

Welcome to the Parish Community of
Saint Bridget

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Christ on the Northside

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021



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Reflections

ALONE WITH JESUS

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31a

This is an invitation we may need to hear far more than we realize. And it’s an invitation that many find hard to accept from Jesus. But take it as a direct invitation offered to you from our Lord. Hear Him say this to you: “You, my child, please do come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest for a while.”

There is something very healing and helpful that comes from silence and moments of solitude. There is something about silence and solitude that enables us to get refocused. So often in life we are overwhelmed by busyness. “Busyness” is often a way for the evil one to wear us down and get us off track. It keeps us from the gentle, clear and refreshing voice of God. So how is it that God is inviting you to come away by yourself and rest?

At the heart of this invitation is a longing in Jesus’ heart that we rest from those burdens which weigh us down unnecessarily. It’s true that there are many good things God calls us to do that can exhaust us. But this “holy exhaustion” is not a bad thing. In fact, being “exhausted” by the will of God actually deepens our faith and fills us with joy. And that joy lightens our burden.

The main reason for our need to “come away” and “rest” is that there are many things in life that are not part of God’s will. These are burdens we impose upon ourselves unnecessarily. These burdens, more than anything else, are what we need to rest from.

Coming away, alone, with Jesus, is a way of getting refocused and clearing out the clutter of life. It’s a way of escaping from our impulses and habits that draw us away from the joyful will of God. So think about this invitation. Think about it practically. Can you find at least ten minutes today to go find silence so as to rest in the arms of Jesus?

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to accept the invitation from Jesus to come and rest with and in Him. Commit yourself to doing just that. Make the choice, today, to find time to be alone. From that time of solitude, seek the still, small and silent voice of God. Let the quiet and the peace of God’s presence bring clarity and focus to your busy life.

Lord, help me to hear You call me to a time of rest and peace. Help me to seek You and to accept Your gentle invitation. Jesus, I trust in You.

Community Life

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS!

Summer is moving quickly and our Scholars will soon return to school! There is a great need for school supplies for Sojourners Truth Academy. In an effort to aid our scholars, we will once again be collecting supplies through mid-September. You can use the containers in the entrances of the church or drop them off at the office during office hours. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated by the scholars, their parents and the staff at Sojourners. We appreciate your generous hearts. THANK YOU!!



FAITHFULLY FIT



Faithfully Fit is back! If you are trying to stay active and limber, please come join us. Our exercise class is back in session, we meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in the back of Church. See you there!

A Special Thank You

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DOROTHY VNUCK

How do we thank someone who never seeks the spotlight or attention in any form?

She has served this parish for **decades** as coordinator of hospitality and is stepping down from that role. The donuts, coffee and treats at council meetings, etc. etc. etc.. We simply will thank her with a quote which exemplifies Dorothy to a tee!



...fundamentally, hospitality is simply love in action. It has much more to do with the resources of a generous heart than with sufficiency of food or space.

With gratitude,
Saint Bridget’s Family of Faith

Prayer Request



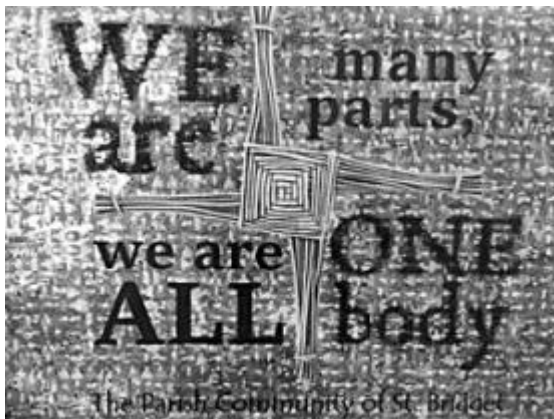
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Save the Date

ST. BRIDGET'S RECONNECTING GATHERING!!

Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, Aug. 14 for our 4:30 Mass with hospitality following in the back of church. Join us on Sunday, August 15 for our 9:30 Mass. We will be processed in by a bag piper, followed by a pancake breakfast and be entertained with our friend, Barb, the accordion player to share some fun entertainment and sing-a-longs!! We hope you invite, alumni, friends and your families to join us and celebrate our reconnecting after many months apart due to COVID. We hope you can join us!!



Readings For This Week



1st Reading: Jer 23:1-6
Resp. Psalm: Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
2nd Reading: Eph 2:13-18
Gospel: Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JULY 18, 2021**



Sun. July 18 Mass 9:30am/†**Dick & Kay Ennen (Family)**

Mon. July 19— No Word & Communion Service

Tues. July 20 — Mass 8am/**Michael McDonough, OFS (Tim & Tammy Wolney)**

Wed. July 21— Mass 8am/†**Carol Delzer (Donald Christ)**

Thurs. July 22— Mass 8am/†**Collette Palmquist (Donavon Anderson)**

Fri. July 23—Mass 8am /†**Bob Franklin (Mary Franklin)**

Weekend Liturgies

Sat. July 24— Mass 4:30pm /**The Parish Community of St. Bridget**

Tidbits from the Administrator



Spring cleaning:

The church floor *has been* scrubbed and waxed! Thank you Cady Building & Maintenance.

Repairs:

Work on the ramp wall in our parking lot **will begin** the week of July 19th, it is expected to take up to a week and a half to complete.

Volunteers needed:

Hospitality Coordinator
 Hospitality core group

Please contact me directly with any questions
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~Joni

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