

Welcome to the Parish Community of
Saint Bridget

We choose to be the presence of
Christ on the Northside

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

Anyone who welcomes
one of these little
children in my name,
welcomes me; and
anyone who welcomes
me welcomes not me but
the one who sent me.
Mark 9:37

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Pastor's Corner

WHAT IS WISDOM?



[Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3;
Mark 9:30-37]

Yes, indeed, what is wisdom? Our first reading this Sunday is, after all, from the Book of Wisdom.

I was once invited to speak to a group of parochial school students about "wisdom." I thought I'd see what they knew so I could ... of course ... gently correct it. So I called on a grade-schooler in the front row and asked, "Okay! What is wisdom?" And she piped up with: "Knowledge gained from experience!"

That took the wind out of my lesson's sails.

In the gospel passage from St. Mark this Sunday, Jesus places a child in the midst of a gathering as He spoke on Wisdom, i.e. the least shall be the greatest. He wasn't saying that the young person with a decided lack of experience was necessarily wise; He was rather saying that Wisdom – spiritual knowledge gained from experience – reveals that all hierarchies, all notions of good-better-best are merely human inventions. Even a small child (least in importance in ancient Hebrew society) was equal to someone of great means or title.

Authentic humility – not humility for show, that is – acts on the understanding that before God, we are all fundamentally equal.

Later on, when the Christian community tried to make sense of what happened to Jesus, they turned to ancient Scripture and found passages like the one from the Book of Wisdom (specifically, our first reading) which seems to describe exactly what would happen to Jesus as well as to those who practiced His teachings:

"The wicked say: 'Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.'"

This Sunday's second reading describes lived Wisdom as "pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity!" Listed was not a guaranteed freedom from others' abuse. But then, life is most fully lived when Wisdom guides our every action.

Some possible spiritual homework for you: Though younger folks may lack most adults' level of experience, they still have experiences from which to ask unvarnished, provocative questions. I think they can ask them because they haven't been immersed yet in the whirlwind of

habit and frenzy that most adults live.

So take some time this week to ask a child if they have any questions about God and Church. You might be surprised by their thoughts, as I had. Here are some young people's questions that had got me thinking: "It says in the Bible that bishops should not have two wives. Does that mean they can get married?" ~ "The Bible mentions a 'Deaconess Phoebe'. Why don't we have women deacons today?" "And why not women priests and bishops? Weren't women the only disciples not to abandon Jesus?" ~ "How do we love our enemies? I thought we were supposed to fight them." ~ "Did Jesus have brothers and sisters? My Lutheran friends say He did." ~ "Why do we pray if God already knows what we're thinking?" From the mouths of babes, questions to research.

~ Fr. Paul Jarvis

Community Life

THANK YOU for the wonderful and very generous school supplies you donated for Sojourners Truth Academy. The scholars, staff and families are very grateful for your kindness. May God bless your generous hearts! **THANK YOU!**



MEMORIAL RECEIVED

On behalf of the parish community, we wish to thank the family of the late Mary Franklin for their generous memorial gift. Memorial gifts are placed in a dedicated account and, unless otherwise specified by the donor, are used for special projects or items needed for the worship of the parish.

ST. BRIDGETS CHURCH DIRECTORY



We would like to update our church pictorial 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!

SAVE THE DATE:

Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 16, following our 4:30 Mass. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun event. Watch for details in the coming bulletins.



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, Cecilia Solario, Betty Anderson and Pat Bradford.

Readings For This Week

1st Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20
Resp. Psalm: Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8
2nd Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3
Gospel: Mk 9:30-37



Crafter's Corner

CRAFTERS



The St. Bridget Craft Group is now meeting in person each Tuesday from 9 -11 through November 30th. New Crafters are welcome to join! **No potluck lunch** this year, coffee will be provided. Enter through the Parish Office door until Eucharistic Adoration

resumes in September . Craft materials are provided by the group as needed. If you would like to join and have questions or work during the day and are interested in forming an evening group, call Dorothy Berghoff at 612-227-9161.

We plan to have Fall themed crafts for sale at our Octoberfest gathering October 16th and Christmas items for sale after masses the first three weekends in December. This is a great group to get to know other people in the parish, pray and eat together, share the gift of crafting, (whether you are great at it or not!)and, raise money for the ministries of our parish while providing homemade gifts made with love and sold at a great price! Our parishioners look forward to our sales!

Join us!

Mass Intentions

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sun. Sept. 19—Mass 9:30am/†**Phyllis Nesser**
 (Mary Franklin)
 Mon. Sept. 20— No Word & Communion Service
 Tues. Sept. 21— Mass 8am/ †**Sr. Charlene Schoen OSB**
 (Alice Wortman)
 Wed. Sept. 22 — Mass 8am/†**Carol Delzer**
 (Donald Christ)
 Thurs. Sept. 23— Mass 8am/†**Maynard King**
 (Family)
 Fri. Sept. 24—Mass 8am /†**Dick Jarvis**
 (Grand Knights of Columbus 4451)

Weekend Liturgies

Sat. Sept. 25— Mass 4:30pm /Parish Community of St. Bridget/Peace on the Northside.

Synod

LET'S TALK!

For our parish to grow and be vital and relevant, we need to talk and plan for how our parish will respond to our Gospel calling within our parish, but more importantly in our neighborhood, city, country, and world.

Please plan on staying after mass on starting on Sunday, 9/19/21, and join with other parishioners for Synod Small Group discussions.

- Food and beverages provided!
- Childcare provided.
- Meetings/discussions will start at 11:00 am and last about two hours.
- Topics will be centered on the three focus areas but broken down into two topics per session (see bulletin insert).

We invite you to attend ALL the sessions, but we understand if you are not able to do so. Your input is vital and important **within our parish and within the Archdiocese!** Please add 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 so we can plan for food needed. See you there!

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