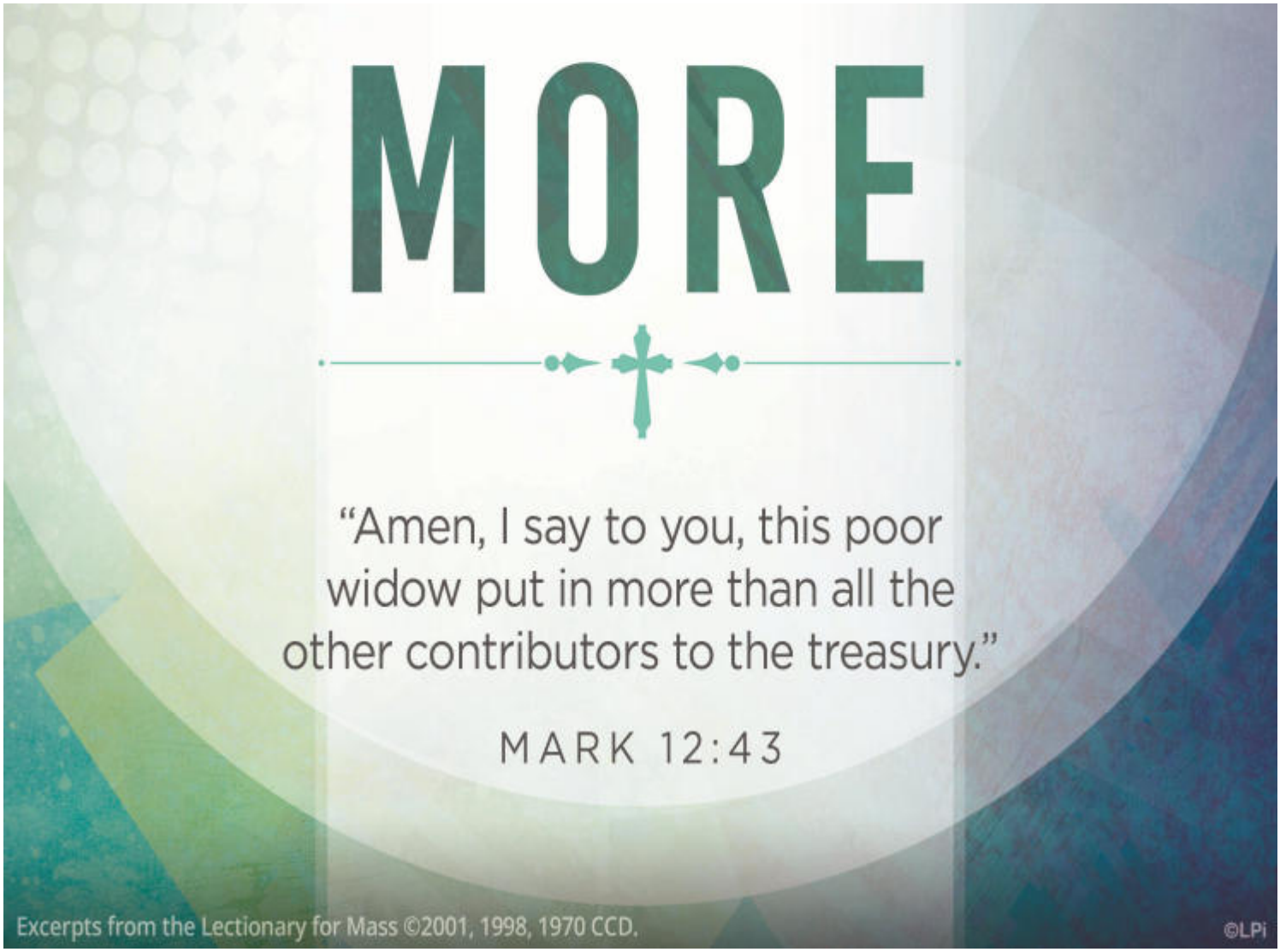
Saint Bridget of Kildare Catholic Church

November 7, 2021



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule			Mass Intentions
Monday	11/8	8:00am	Joe & Dorothy Biritz
Tuesday	11/9	8:00am	Cancer Patients
Wednesday	11/10	8:00am	*Teresa Simmons*
Thursday	11/11	8:00am	Priest Intentions
Friday	11/12	8:00am	*The Mandis Family*
Saturday	11/13	5:00pm	James Robert Lienhard
Sunday	11/7	8:00am	Pro Populo
Sunday	11/7	10:00am	Jim Appelt

Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church

SATURDAY, November 6, 2021 5pm
LECTOR: John Overmann
SUNDAY, November 7, 2021 8am
LECTOR: Michael Maher
SUNDAY, November 7, 2021 10am
LECTOR: Janet Green

St. Bridget Stewardship
10/31/2021
Collection Envelopes
Our Weekly need is $7000.00 received $4532.46
Online Donations $1032.50 Parish Improvement $20.00
Garden Project $50.00
SVdP $200.00

Parish Staff

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IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. BRIDGET Please remember the sick: Danny Gettemeier, Norma Litzau, Vicki Brinker, Faye Balsman, 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, 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, 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

"The Sacraments" with Fr Burkemper
Mondays @ 7:00pm in the Cafeteria
This week: The Sacrament of Confession

Parents of Prodigals
Thursday November 11th at 6 pm in the Cafeteria. We will pray together and share experiences, concluding by 7 pm.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good morning and blessed Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time!

The month of November is a month particularly dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory.

Our Faith so beautifully teaches that, in the Body of Christ, we retain a real bond with those who have died, and this bond allows our prayers to assist the Faithful Departed on their way to Heaven.

If an individual dies in the state of grace (free from mortal sin) but still has venial sins or some attachment to sin in their soul, then they must undergo a period of painful purgation (cleansing) in Purgatory. How much time they spend in Purgatory depends on how much needs to be purged as well as the prayers that they receive from those still on earth.

We should pray daily for all the Faithful Departed, and especially for our families, friends, and all the past parishioners of St. Bridget. Saying a formal prayer like an Our Father or Hail Mary, praying a Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy, remembering them at Holy Mass (especially when the priest mentions praying for the dead during the Eucharistic Prayer), offering our own suffering for them, and gaining indulgences for them are all very concrete and very important ways that we continue to love and help those who have gone before us.

Personally, I try to make an extra effort to visit our parish cemetery during the month of November, even if just for a few minutes each day.

Such an action is especially important this year, as the Vatican has decreed that a Plenary Indulgence (complete remission of time in Purgatory) can be gained each day of November simply by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. The usual conditions for a Plenary Indulgence- complete detachment from all sin, reception of Holy Communion, and Sacramental Confession twenty days before/after the action- still apply.

If the person for whom we are praying has already passed through Purgatory to the joys of Heaven, then we can be assured that God will use our prayers for the benefit of a soul who needs it.

Let's make a special effort to pray for the Faithful Departed this November as we look forward in hope to being reunited in eternal life.

Have a blessed week!
In Christ,
Fr Burkemper

DEACON'S CORNER

Q. Deacon Mike, I've heard you use the term "Pascal's Wager". Could you tell me what it is and what it has to do with my salvation?

A. Blaise Pascal was a 17th century mathematician who lived in France. One of his friends was an inveterate gambler who would question Pascal about odds. After a severe accident in his later life, Pascal began to think about spiritual things and became very interested in the odds of his own salvation. In his book "Penseés", he appealed to skeptics—people who either didn't believe there is a God or who chose not to believe in God. Pascal, rather than appeal to the highest rationales and ideals for the existence of God—faith, hope and love, appealed to the lowest form—self-preservation. Pascal's basic premise is this—there either is a God or there isn't. There is no "in-between". All of us must bet. If there is no God, it doesn't matter how we bet because there is nothing to win after death and nothing to lose after death. But, if there is a God, the only way we have of winning is by believing in Him and our only way of losing is by not believing in Him. Is it worth it to lose an eternity of peace, joy and love by choosing not to believe? Whatever it is that we would have to give up for heavenly joy, we will get it back millions of times over in heaven. Nothing tangible on this Earth is worth losing heaven for. Even if there is no God (not true), what could we have lost—a few parties, sexual immorality, shady business deals, whatever—that could replace an eternity of happiness? Deacon Mike can be reached at MMEADG@outlook.com.

St. Bridget Garden Update

Meramec Hardscape will be donating time and labor to redo the garden, but we will be in need of donations for the materials, if you would like to donate to the project please mark your donations Garden Project. If you have any questions please contact Karen Painter 636-667-3875

Please keep in your prayers,
Don and Kathy Dorenkamp
For the loss of their son
Don Dorenkamp and
Sue Rutledge for the loss of her husband William Rutledge

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