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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 16, 2022



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BRIDGET THIS WEEK

- **January 17th:** Sisters in Christ Prayer Group 12:30pm PC Rm A
- **January 17th:** Seasons of Hope-Grief Ministry 5:30pm Church Hospitality Rm
- **January 17th:** Light of the World 6:30pm PC Rm C
- **January 17th:** Discipleship Night 7:00pm Church
- **January 18th:** RCIA Meeting 6:30pm PC Rm B
- **January 19th:** Food Pantry 4:00pm PC
- **January 19th:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 5:30pm Church Cry Rm
- **January 19th:** Middle School Ministry 6:00pm PC Underground
- **January 19th:** Direction for Our Times 6:00pm Church Hospitality Rm

- **January 19th** Divorced and Healing Group 6:30pm PC Rm A
- **January 19th:** Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
- **January 20th:** St. Rita Chaplet 8:45am Church Cry Rm
- **January 20th:** Youth Confirmation Preparation 6:00pm PC Rm C
- **January 20th:** Bible Study Group 7:00pm PC Rm B
- **January 21st:** Evening Rosary & Adoration 7:00pm Church
- **January 22nd:** Bible Study Group 8:30am PC Rm B
- **January 23rd:** High School Ministry 6:30pm Bridge

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sacredness of Human Life

This coming week, we have two commemorations in our country that touch on the sacredness of human life. Monday, January 17th, marks the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance in our country, and Saturday, January 22nd, in the Catholic Church marks the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. While quite different in their focus, both commemorations connect on a fundamental spiritual truth. The truth is that human life at every stage has a dignity, value, and worth because we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Dr. King one time observed that, “we have learned to fly in the sky like birds, and swim in the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple act of living together.” Racism, ethnic and religious hatred, and all types of prejudice exist in our world. The good news is that education and interaction has helped to improve relations between different races, ethnicities, and religions. We still have a long way to go. We know that Heaven will not be compartmentalized or segregated and that all hatred and prejudice will cease. On this side of eternity, most people need more purification and conversion when it comes to eliminating prejudicial attitudes from their minds and hearts. As we grow in our relationship with God, we not only see our own dignity and value more clearly, but we are also strengthened to see the fundamental dignity of others. Our Catholic value of the sacredness of life is core to our belief system and is the thread that weaves through all our social and moral teachings.

On Saturday, January 22nd, we have a special day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Each one of us spent time in the womb and thank goodness we are here! Sadly, many unborn children meet their demise because of abortion. Many in our country fail to see the humanity of unborn human life, and therefore feel there is no right to life. In our Catholic tradition, we would see human life as being present from the time of conception. Advances in ultrasound technology help us to realize that even at very early stages of development human life is present. Our country is very divided on this issue, but we have to hold fast to our beliefs in this area of morality. The unborn are the most vulnerable, and the Gospel message of Jesus challenges us to see his presence in the least of our brothers and sisters (Matthew 25).

Let us continue to pray for a greater respect for human life in our world. Please pray for an end to all forms of violence, prejudice, and hatred. The Lord calls us to be instruments of reconciliation and peace. Let us also pray for an end to abortion and other practices that diminish human life. May we also be there to assist women experiencing crisis pregnancies. May we be a Christ-like presence to help reconcile those burdened by guilt and shame over having had an abortion. The Lord’s mercy and forgiveness is greater than any sin we can commit if we are humble and contrite. May we be strengthened to put Matthew 25 into practice.

The Church has an excellent pastoral ministry called Project Rachel that can assist in the reconciliation/healing process for those suffering from post-abortion aftermath. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact Project Rachel by calling (815) 387-3379 or 1-888-456-HOPE. If you prefer to send an email, contact us at projectrachelrockford@gmail.com

Mass for Life with Bishop Malloy

Pope St. John Paul II declared, “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.” On January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” You are invited to join Catholics from throughout the diocese in a special Mass for the respect of human life celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy on Saturday, January 22nd, at 10:00am at St. Mary Parish, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, the Mass for Life will be livestreamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley YouTube channel. It can be viewed live or at a later time.

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

Tours by Appointment

Sunday, January 30th

9:00am and 11:30am

Thursday, February 3rd

4:30pm to 7:00pm

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to schedule your tour

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

NEW THREE WEEK WINTER DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS SERIES

Led by the Parish Priests

Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm in Church (also livestreamed)

Monday, January 17th - "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 24th - "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 31st - "Top Seven Questions Catholics are Asked" - 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.



WELCOME BACK STUDENT MINISTRY FAMILY!

We are so excited to kick off this semester of ministry with all of you!

Our High School Ministry will be meeting tonight, January 16th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Bridge!

Our Middle School Ministry will be meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Underground!

Please be sure to wear a mask and stay home if you're feeling under the weather so that we can keep everyone safe and healthy as we kick off 2022!

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 allows us to connect with the Lord in a special way and be led into deeper spiritual waters through Adoration and the Rosary. We all need peace of mind and peace of heart so please consider joining us.



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.



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 or call 815-633-6311.

Upcoming Gatherings:

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.



January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 15 and 16 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Thank you for your generous gift.

Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day Postponed

In light of the increasing COVID-19 positivity rates, we have decided to postpone the January 28, 2022 Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day to a later date. Once we set that date, we will note that in the bulletin announcements.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

St. Joseph, defender of Life, pray for us

During the month of January, we will be praying to end abortion. We pray for over 60 million babies who have lost their lives to legal abortion in the United States since 1973.

Mass for Life with Bishop Malloy - Saturday, January 22nd, at 10:00am. Join Bishop Malloy as he celebrates a Mass for Life, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, at St. Mary's Parish, 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley YouTube channel.

9 Days for Life Novena - The annual novena for the protection of human life sponsored by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. See more information at www.9daysforlife.com or pick up a flyer in the back of Church

24 Hour Rosary - will be on Saturday, January 22nd, on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn children. Signup after all Masses this weekend, January 15th and 16th in the Narthex.

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

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."

BOYLAN



SHADOW DAYS
RUNNING ALL 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTER AT 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

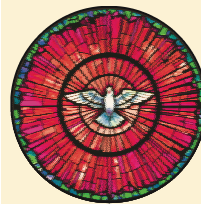
Questions? Contact Emily Schubert at eschubert@boylan.org or by phone at 815-877-0531 x226



JANUARY 16: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel today at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday God also gives us signs of his love, so we also can respond in faith and trust.

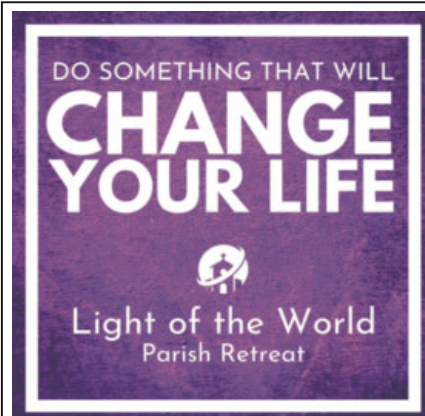
Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be not meet until February. We will post the specific date at a later time.

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.



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.

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WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

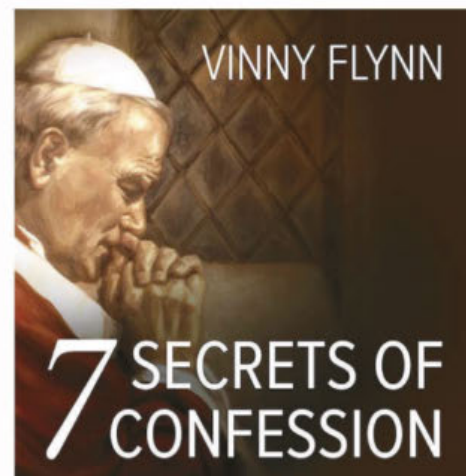


LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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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 February 8th.** 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

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 17th
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

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 19th
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!

MARY'S CORNER

The shepherds and the Three Wise Men came to the manger to adore the Baby Jesus and then went on their way. Did you know you can do that all year? Come visit and adore Jesus in adoration. He is there for you just like He was in the manger. Our Lady is with Him. Ask her to "show" her Son to you and to hold Him in your heart. Ask her to help you to grow in deep love and devotion to Him. He is waiting for you. Come and adore Him!



TRINITY OUTREACH

Trinity Outreach is a NEW ministry at St. Bridget to serve those suffering from mental health challenges, their loved ones, and their caregivers. The ministry will provide support through education, prayer, and companionship on this difficult journey.



Our intention is to accompany those on this journey as we work together toward wholeness of mind, body, and spirit through holiness.

Our ministry is a welcoming community where those affected by mental illness can come and share in a safe, confidential, non-judgemental environment. Our ministry team does not take on the roles of psychologists, psychiatrists or therapists. Our goal is to complement the medical community by showing Christ's love to our fellow parishioners and supporting them so that we may grow together in our beautiful Catholic faith.

Please pray for those suffering from mental health difficulties and watch the bulletin and parish website for more information to come.

SAINT RITA CHAPLET

Join us to pray the Chaplet of St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 20th.** 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!"*



St. Bridget lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King meets once a month from 6:00pm-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 next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 19th.** If you are interested in attending or have any question, please contact Craig Anderson or Jane Gomulka.

Craig: 815-985-4665 or bananacra@comcast.net
Jane: 815-543-5013 or jane.gomulka@aol.com

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.

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 **Wednesday, January 19th.**



ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Monday 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am – 9:00am
Tuesday 11:00pm – midnight
Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Thursday 11:00pm – midnight



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

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up today to attend in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on February 11th-13th in Madison, WI or April 22nd-24th in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.



WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

Registered Families	2,198
Sunday Envelopes	\$10,113.00
Offertory	\$477.00
Online (238)	\$8,719.71
Total for the week	\$19,309.71

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.



ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be **Wednesday, January 19th**, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

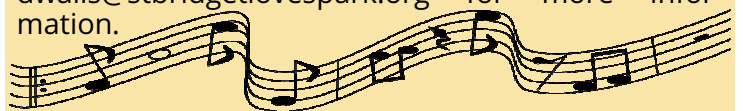
Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned chicken, soup, pasta, small dish soap, and cereal.

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!

ST. BRIDGET CHOIR

Share your gifts with the parish and join us in the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Church. We sing weekly at the 10:00am Sunday Mass. No experience necessary!

Questions? Interested? Reach out to Dan Walls at dwalls@stbridgetlovespark.org for more information.



WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

James Hills

Scott Long

Lucia Martinez

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 17th

7:00am Marge Hevrin
8:15am Maria de Los Angeles Ayala

Tuesday, January 18th

7:00am Joseph Godawski
8:15am Mary Alice Humpal

Wednesday, January 19th

7:00am Douglas & Mildred Miller
8:15am Sam Baker

Thursday, January 20th

7:00am Margaret Murphy
8:15am Frances Gjertsen

Friday, January 21st

7:00am Gilbert Sparhawk
8:15am Ray & Vera Olesen

Saturday, January 22nd

7:00am Steve Reichensperger
8:15am Helen Hammer - 6th Anniversary
4:30pm Deceased Members of the Gambrall & Schweitzer Families

Sunday, January 23rd

7:00am David McCarthy
8:15am Anthony & Bertha Santini
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am Kenneth A. Miller

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 22ND AND 23RD

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

CROATIAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month at 3:30pm

FILIPINO MASS

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm

DEAF APOSTOLATE INTERPRETED MASS

Sundays at 10:00am



FLAME INTENTION

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

Barbara Cauwels

FLAME INTENTION

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

Frank & Shirley Bauer



PLEASE WELCOME

Our parish community welcomes the following new parishioners that registered:

Darrien & Trish Pitts

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 with the July Masses, 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 open on January 15, 2022.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH

Sunday: *Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11*
Monday: *1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22*
Tuesday: *1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28*
Wednesday: *1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6*
Thursday: *1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12*
Friday: *1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19*
Saturday: *2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21*
Next Sunday: *Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

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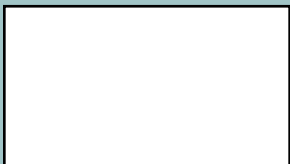
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