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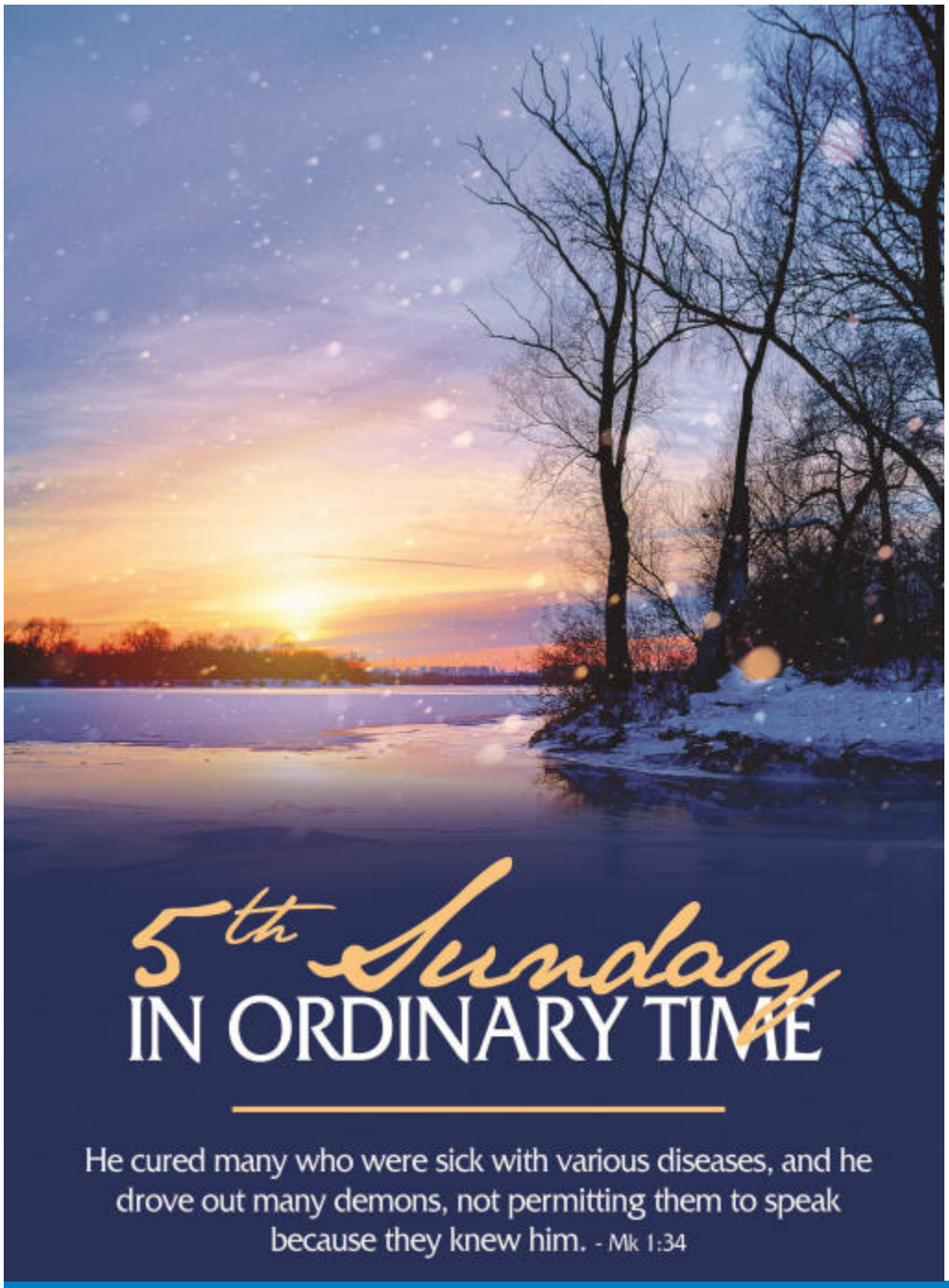
February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Eucharistic Liturgies
Weekend
Saturday 5 PM;
Sunday 8 & 10 AM

Weekday
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM
Tuesday 12:00 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM
Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM
or by appointment

Adoration
Tuesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Benediction 12:30 PM

Baby Blanket
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Thursday 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

Catholic Services Appeal Ready To Begin

Even though many dimensions of parish life have changed during the past year, one that has not is the fact that St. Bridget's is not alone in our desire to bring people to Jesus Christ.

In making that happen, we do our best on the local level through our Sacraments, educational programs, etc. However, St. Bridget's is also part of the larger Church community on the Archdiocesan level. Since no parish can alone handle the needs of that broader community, each year at this time we undertake participation in the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Over the years since my ordination, the name of the appeal has changed multiple times, but the concept of soliciting support from members of our parish communities throughout the whole archdiocese to help selected ministries that serve specialized groups of Catholics has remained a constant.

Therefore, each year after Christmas and usually before Lent begins, a campaign is launched to engage a broad level of support for these outreach ministries of the Archdiocese. In recent years, the appeal has included an in-pew solicitation in addition to direct mailings to parishioner's homes. Although many people roll their eyes on in-pew Sunday as they are asked to fill out the envelopes with the little wooden pencils, it is really the only way to reach those who are not on the parish roster or who have not contributed to the Appeal in the past. This year because of Covid concerns there will be no in-pew envelope and pencil routine. Instead, by now, those who have donated in the past should already have received an "ask letter" at your home address. If you haven't already made a pledge at home, you will be given the opportunity to make a pledge at Mass using your cell phone.

This weekend is the official announcement weekend for the 2021 CSA. Next weekend we will have the short (about 3 minute) CSA video at homily time promoting the Appeal, and then the in-pew cell phone pledge opportunity. No pencils, no envelopes.

St. Bridget's has always been extremely generous to the Appeal in past years. For instance, in this past year's 2020 Appeal, the parish had a goal of $35,962. The amount that was actually received was $73,205 – or some $38,123 OVER our goal. In other words we reached 203.5% of the goal. Congratulations! And thank you so very much. Your support has truly helped to support these specialized ministries:

MINSTRIES SUPPORTED BY 2021 CSA

1) Abria Pregnancy Resources
2) American Indian Ministry
3) Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
4) Campus Ministry – Newman Center
5) Campus Ministry – St. Paul's Outreach
6) Catholic Charities
7) Deaf Ministries
8) Evangelization
9) Elementary School Funding
10) Elementary School Scholarships
11) High School Scholarships
12) Hospital Chaplains
13) Latino Ministry
14) Marriage, Family and Life
15) Prison Ministry
16) Rachel's Vineyard – Twin Cities
17) St. Vincent de Paul Society – Twin Cities
18) Seminarian Tuition, Room & Board
19) Venezuelan Mission
20) Youth Ministry

I realize that the CSA is only one of a number of causes for which our Archdiocese asks your support over the course of a year. Others include the missions, disaster relief, Peter's Pence, and more local causes like New Pathways or even our own The Baby Blanket. I also realize that especially in these Covid times some people may have lost their job and are living on very limited resources. So I'd ask simply that you pray about these needs and support them to the degree that you are able. Any support that you can give is greatly appreciated. Again, thank you so much for all that you do for St. Bridget's and beyond!

- Fr. Dave

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
Faith Formation Director
651-257-2474 x58

FAITH FORMATION

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful." (Pope Francis)

Calling Parents!

Parents with Children in Kindergarten thru Grades 5 you should receive a mailing this week with Lenten activities in it. Please hold on to it. These are all the activities you can do as a family to get through the season of Lent!

Parents with children preparing for First Eucharist, towards the end of the week you will receive information about coming in to pick up a packet of information to get started working to prepare your child for First Eucharist. Watch for the e-mail.

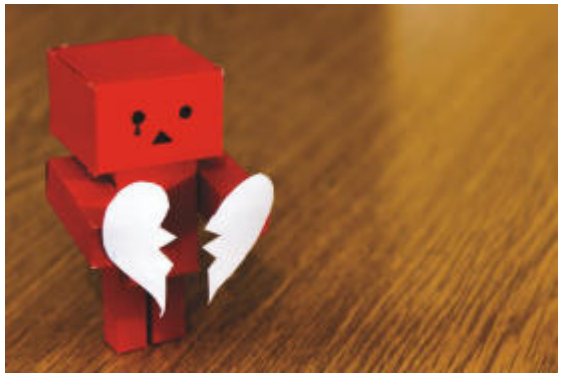
God is a Healer

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we have the beautiful image of God, the healer. Jesus enters the house of Simon and Andrew and the Scriptures say, he "grasps Simon's mother-in-law by the hands." Jesus reaches out with the beautiful gift of touch and holds this woman in his hands.

Today, with the virus raging too many people are isolated and unable to be touched in their pain and sickness. We pray for Jesus to break through the terrible barriers of this disease and reach and touch these people with healing.

Then we read how Jesus longs to heal the whole person. No demons are to remain in the hearts, minds or beings of anyone. Jesus replaces those demons with His healing presence of Grace, Light, Inner Peace and Presence.

Jesus is our healer too. What is it that we bring to Jesus today to heal? Can we let Jesus take us by the hand and lift us up and bring us close to his heart? Such an action will heal us. Bring to Jesus your broken heart.



YOUTH MINISTRY

A message from
Joe Kuschel
Youth Minister
651-257-2474 x56

Last year, because of Covid, our youth were unable to participate in our two very important life-changing summer events, our mission trip and Extreme Faith Camp. This years mission trip is scheduled for July in Victoria, MN. This will be a faith-filled trip where our kids will have the opportunity to help people less fortunate than themselves and meet other kids from all over the country. Extreme Faith Camp is scheduled for the first week in August and will be held at Trout Lake on the Whitefish chain of lakes, just north of Brainerd, MN. While this is an extremely faith-filled camping experience, including daily mass, adoration, and prayer, there will be plenty of outdoor summer activities such as swimming, canoeing, paddle-boarding, volleyball, and zip-lines. I can't say enough about the testimonials that result from these events, but suffice it to say, the kid you hug after a week at these events might not be the same kid you said good-bye to a week earlier.

Our youth worked hard at fund-raising last year for these two events. While some of the kids have moved on, the funding has not. The normal cost for the mission trip would be $395 per student and for Extreme Faith Camp, $495. However, because of the generosity of our parishioners, I feel comfortable offering full scholarships to the families who see the value of these programs to the life and growth of their kids. The mission trip includes this fall's incoming 8th graders and above—young adults included. Extreme Faith Camp includes this fall's incoming 6th-12th graders. I also need one or two more adults for these events, whose expenses would of course be covered. Including adults, I have about 6 or 7 spots left for each event, and if the response to this offer is overwhelming, and I pray that it is, I will fill the spots based on a secret criteria. If interested, here are the websites for Extreme Faith Camp and Catholic Heart Work Camp, which should answer many of your questions, and help you to decide if you think this is something that would benefit your children. Please call me if you are interested or have questions. Thanks, Joe

Extreme Faith Camp - www.cysc.com
Mission trip - www.heartworkcamp.com

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday February 13th 5:00 PM	Sunday February 14th 8:00 AM	Sunday February 14th 10:00 AM
Lector: Bridget Hoolihan	Lector: Jan Kovlovsky	Lector: Allen Gieske
Sacristans: Wally & Jan Mohler	Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer	Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer
Ash Wednesday February 17th 9:00 AM	**Ash Wednesday February 17th 5:30 PM**	**Ash Wednesday February 17th 7:30 PM**
Lector: Darlene Kowalski	Lector: Gary Norton	Lector: TBD
Sacristans: Joe & Jill Kuschel	Sacristans: Chuck Fitzer	Sacristans: Chuck Fitzer

READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Our Lady of Lourdes Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 7th, 2021	
8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
11:15 AM Bible Study	EW
6:00 PM AA	EW
Tuesday, February 9th, 2021	
9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration	CH
12:00 PM Daily Mass	
12:30 PM Benediction	
5:00 PM—6:00 PM Confessions	
5:30 PM Baby Blanket Committee Meeting	CR/Zoom
7:00 PM AA	EW
Wednesday, February 10th, 2021	
9:00 AM Daily Mass	
7:00 PM 6th - 8th Faith Formation Class	EB
7:00 PM 9th - Safe & Sacred Session	Zoom
7:00 PM 10th - Pillars in the Faith Class	Zoom
Thursday, February 11th, 2021	
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	
Friday, February 12th, 2021	
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
Saturday, February 13th, 2021	
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
4:00PM—4:40 PM Confessions	CP
5:00 PM Mass	CH
Sunday, February 14th, 2021	
8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
11:15 AM Bible Study	EW
6:00 PM AA	EW

Key: *CH - Church, CP - Chapel, CR-Conference Room, EW-East Wing, BB-Baby Blanket, NR-Nursery, SH-Social Hall, EB-Education Building, LSH-Lower Social Hall, NX - Narthex, OS -Offsite, YR - Youth Room*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 2/9	† Paul Schmitz & Kenneth Schmitz
Wednesday 2/10	† Lucy Zierke
Thursday 2/11	† Robert & Mildred Pankan
Friday 2/12	† Debbie Eichten
Saturday 2/13	† Sr. Mary Moline
Sunday 2/14	People of the Parish
	Marc Stanley McSherry & Family

If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x21

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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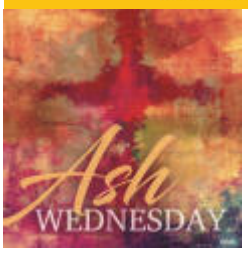
- 33,000 young people with Faith-filled outreach.
- 1,300 women and families with pro-life support.
- 28,000 Catholic school students with in-person learning.
- Over 50 seminarians studying to be future priests of our Archdiocese with tuition assistance, room and board.

Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more or www.GiveCSAF.org to donate today!

Next week we will learn more and have the opportunity to give during the Mass with our phones or by filling out the envelopes that will be available in the Narthex.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday Masses will be:
Wednesday, February 17th at
9:00 AM, 5:30 PM, & 7:30 PM
Please register at our Eventbrite site:
ashwednesdaystbridgets.eventbrite.com
or call the office to let us know which Mass you'd like to attend.

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Early registration is highly recommended.
For more information contact Rob & Angie Waletzko at
Applications@ndwwme.org

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed for cleaning in the church. Please contact Jill Kuschel at (651)274-1510 or jjkuschel2@gmail.com to get on the team to help out!
We are looking for a few more **office volunteers** to cover the front desk (10am -1pm or 1-4 pm are the shifts).
We can always use more help with **video recording, registration, lectors, sacristans,** and more **ushers** (especially the 8 AM Mass) as well as the **Environment (decorating) Committee.**
Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the parish office. All are welcome to sign up. Thank you to everyone for stepping up to serve in so many ways! You are appreciated and important!

ONLINE RESOURCES

Recorded Mass videos are on our vimeo site https://vimeo.com/user110122885 (click the follow button for David Kohner and you will be notified when a new video has posted). Other locations to watch the Mass are: the St. Bridget of Sweden Facebook page and our parish website. On the website, the most recent weekday & Sunday Mass will be on the main page and the past videos can be viewed under the "St. Bridget Video Archive" tab.
Midco channel 10 shows the Mass on Sundays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (Chisago City to Taylors Falls viewing area).
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Sign up to get Emails and/or Texts with Evangelus. To receive text or email updates, text STBRIDGET to 55321. This is so helpful and we desire to connect with you.
Remember, on Sundays, the Mass readings and prayers are in the app! Click on the Readings box in the app to follow along in each Mass.
We'd love to see you back in-person as soon as you're able or let us know you're watching online.

NEW PATHWAYS DONATIONS

St Bridget's is "Hosting" New Pathways Homeless Families the week of Feb. 28-March 7th. We will again be collecting donations for food and lodging for the families in the program. The families still won't be in our building. They are staying safe in hotels and other single-family spaces during COVID. Check out the bulletin to find out how you can help us host from afar with the heart of Jesus. Thanks for your generosity!

Health Equipment Lending Program (HELP) for short-term medical equipment needs: First United Methodist Church (651) 257-4306. Wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, walkers, crutches & more. Borrow or donate.

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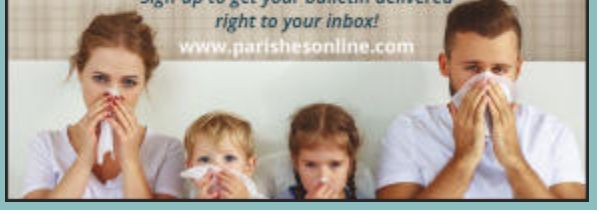

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