

SAINT BRIDGET OF KILDARE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 12:00pm

The Holy Family

Mass Schedule

Mass Intentions

Monday	12/27	8:00am	James Robert Linhard
Tuesday	12/28	8:00am	Jennifer Murphy
Wednesday	12/29	8:00am	<i>Teresa Simmons</i>
Thursday	12/30	8:00am	<i>The Mandis Family</i>
Friday	12/31	8:00am	<i>Mike & Katie Feketic</i>
Friday	12/31	5:00pm	Priest Intentions
Saturday	1/01	5:00pm	William Riley
Sunday	1/02	8:00am	Pro Populo
Sunday	1/02	10:00am	E. Fred Miller

Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church

	FRIDAY, December 31, 2021 5pm
LECTOR:	Wayne & Renee Myers
	SATURDAY, January 1, 2022 5pm
LECTOR:	John Overmann
	SUNDAY, January 2, 2022 8am
LECTOR:	Ruth Pritchard
	SUNDAY, January 2, 2022 10am
LECTOR:	Gayle Rogan

Parish office will be closed
December 30th and 31st

St. Bridget Stewardship 12/26/2021

Collection totals will be in next weeks bulletin

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IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. BRIDGET Please remember the sick:

Sally Hanneken, The Schmidt Family, Mason Chase, 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 Trentmann, 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, 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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 5:00pm December 31st and
8:00am (Latin) January 1st

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Thank you to everyone who donated their time and money to the St. Bridget's giving tree! It is a huge undertaking and we appreciate your time and effort. Merry Christmas!



The Holy Family

Hello, Merry Christmas, and Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

Christmas is such an important Feast that we celebrate it not only for a day but for eight days, what is properly called an "Octave."

The Octave of Christmas concludes on January 1st, which is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Typically, this is a Holy Day of Obligation but, since it falls on a Saturday, it is not a Day of Obligation this year. That said, it is still very much a day worth celebrating.

We will celebrate Holy Mass for Mary, the Mother of God, on Friday, December 31st at 5:00pm and on Saturday, January 1st at 8:00am. The Saturday Mass will be our typical First Saturday Traditional Latin Mass and, if you are not familiar with this form of the Mass, there are guides to help you follow and pray along.

Today- the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas- we celebrate the particular Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus, the Divine Son of God, His mother the Virgin Mary, and His foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Gospels, but they do speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the Temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. Family life is absolutely central to our Faith, and the main purpose of this Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church" and, in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading Sacred Scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to Confession frequently, and so forth, all done as a family unit held together by the love of God.

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the importance of the family and pray for our human and spiritual families. Blessings and prayers to you and your family!

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Fr Burkemper

DEACON'S CORNER

Q. Deacon Mike, during my studies, I came across something called the Arian heresy. I understand that it was widespread in the early church years. Can you tell me something about it?

A. Arius was born in 256 AD and was ordained a Catholic priest in 313 AD. In 318 AD, Arius heard a discourse on the doctrine of the Trinity by the Patriarch of Alexandria and disagreed with his interpretation. Arius stated that the Patriarch had fallen into error and proceeded to set out his own ideas of the Trinity. Arius denied that Christ was really the Eternal Son of God and that Jesus was not co-equal in sharing the Divine Nature. According to him, the Person of Christ existed before all other created things and was nobler than them all. But, he also said, God created the Person of Christ in eternity and through Him created all other things in time. Later, the created Christ became man for the redemption of the human race. In 320 AD, a second synod of Alexandria condemned this doctrine as heretical because it made the eternal Son of God a mere creature, denying that He was equally uncreated along with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Arius would not submit and continued teaching and publicly spreading his errors. He had many followers and caused an immense disturbance, both in the Church and in the public forum. Finally, Emperor Constantine demanded that a council be called to finally decide the issue. In 325 AD, the bishops met in Nicaea and, again, condemned the teachings of Arius. He, again, would not submit to the authority of the Church and was excommunicated. His heresy has led multitudes astray over the centuries and still does today. Deacon Mike can be reached at mmeadg@outlook.com.

St. Bridget's Widows Luncheon

Join us January 2, 2022, for lunch at Brown Jerrys. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. Please call or text Loretta Kipper at 314-304-1750 to RSVP or with questions.

**We are pleased to welcome to our Parish.
Joan Elpers and Christopher Keesey**



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