chapel, Rockford  
 Mary Kate Knorr - President & Founder of Feminae Vero  
 Dr. Steve Jacobs - Program Director at Illinois Right to Life  
 Jeanna Desideri - Executive Director of Corbella Clinic, Elgin

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## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

*St. Joseph, defender of Life, pray for us*

**Saturday, January 15th: Join us for the Rockford Walk for Life!** 11:00am, Rockford Federal Courthouse: 327 S. Church Street, Rockford. We will begin with prayer and a rally. Then we will walk several blocks past the State of Illinois building and back to the Federal Courthouse to conclude in prayer. Since January 1973, over 62 million unborn babies have been killed through legal abortion. Join us in this peaceful and prayerful walk to end the killing of our innocent brothers and sisters in the womb.

In the coming months, Roe v. Wade may fall but Illinois will still be the most pro-abortion state in America. Planned Parenthood has targeted Illinois to be the "abortion center" of the Midwest. We cannot and will not accept this. Please join us to unite for love of Jesus and His children.

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

*"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."*



## BUILT ON ROCK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

If you are between the ages of 18 to 35, we invite you to join us two Thursdays a month at St. Bridget for our Young Adult Ministry. Our goal is to provide ministry and community for young adults in the Rockford area while building up your faith and relationship with the Church. We simply want to help you live life to the fullest. Through forming a strong community, you will be better able to go forth and live the Gospel message with family, friends, coworkers, and those you encounter daily. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Downing at [adowning@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:adowning@rockforddiocese.org) or call 815-633-6311.

### Upcoming Gatherings:

**Thursday, January 13th** ~ Join Fr. Downing from 6:30pm-7:45pm in the Parish Center Hall. We will be discussing what our priorities are for this New Year and how to start out the New Year on the right foot.

**Thursday, January 27th** ~ Our gathering will be a Teaching Mass by Fr. Grismer. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Church.

**In February**, we will begin a book study using *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick. If interested in this book study, please email Fr. Downing by January 17th, so we can order books.



## ST. BRIDGET STUDENT MINISTRIES

Ministry will resume on Sunday, January 9th, for High School and **Wednesday, January 12th, for Middle School!** Please know of our prayers for you in the New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

**ST. BRIDGET SENIORS**  
ATTENTION SENIORS  
(65 & older)



Plan to join us on **Tuesday, January 4th**, for our annual "SOUP-er BOWL" luncheon at noon in the Hall of the Parish Center. So far we have 5 different soups on the menu. The rest of the meal is based around breadsticks/crackers, cold salads and desserts. Drinks will be furnished. Come dressed in your favorite "team attire" if you wish.

Thanks for all the delicious food we had this month. Jim Riihl will handle the 50/50 raffle as usual. Annette Montelongo was the December raffle winner. The final quarterly raffle for 2021 was won by Diana Delia. Congrats to both!

Don't forget, bring your own table service (plate, silverware, etc.) and a dish to pass when you join us on January 4th at noon. Face masks are still "in style" so wear yours. Call Sandi at 815-633-0728 with questions.

**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, January 3rd**  
**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: 1/17*



**JANUARY 2ND -**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Since October, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has proclaimed the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 39 adults and 27 children, providing \$6,576 in assistance for rent, utilities, food, clothing, household supplies, furniture, car repairs, and transportation. Thank you for your generosity.

**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, January 5th**  
**Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**  
**Location: Classroom A in Parish Center**

Please call Rita at 779-772-5702 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: 1/19*

**ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY**

The next distribution day will be **Wednesday, January 5th**, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

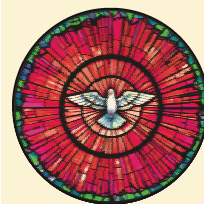
**Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned chicken, soup, pasta, small dish soap, and cereal.**

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!



**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 families, Seminarians, and our community. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Parish Center, Classroom A. There is a 6:30pm Rosary which precedes the meeting. **Our next meeting is January 11th.** We are seeking like-minded men who are interested to join us. Please contact Grand Knight Martin Reyes 815-988-2734 or email: Council4330KofC@gmail.com



**THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will start meeting again on **Tuesday, January 11th**, 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. For more information contact Ron Bergman by email at r-bergman@att.net or phone at 815-654-8420.

# BOYLAN



**SHADOW DAYS**  
RUNNING ALL 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR  
REGISTER AT [BOYLAN.ORG/SHADOWDAY](http://BOYLAN.ORG/SHADOWDAY)

**HIGH SCHOOL  
PLACEMENT EXAM**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 / 8:00AM- 11:30AM  
CHECK-IN: 7:45AM @ STUDENT ENTRANCE (DOOR D)

Incoming freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year can register now for Boylan's High School Placement Test to help determine best course placements.

REGISTER AT [BOYLAN.ORG/HSPT](http://BOYLAN.ORG/HSPT)

Questions? Contact Emily Schubert at [eschubert@boylan.org](mailto:eschubert@boylan.org) or by phone at 815-877-0531 x226

## PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS

Loving God, We pray today for those who are confronted by the sadness, ambiguity, and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend on for attention and compassionate care. Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace, give to them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## 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.

Angel Duster will be cleaning the Church on **Saturday, January 8th**, after the 8:15am Mass and Rosary.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021

Registered Families	2,198
Sunday Envelopes	\$13,054.00
Offertory	\$669.00
Online (246)	\$11,595.38
Total for the week	\$25,318.38

## 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](http://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.

## IN THANKSGIVING

Please consider making a gift to St. Bridget Parish/School in your will as a way of expressing your gratitude to God for all the blessings you have received from Him.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Sunday	11:00pm - midnight
Monday	10:00pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday	2:00am - 3:00am
Friday	2:00am - 3:00am

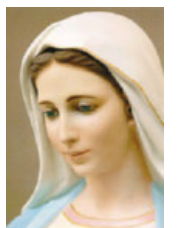


If you cannot commit to an hour every week, please consider filling in as a substitute adorer. You would receive a text or email when an opening becomes available. You could fill in as you are available. To sign into Adoration Pro, go to [adorationpro.org/stbridgetlovespark](http://adorationpro.org/stbridgetlovespark)

If you have questions or need help signing up, please call or text Rita at 779-772-5702 or email her at [adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org](mailto:adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org).

## MARY'S CORNER

Ask Our Lady to bless all families everywhere. Ask her to be with them in their joys, sorrows, and trials. Pray and ask the Holy Family to be with you each day of this New Year. Ask them to bring you closer and grow deeper in love with them. A Blessed and Happy New Year to all!





# LITURGY SCHEDULE

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 3rd

7:00am Janet Becker  
8:15am The Lotowicz & Potarczek Families ~  
Mass of Thanksgiving

### Tuesday, January 4th

7:00am Donald Pflipsen  
8:15am John Delia

### Wednesday, January 5th

7:00am Deceased Members of the Cavanaugh  
& Brubaker Families  
8:15am Nancy Mielke

### Thursday, January 6th

7:00am Decreased Members of the Francis  
Payne Family  
8:15am Daniel Shaff ~ 14th Anniversary

### Friday, January 7th

7:00am Albin Hedlund  
8:15am Gene Wagner

### Saturday, January 8th

7:00am Joseph & Helen Sehr  
8:15am Julia McPeck - 56th Anniversary  
4:30pm Deceased Members of the Gehlsen &  
Ryan Families

### Sunday, January 9th

7:00am Jose Gonzalo Garcia, Sr. & Jr.  
8:15am Jerry Schindler  
10:00am People of St. Bridget  
11:30am Rosie & Peter MacKay

### PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 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

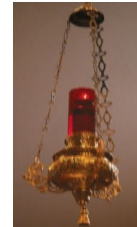
### FILIPINO MASS

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm



The Presence Lamp in the Church and the candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week for:

**Alex Rose**



## 2022 INTENTIONS GUIDELINES

Mass and Flame of Faith Intentions are now open through **June 2022** and can be accessed on our website or in person. Mass Intentions are Masses prayed for someone and are read during the intercessory prayers at Mass.

**Starting in July, St. Bridget will add a Collective Mass to one of the Sunday Masses each weekend. The Collective Mass will be open to three individuals intentions per Collective Mass for three different families. This will help accommodate the need for more Mass Intentions.**

Flame of Faith Intentions are for the Presence Lamp in the Sanctuary and the Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel. These burn starting on a Sunday through Saturday for someone.

- Limit of **8 Mass Intentions per year per family**. Of the 8 Masses, only two can be Sunday Masses or 1 Sunday and 1 Holy Day.
- The donation for each Mass is \$12.
- The donation for the Presence Lamp is \$12.
- The donation for the 4 Vigil Lights is \$40.
- Reserve Intentions via our website, in person, or by mail.
- Payment for Intentions can be made online, in person, or by mail.
- All Intention requests are subject to approval by the parish.

**Mass Intentions for the month of July 2022 will be opened by January 15, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 815-633-6311.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND

*Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12*  
*Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*  
*Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44*  
*Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52*  
*Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a*  
*Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16*  
*Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30*  
*Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

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## **BAPTISMS**

A Pre-Baptismal Instruction class is required. Call the Parish Office for details.

## **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**

Wednesday Evenings at 5:30pm

### **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 15 people in the Chapel at a time. Please contact Rita Araoz at 779-772-5702 for more information.

## **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](mailto:lynnhagedorn@stbridgetlovespark.org) or print a registration form, fill out, and send to Parish Office.

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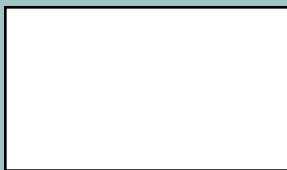


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