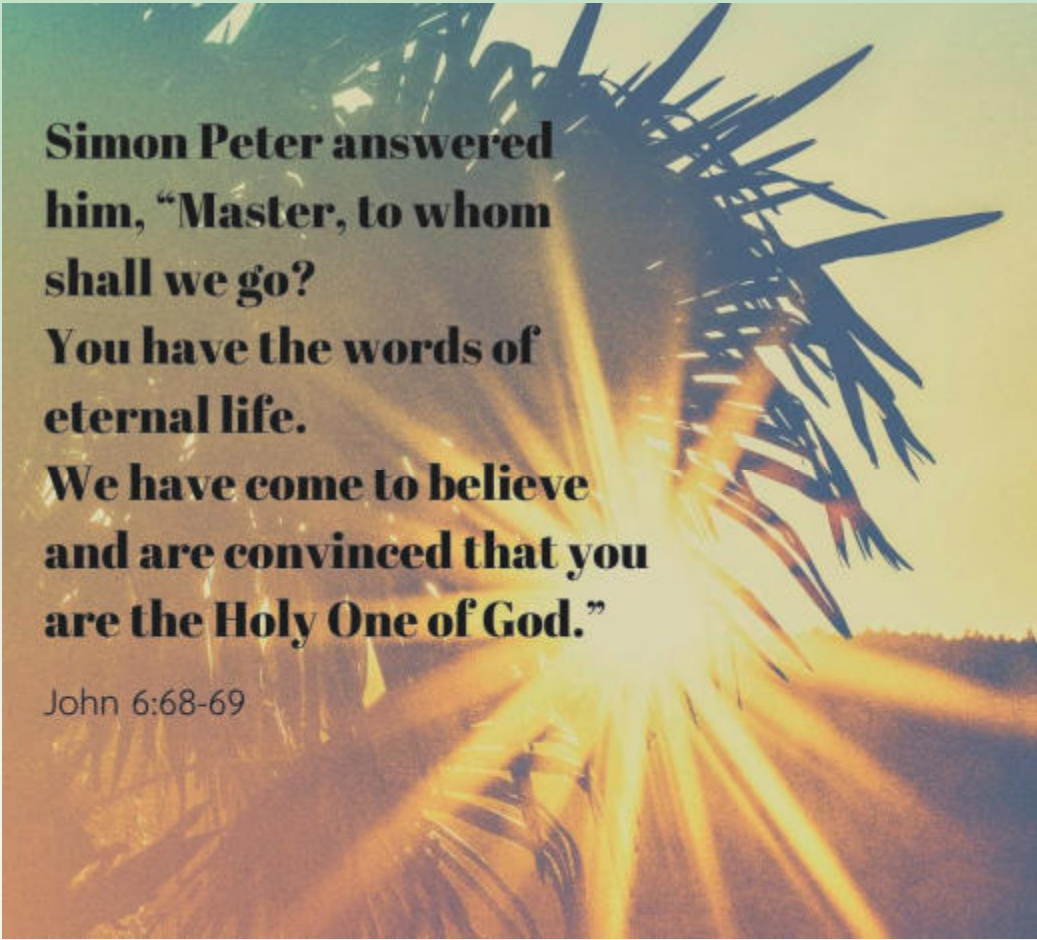


*Welcome to the Parish Community of*  
***Saint Bridget***

*We choose to be the presence of*  
*Christ on the Northside*

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 22, 2021*



**Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”**

John 6:68-69

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## Pastor's Corner



### DOES THIS SHOCK YOU?

*Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" ... Jesus said to them, "Does this shock you? ... The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."* ~Gospel of John 6:60-69

In my 22+ years of seminary, diaconal and priestly ministry, I've come to believe that not only are our divine Rabbi's teachings on His Presence in the Eucharistic Species too "hard" to believe for many. I find that just as many – perhaps even more – find His teaching on His Presence among His Eucharistic People to be too "hard".

I also find that a number of Catholic Christians (and members of other sacramental denominations, like Orthodox Christians) may lean more towards a belief in Christ's Presence in the Eucharistic Species, perhaps even rejecting the ancient teaching that Christ is present within the community of disciples. And not just 2,000 years ago, but down through the centuries. Including today.

Too often have I heard this communitarian understanding of Christ's Presence discounted as "lovey-dovey, frou-frou" flighty talk. And then there are other Catholic / sacramental Christians leaning more the other way ... finding Christ singularly Present among the community of disciples. And the notion of the Real Presence in Communion received from the altar as primitive, magical thinking. Both extremes are just not catholic, orthodox or apostolic (i.e. what the ancient Christians thought and taught and witnessed to).

Ours has never been an "either / or" spiritual practice. Ours has always been a "both / and" spiritual practice. Which I suppose makes it even harder for many to believe – two thousand years ago and today. And yet, this dual understanding of Christ's Presence in both the Body of Christ received from the Altar (this Sunday's Gospel) and the Body of Christ that is the People of God ("Where two or more are gathered ...") is what Jesus preached, taught, and exemplified.

As you read this article in the pews, or on the ride home, or over a cup of coffee, ask yourself which sense of the Eucharist that you tend to find too hard. And then every day over the upcoming week, be intentional in looking for His Presence where you once thought it was too hard to find.

Really give it a try! Asking for God's help. If and when you've balanced out your understanding a bit

more ... consider that there is still a third sense of His Presence that the ancient Christians embraced: His Presence in the Word of God proclaimed and heard. But that's for future spiritual homework. Right now, focus on the Communion received, and the Communion we are.

~Fr. Jarvis

## Community Life

### THANK YOU!!



A huge debt of gratitude to Rick and Betty Mysliwicz for the wonderful and delicious Reconnecting Weekend menus!!

The appetizers on Saturday and the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday were enjoyed by all in attendance!!

We are also very grateful to the volunteers that helped make the weekend such a fun event for our parish. May God bless your generous hearts! THANK YOU!!!

### ST. BRIDGETS CHURCH DIRECTORY

We would like to update our church directory, we are looking for someone to chair and co-chair this project. If you're available and willing to do this, please contact Joni at the parish office. We know a new directory would be greatly appreciated by everyone!



### WELCOME!



Please help us in welcoming Jennifer Kaplan and George Ross as our new Finance Council members.

We would also like to welcome Julie Doth and Christian Kluge as our new members on our Parish Council.

### 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!!!



## Liturgical Updates

### FALL SCHEDULE

It is time to prepare the Fall Ministry Schedule.

Please contact Christina with your available dates through November. Good news as we continue to relax restrictions, USHERS are back on the schedule! So please indicate if you are available to serve in that ministry. Anyone can be trained to be an usher and greeter. All it takes is a smile and a willing heart. If you are called to begin serving in any liturgical ministry, please contact Christina for training and support.



## Mass Intentions

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22, 2021

Sun. Aug. 22 -Mass 9:30am/**The Parish Community of St. Bridget**

Mon. Aug. 23— No Word & Communion Service

Tues. Aug. 24— Mass 8am/ †**Ann Lentner**  
(Gerri Hare)

Wed. Aug. 25 — Mass 8am/**Staff at Sojourner Truth Academy**  
(Parish Staff)

Thurs. Aug. 26 — Mass 8am/†**Donald Tinker**  
(Family)

Fri. Aug. 27 —Mass 8am /†**Dolores Hempel**  
(Family)

### Weekend Liturgies

Sat. Aug. 28— Mass 4:30pm /**Scott Kyles & Elvira Preciado Kyles**  
(Family)

## Tidbits from the Administrator

### TID BITS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



TIDBITS

Next project:  
Ministry room renovation.

Please contact me directly with any questions  
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## In Memory

Please continue to hold the Redemptorist Community in prayer as they grieve the loss of Father Tony Judge C.SSR. May eternal rest be granted onto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



## Pastoral Care

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:



We have a team that will bring you the Eucharist in a safe and respectful way. If you would like to receive, please call the office and a member of our Pastoral Team will contact you.

## Prayer Request



Sharon Brisk, Annette Haehn, Karron Willis, Jim Carter, Shirley & Richard Peterson, Joan Roos, Paul Daugherty, Ann Lasky, Laura Walsh, Gene Theisen, Carol Wolney, Arlene & Jerry Scherber, Mary Ann Carter, Duane Pfarr, Emmett Mulcare, Rosie Bloomberg, Emmett Peterson, Kristin Majkozak, Scottie Kyles Jr., Eleanor Dietrich, Missy Moore-Schmidt, Chuck Dellwo, Carol Borman, Ralph Wolf, Kathleen Klath, Phyllis Waverek, Christine Starkey Kay Stowell, Marge Carlisle, and Theresa Kovacovich.

## Readings For This Week

**1st Reading:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

**2nd Reading:** Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

**Gospel:** Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32





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