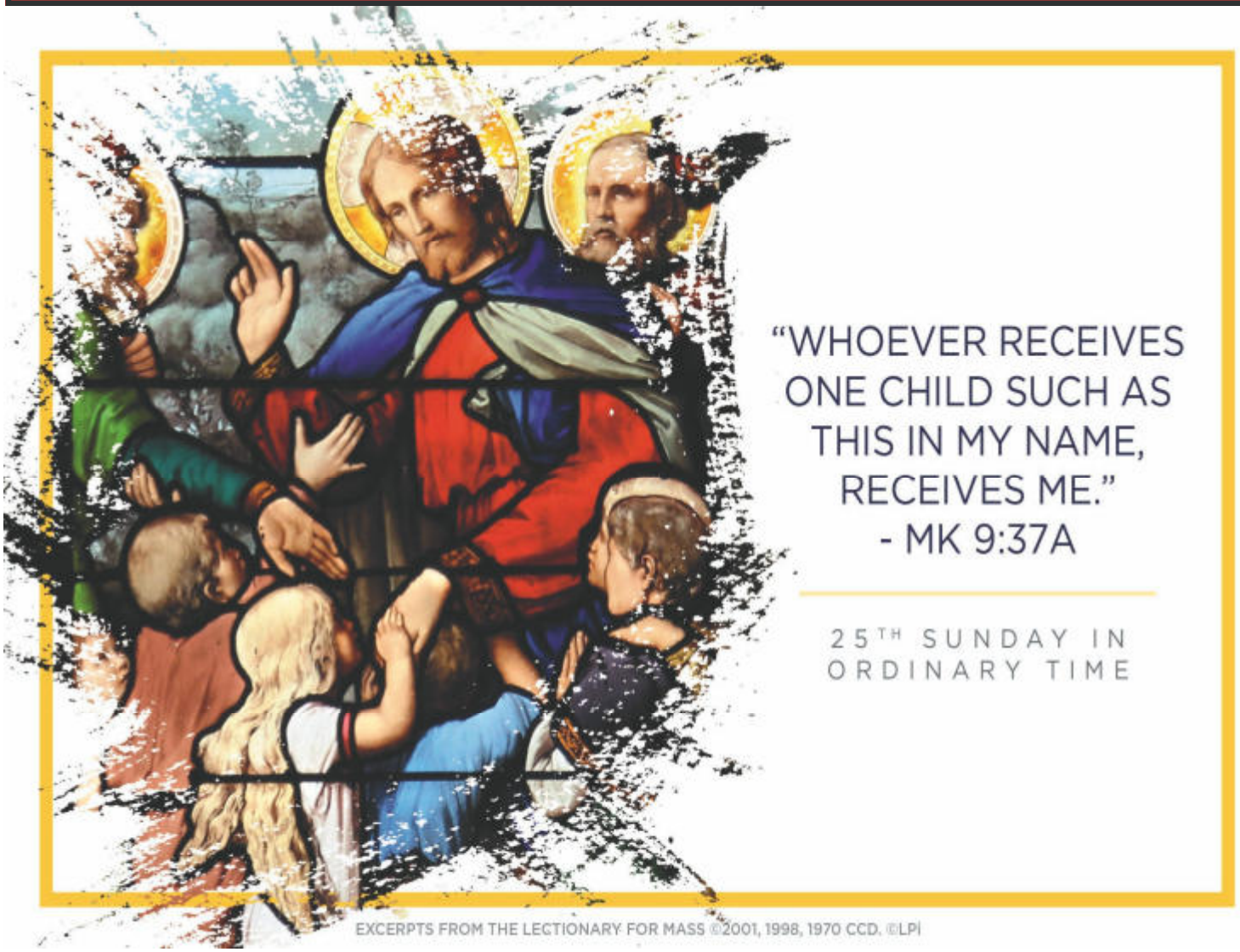
# Saint Bridget of Kildare

## Catholic Church

### September 19, 2021

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**Mass Times:**
Monday through Friday 8:00am
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am
First Saturday Mass 8:00am

**St. Bridget of Kildare**
111 West Union Street
Parish and School Office 636-271-3993
Parish Office Hours Monday—Friday 8am - 4pm
Website: www.sbkparish.org

**Adoration:** Tuesday 9:00am—7:00pm

**Confession:** Tuesday 6:00pm—6:50pm,
Saturday 4:15pm—4:50pm, Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am

**Baptisms:** Parishioners are asked to please call the Parish Office.

**Marriages:** Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the priest at least six months in advance.

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Mass Schedule | | | Mass Intentions |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | 9/20 | 8:00am | *Mike & Katie Feketic* |
| Tuesday | 9/21 | 8:00am | *The Overmann Family* |
| Wednesday | 9/22 | 8:00am | *Teresa Simmons* |
| Thursday | 9/23 | 8:00am | *Mike & Katie Feketic* |
| Friday | 9/24 | 8:00am | William Riley |
| Saturday | 9/25 | 5:00pm | *John Painter* |
| Sunday | 9/26 | 8:00am | *The Schwoeppe Family* |
| Sunday | 9/26 | 10:00am | Pro Populo |

**Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church**

**SATURDAY, September 25, 2021 5pm**
**LECTOR: Michael Maher**

**SUNDAY, September 26, 2021 8am**
**LECTOR: Wayne and Renee Myers**

**SUNDAY, September 26, 2021 10am**
**LECTOR: Gayle Rogan**

***St. Bridget Stewardship***
*9/12/2021*
*Collection Envelopes 83*
*Our Weekly need is $7,000.00 received $5512.00*
*Online Donations $1187.50 Parish Improvement $25.00*
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## Parish Staff

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**IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. BRIDGET Please remember the sick:** Veronica Kelly, Greg Gossage, Kristian McDonald, Daryl Denu, Keith Bruns, Tom Cross, Lawrence Lindemann, Marleen Hartzell, Tom and Lois Martin, Steve Rost, Shelly Fischer Haney, Vicki Brinker, Rosemary Woods, Barbara Johnson, Sharon Trentmannn, Toni Strothkamp, Liam & Lauren Viotrain, David Mueller, Bev Schneider, David Reincke, Laura Masson, Jerry Stewart, Cecilia Mueller, Marge Phelan, Emilia Wieczorek, Amber Luetkemeyer, Joshua Carson, Meg Gallagher, Christine Floyd, Martha Sheerin-Speck, Rose Schuessler, Becky Coyner, LeRoy Hirth, Robin Henry, Dave Whitt, Geraldine Carrico, Tim Brauer, Debbie Price, Bill Drimped, Christine Eilman, David May, Jenny Gallagher, Bev Duncan, Kathy Doak, Pat Gomez, Alice Thawley, Joe Quennoz, Stephen W. Flannery Jr., Dan Witte, Brandon Huels, Belle Tenny, Ron Phillips, Jack Drummond, Candy Cloak, Amy Short, Tina Ripper, Pat Herbst, Monica Dabbs, Mary Bradford, Sarah Gould, Preston Thompson, Barbara Johnson, and the home bound and nursing home patients. **Also those who serve our country:** Steven Sutterer, Corey Dorsey, Sgt. Jeremy Ross, Jennings Casey, Chief Petty Officer Mike Murphy, Isaac Wiersma, Aaron Cooley, Alex Churchill, Jonathan Savala, Brandon Ell, Wade Iliff Jr., & Andrew Bornholdt

**Save the Date!**
**October 17th**— Fall Festival

**First Annual St. Bridget of Kildare Men's White House Jesuit Retreat**
All men of the parish are invited to join Deacon Mandis for our first annual White House Jesuit Retreat. This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All meals and private lodging are provided. Our retreat begins the evening of Thursday, October 21 and concludes Sunday, October 24 after lunch. To register call 314-416-6400 or email reservations@whretreat.org now. Please let them know you are with St. Bridget of Kildare Parish! You can also learn more by going to http://www.whretreat.org

**"The Sacraments" with Fr Burkemper**
Mondays @ 7:00pm in the Cafeteria
This week: Why these Sacraments? & Intro to Baptism

If you want to help the Parish on October 17th with the Fall Festival, Please sign up in the back of church or on-line through FlockNotes. Many Hands make light work!

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello and blessed Sunday to all!
First, we are less than one month away from our Fall Festival, and much volunteer assistance is needed to make the event a great success. You can volunteer via FlockNote or find sign-up sheets in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!
Second, please say an extra prayer for our grade schoolers this week as they have their Iowa Testing (ITBS) for several hours each day.
Finally, a word about the Blessed Mother and the month of September.
In the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy during this month of September, we have three different Marian Feasts: the Nativity (Birth) of Mary on September 8th, the Holy Name of Mary on September 12th, and Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th.
Most Saints have only one feast day during the entire year; a few, such as St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist- have two, but the Virgin Mary just had three feast days in one week!
Quite clearly the Church is reminding us at this time of Mary's singular importance in our Catholic Faith and in our individual lives. She was given the unique vocation to be the Mother of God, and that role includes caring for all members of the Body of Christ, caring for all of us, for all eternity.
At every moment of every day Mary watches over us, protects us, prays for us, and intercedes for us, wanting nothing more than to help us know and love the Holy Trinity- the Father, Mary's Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit- both here on earth and forever in Heaven.
Let us be quick to turn to Mary, like a child in need running to his earthly mother. We can bring before her all our needs and petitions, our suffering, our prayers of thanksgiving, and our love, and she will then go with us before Almighty God to present our prayers to Him.
I don't know about you, but I would much rather approach God with Mary by my side than all alone!
Praying the Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows, and the daily devotion of "Three Hail Marys" (three when you wake up and three immediately before bed) are all proven ways to turn to Mary though, of course, she is always ready and willing to listen whenever we desire to speak to her.
So let us take our cue from the Church's Liturgy in this month full of Marian Feast Days and renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
In Christ, Fr Burkemper

**DEACON'S CORNER**

Q. How can Catholics say that Mary was a perpetual virgin, when the Bible says that Jesus had brothers and sisters?
We must note that the term 'brother' can have many meanings in the Bible. It is not restricted only to 'blood' brothers and sisters. For example, Lot is described as Abraham's 'brother' (Gen. 14:14), but Lot was, in fact, the son of Haran, Abraham's deceased brother (Gen. 11:26-28), which means that Lot was Abraham's nephew. Sometimes the word 'brother' is used for distant kinsmen (Deut. 23:7 and 2 Kings 10:13-14). Sometimes 'brother' is used for people who were unrelated (2 Sam. 1:26 and 1 Kings 9:13).
Although the use of the word 'brother' appears (to us moderns) ambiguous, it wasn't ambiguous to the ancient Hebrews. You see, there wasn't a special word for 'cousin' in ancient Hebrew or Aramaic (the language spoken by Jesus). Speakers in those days used the word 'brother' or 'brethren' in order not to use some circumlocution such as 'the son of the sister of my father'.
Fundamentalists will quote Matt: 1:25 to show that Mary must have had normal sexual relations with Joseph after Jesus was born. The problem lies with the modern meaning of 'until' instead of the meaning it had when the Bible was written. In the Bible, the word 'until' means only that some action did not occur up to a 'certain point' in time. It does not imply by any means that the action occurred later. That interpretation is a modern definition of 'until'. In fact, if we take that in its modern sense, some ridiculous meanings result. In 2 Sam. 6:23, we read, "Michal, the daughter of Saul bore no children until the day of her death". Are we to assume that she had children after she died? In Deut. 34:6, it says that no one knows about the location of Moses' grave "until this present day". But, we still have no idea where Moses is buried.
Jesus alone in the Bible is called the son of Mary. Never once is she called the mother of the 'bretheren' of the Lord. There are several more instances of our Lord not having 'blood' brothers and sisters which have been discussed in our Bible Study class.
Deacon Mike can be reached at MMEADG@outlook.com.

## Apple Butter!

We are in need of donations for pint canning jars or lids and rings for the jars. We will also need sugar donations. Sign up sheets in the back. If you have anything you can donate, please bring it by the parish office.

Instead of a traditional Bible Study curriculum, we are going to read and discuss "Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila. If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the book or the class, please reach out to me at mmeadg@outlook.com. We will meet in the cafeteria, beginning on October 6 at 6PM.
Deacon Mike

## St. Bridget's Widows Luncheon.

Join us October 3, 2021, 12:30 p.m., at O'Dell's Irish Pub & Ale House, 141 S. Central Ave., Eureka, MO for our October luncheon. Please call or text Loretta Kipper at 314-304-1750 to RSVP or with questions.

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