

SAINT BRIDGET OF KILDARE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 16, 2022



WHEN THE WINE RAN
SHORT, THE MOTHER
OF JESUS SAID TO
HIM, "THEY HAVE NO
WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule		Mass Intentions	
Monday	1/17	8:00am	Kevin Brand
Tuesday	1/18	8:00am	<i>The Overmann Family</i>
Wednesday	1/19	8:00am	<i>Teresa Simmons</i>
Thursday	1/20	8:00am	No Mass
Friday	1/21	8:00am	No Mass
Saturday	1/22	5:00pm	John C. Meyers Jr.
Sunday	1/23	8:00am	Rosemary Maher
Sunday	1/23	10:00am	Pro Populo

Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church

LECTOR: **SATURDAY, January 22, 2022 5pm**
Mike Maher
SUNDAY, January 23, 2022 8am
LECTOR: **Lynn Breeden**
SUNDAY, January 23, 2022 10am
LECTOR: **Jan Brokaw**

St. Bridget Stewardship

1/09/2022

Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$7500.00 received \$9150.00

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

Philip Black, Sally Hanneken, The Schmidt Family, 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, Aaron Cooley, Alex Churchill, Jonathan Savala, Brandon Ell, Wade Iliff Jr., & Andrew Bornholdt

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If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 636-271-3993 x201

Winter Wonderland

St. Bridget of Kildare presents

Messy Play Night

Current Preschool children and prospective Preschool children are all invited! Bring a friend with young children about to start their Preschool journey!

January 20, 2022

6:00—7:30pm

St. Bridget of Kildare Gym

Please RSVP to 636-271-4533 ext. 100

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello and Blessed Second Sunday of Ordinary Time!

This week, I will be away on Thursday and Friday joining hundreds of thousands at the March for Life in Washington, DC. This year marks the forty-ninth anniversary of the Supreme Court's tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision, which created a right to legalized abortion in the United States of America. Since that decision, over 65 million children have been legally killed before birth. To put that number in perspective, abortions in the United States occur at a rate of one abortion about every twenty seconds, and the total number of all of those who have died in the United States due to COVID-19 is less than half the number of lives aborted this past year alone.

The tragedy of abortion cannot be overstated. In addition to the loss of innocent life, the life-long effect upon the mothers and fathers of these children is often devastating and, from the perspective of Faith, we know that the sin of abortion endangers the eternal salvation of all those involved: parents, doctors, nurses, employees, and all who in any way facilitate or promote abortion.

For all of these reasons, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has repeatedly said that abortion is the "preeminent moral issue of our time." This is not to deny the importance of other moral issues but simply to recognize that in gravity and in scope, nothing compares to the evil of abortion.

In light of this, I would encourage each of us to pray every day for an end to abortion, conversion for those who promote it, and healing for those harmed by it. It could be as simple as an extra "Hail, Mary" or "Memorare." In particular, this upcoming Saturday- January 22nd- is designated as a day of Penance and Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, so I hope that day we will each make a particular sacrifice and offer our prayers so that the dignity of all human life will be respected. We can pray in particular this year for our Supreme Court justices, who are currently preparing a decision that could go as far as overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

I would also encourage you to consider donating to organizations that work to end abortion and care for mothers in difficult situations. Locally, organizations such as Coalition for Life, Birthright, Defenders of the Unborn, Thrive, and Our Lady's Inn all do very important and often unnoticed work in this arena. They are always in need of donations, both monetary and supplies, as well as volunteers.

Finally, if you or someone you know has been affected by abortion, please know that there is healing and hope available. This comes spiritually in the Sacrament of Confession, where no sin is too great for God to forgive. It also comes in counseling and support, especially through organizations such as Project Rachel and Project Joseph. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

I truly believe that our faithful prayer and action will bring about a culture in our nation that fully respects all human life from conception until natural death.

In Christ,
Fr Burkemper

DEACON'S CORNER

Q. Did God create the devil or is the devil eternal, like God?

A. Only God is eternal. Everything and everyone else has been created. God did not create the devil as a devil. In other words, God did not create any being, whether spiritual or corporal, as evil. The angels are beings of a spiritual nature, endowed with intelligence and free will, just like human beings are. As created, they were entirely good. But, some angels misused their freedom of will and rendered themselves evil by their opposition to God, who is goodness itself. Evil is always opposed to good and anyone who is opposed to God is opposed to good. God is not the cause of evil. He gave the angels (and us) freedom of will so that we might offer Him, not a compulsory love but a love of free choice. In other words, God does not force us to love Him—He allows us to love Him. God does not want us to misuse our gift of freedom but He knows that some of us, including the "fallen" angels, will choose to turn away from Him and follow the devil. If God forbids sin, how could He be the cause of it? The devil chose to turn away from God and was responsible for his own choice and so is anyone else (of sound mind). God punishes deliberately chosen and unrepented sin. We should always keep that in mind when choosing to do or say certain things. Deacon Mike can be reached at mmeadg@outlook.com.

Hey, this is Father Tim Foy from St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Parish, and I want to invite you on a very unique pilgrimage to Poland from Aug. 1-15, 2022! We will retrace many of the steps of Pope St. John Paul II and see the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Faustina's Convent, the Wieliczka Salt mine, and the heart of the trip is a walking pilgrimage from Krakow to the Black Madonna Shrine of Czestochowa (Note: our tour bus will accompany the pilgrims to provide a break if needed). The next two information meetings are at Holy Infant of Ballwin on January 30th at 1pm and at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne Prairie on the same day at 3 pm. Please call me with any questions at 636-583-2488.

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 8:19



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