

Welcome to the Parish Community of
Saint Bridget

We choose to be the presence of
Christ on the Northside

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Dear God, we abound in hope by the power of your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy and peace as we believe in you. Holy Spirit, empower our lives to produce your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.



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Reflections from the Pew

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2021

"If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law." (Gal. 5:16-25)

In 1981, I was convicted under God's law and was left with two choices, life or death. Death would probably mean a life of drinking and drugs, with a continual downward spiral ending in overdose, or worse yet, taking as many people down with me as possible. What I did not understand was that God had already called me to a different life, but I just didn't know it at the time. I was not a bad person; I was just lost. I attended mass, I participated in Catholic Christian youth groups, but I was living under the law and not guided by the Spirit. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, while I was not even paying attention, I was led to a Life in the Spirit seminar held at St. Bridget's Church. Out of that meeting, which was led by Fr. Carl Vacek, TOR who was a Franciscan priest in residence at St. Bridget's at that time, I was prayed over and called upon the mercy of God and invited the Holy Spirit to lead me back to God. I was freed from my anchor to the world and was placed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Since that time, Tammy and I have been to many masses on Pentecost Sunday and listened to many readings and homilies in the years since then. We have attended the Sacrament of Confirmation for our three (3) children. I have prayed and sung wonderful hymns to the Holy Spirit, but I have learned one very key point in my spiritual awakening of 40 years. The Holy Spirit goes where people live in the Spirit of God. You must make a home in your soul for the Spirit of God to dwell in you. It isn't an emotion that can be stirred up at one special mass with a wonderful orchestra, beautiful music and liturgical dance on one Sunday in May, or even on your Confirmation day. The Spirit dwells where the kingdom of God dwells, not where there is confusion or dissension of any kind. Having the Holy Spirit animate your life is kind of like faith on caffeine. You want to pray. You want to attend mass. You really want to read Scripture and understand it. And yes... The guy in the pulpit may miss the message of the readings some times and your take on the message of the readings is different.

Life in the Spirit for Tammy and I calls us to recognize and strive to live in God's kingdom of peace, gentleness, generosity, patience, joy, faithfulness, self-control...and love, even though that's the hard one for us as married people sometimes. The key to the whole thing is very simple. Listen to God. Listen to Jesus. All his words are written down. Read them. Both testaments. Pray to the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to understand them. St. Francis of Assisi did. That's a main reason we both try to follow in his

footsteps as Secular Franciscans. He had the Holy Spirit, and we want that same spirit too. You can easily tell that St. Francis lived in the Spirit, knowing that he had the marks of Jesus on his physical and spiritual body.

The whole of the account of Pentecost is very striking, with the image of the tongues of fire descending upon the Apostles and the sound from the sky. However, we do ourselves a disservice not to notice the very last line of the account. "... yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." This is what the Holy Spirit tells us to speak of when we open ourselves up to receiving Him in our lives. Finally, we cannot live in the Spirit if we cannot understand that it does not matter who we are. It does not matter to God who we are (1st Cor. 12). We are all required to do the exact same thing, regardless of who we are. Repent, turn away from sin, turn to the God who saves, and invite His Holy Spirit to live in us. I can't repent for your sin. You can't repent for mine.

It comes back to this. Only Jesus Christ can judge us as unworthy to enter His eternal kingdom. Not anyone else. I am saved by His blood shed for me, and my dying to self and living for Him.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the Earth.

*Tim and Tammy Wolney
St. Bridget Parishioners*

Community Life

THANK YOU



A special thank you to Teagan Brogdon for sharing his time, talent, and faith with our confirmation candidates.

SOJOURNERS FOOD DONATIONS:

The school year is coming to an end on May 27th. THANK YOU for the many generous donations of food throughout the school year, it is greatly appreciated for our scholars and their families. We will take a little hiatus from food donations until school resumes in mid-August. May God bless all of your generous hearts. THANK YOU!!



SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER:



Beginning Saturday, **May 29th** (The Most Holy Trinity) the Saturday Mass time will be moved to **4:30**. We will return to the 3:30 Saturday Mass time November 6th when daylight savings ends.

This should help us enjoy fully all the daylight hours God gives each Saturday:)

Liturgical Updates

Given regular updates from both the Governor and the Office of Worship at the Archdiocese on relaxing liturgical restrictions, we are pleased to offer an update in our liturgical practices.

We will return the **Reception of Communion** back to during mass as before the pandemic beginning the weekend of May 29/30.

We will be bringing the Opening **Procession** back during the Gathering Rite beginning with Pentecost, this Sunday. Lectors and Cross Bearers will be processing in as before the pandemic.

Ushers will be returning to ministry very soon. The date is still being determined. If you are an usher or want to be trained as an usher, please call the office and let us know you are ready to return to ministry. This also means soon, the collection will be taken up during the offertory.

The City of Minneapolis still requires a face mask be worn inside.

Thank you!

Adoration



Adoration will be closed for the summer on May 25th at 2:00 pm and will begin again on Tuesday, September 7th from 8:30am to 2:00 pm.

Welcome

Welcome to our Family of Faith! Finian Michael Keating!
Walk always as a child of the Light.



Mass Intentions

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021

Sun. May 23 Mass 9:30am/ †**Rita O'Leary**
(Roxanne Mars)

Mon. May 24— No Word & Communion Service

Tues. May 25 — Mass 8am/ †**Marie Wortman**
(Alice Wortman)

Wed. May 26— Mass 8am / †**Vincent Vnuck - (Family)**

Thurs. May 27— Mass 8am/ **St. Anthony of Padua -**
(Secular Franciscans)

Fri. May 28—Mass 8am / †**Donald Tinker - (Family)**

Weekend Liturgies

Sat. May 29— Mass 3:30pm /**Parish Community of St Bridget**

Prayer Request



Sharon Brisk, Annette Haehn, Karron Willis, Mary Franklin, Jim Carter, Shirley & Richard Peterson, Joan Roos, Paul Daugherty, Ann Lasky, Bridget Tidd, Laura Walsh, Gene Theisen, Carol Wolney, Arlene & Jerry Scherber, Linda Davison, Mary Ann Carter, Duane Pfarr, Emmett Mulcare, Scott Kyles Jr., Rosie Bloomberg, Emmett Peterson, Ann Lentner, Jay Reding, Kristin Majkozak, Eleanor Dietrich, Brian Brixius, Missy Moore-Schmidt, Lorraine Davidson, and Chuck Dellwo

Readings For This Week



1st Reading: Gn 11:1-9

Resp. Psalm: 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

2nd Reading: Rom 8:22-27

Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

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