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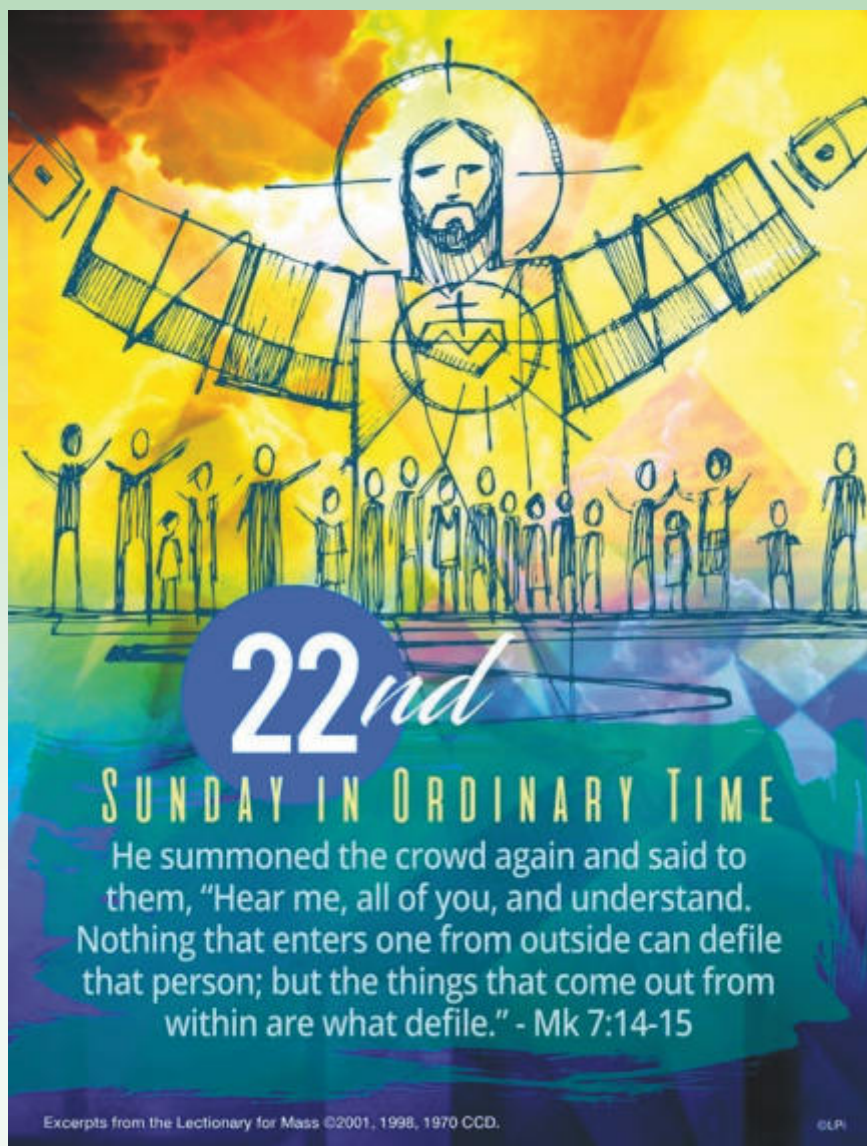
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Pastor's Corner



In Marks gospel today the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees are trying to discredit the disciples by questioning their actions and discredit Jesus by trapping him through their questioning. Note the pattern of their discourse: They ask why his followers eat

with tax collectors and sinners, why they don't observe the sabbath and why they eat with defiled hands. Then they go on to test Jesus by asking for a sign from heaven, about the lawfulness of divorce and the lawfulness of taxes, all to trap him. To understand the scope of what is happening it is important to acknowledge that Pharisees were popular, relatively righteous, and virtuous in conduct. They were basically good people. In addition, we should understand that they were a reforming religious group. They agreed with Jesus' premise that religion needs to be relatable to people and what is in their hearts. But in the eyes of the Pharisees Jesus has taken his teaching too far. They now see Jesus as one who is not trying to reform the religious laws but one who is brazenly breaking them. Jesus quotes to the Pharisees: *'There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile'*. The Pharisees know the law. Jesus knows the law. The Pharisees teach adherents to the law regardless of what a person's circumstances are. Jesus is teaching that the people are to adhere to the law but also to listen to their hearts and use compassion and empathy when practicing the law. Jesus quotes Jewish Scripture to help them (us) know how God wants us to be religious. We are to begin with laws and guidelines because as humans we need them, and they show us how to interact with the world. Those laws, however, need to be guided (and altered when needed) by the heart.

As Catholics we have a lot of rules. Rules can be comforting, and give us a sense of direction. We need to understand and follow them, but we also need, through prayer, to listen to what God has for us and what he wants us to do to further the kingdom. So, don't kneel because that is what you were taught to do. Kneel because God deserves the reverence. Don't pray because you were taught how to pray without listening to the words. Pray because God wants to have a conversation with you. And don't love the person next to you because you are supposed to, love them because they deserve it. Finally, and most importantly, don't ignore God. He isn't ignoring you. Deacon Rich

Community Life

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!



SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS!

Our Scholars have returned to school! There is still need for school supplies for Sojourners Truth Academy. 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!!

SYNOD

We are getting closer to starting Synod Small Groups at St Bridget's! The Synod Small groups will be gathering to discuss the three focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events.

Focus area #1: Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization.

Focus area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.

Focus area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

It is important for us to have our voices and ideas heard within our parish and within the Archdiocese. Place your name on the sign-up sheets in the back of church and indicate if you can attend the Small Group on Sunday after mass, or, if you would prefer to attend via Zoom. Chrissy and Raegan Brogdon have generously offered to do childcare for anyone who is attending the Synod Small Group on Sundays.

Mark your calendars for the following dates: Sundays, 9/19/21, 9/26/21, 10/3/21, 10/10/21, 10/17/21, 10/24/21. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

In Memory

Pray for the family of **Ralph Wolf** who died this week.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

May you have enteral rest.



The family of **Ronald Witte** has gifted our parish prayer cards to St. Joseph in his memory and to honor the Year of St. Joseph. Pick up a card at the entrances of church to remember Ron in your prayers. We thank the Witte family for their donation.

Tidbits from the Administrator

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Completed:

Sidewalks and doorways have been repaired nicely. Thank you, Inline Concrete!

Next project:

Ministry/Usher room renovation.

Please return your parish surveys by September 11th. Remember, more are available at church, or you can fill it out on our website. stbridgetnorthside.com

August 31st is **International Overdose Awareness Day**. Addiction is a serious affliction affecting our neighborhood and perhaps some of our families. As we pray daily for peace on the Northside, please pray for an end to the addictions that separate us from the love of God, divides families and destroys relationships and lives.

Readings For This Week

1st Reading: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Resp. Psalm: Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
2nd Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Mass Intentions

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29, 2021

Sun. Aug. 29 -Mass 9:30am/The Parish Community of **St. Bridget**

Mon. Aug. 30— No Word & Communion Service

Tues. Aug. 31— Mass 8am/ **Scott Kyles (Family)**

Wed. Sept. 1 — Mass 8am/†**Albert & Veronica Backmann (Alice Wortman)**

Thurs. Sept. 2 — Mass 8am/†**Bernice Amberson (Cyndy Anderson)**

Fri. Sept. 3 —Mass 8am /†**Wayne O'Keefe (Alice Wortman)**

Weekend Liturgies

Sat. Sept. 4 — Mass 4:30pm /**Patrick Haggerty (Ross Family)**

Prayer Request



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, Kathleen Klath, Phyllis Waverek Christine Starkey, Kay Stowell, Marge Carlisle, Betty Anderson and Cecilia Solario.

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