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September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Tuesday 12:00 PM

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Benediction 12:30 PM

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

THANKS FOR A GREAT BLOCK PARTY!

If there was any doubt in anyone's mind whether St. Bridget's remembers how to do a Block Party even in the midst of a pandemic, that doubt was erased this past weekend. As you can see by the photos in this article and on our website, the Block Party was an unqualified success not only financially, but also in terms of attendance and fun. It's too soon to have exact numbers as we wait for the final bills to arrive, but we can tell that our profit will be roughly the same as the past several years - $14,000. Since we don't charge for admission, we have no tickets to track attendance, but the photos show lots of people showed up to enjoy themselves with good food (turkey dinner and concessions), entertainment (live music with the band *A Hard Day's Night*), Kids Games and the Silent Auction and Marketplace. It was a BLAST, and so much fun to see parishioners, friends and neighbors – some of whom we haven't seen since covid began.

I'd like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to not only our attendees but especially to our parish staff, and an army of volunteers (adults and kids) that helped plan, set up, run things, and tear down. It would not have been possible without you. And it really was a lot of fun. In fact, let's do it again next year…..AND let's start planning for the spring Fish Fry!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
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Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

A message from
Joe Kuschel
Youth Minister
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A population that does **not take care of the elderly and of children** and the young has no future, because it abuses both its memory and its promise." (Pope Francis)

As our children and teens now enter the season of "in person learning" in our schools and faith formation programs we take a moment to pray for them:

That the heart and mind of the child and teen will open like a flower to all the possibilities that learning has to offer and that excitement might grow within as new wonders are uncovered we pray to the Lord.

May our children and teens grow in the Divine Light of Wisdom and Joy.

That children and teens may prosper in homes and environments that are free from violence of any kind, especially emotional violence that can scar the inner self and create fear, distress, loneliness and despair, we pray to the Lord.

May our children and teens grow in the Divine Light of Wisdom and Joy.

May our children and teens be protected holistically in their health and may they especially be kept safe at this time, from the ravishes of the coronavirus—may a vaccine be quickly discovered to help in their healing, we pray to the Lord.

May our children and teens grow in the Divine Light of Wisdom and Joy.

May our children and teens know the yearning for God deep in their hearts and may a space be provided for them to pray, celebrate Eucharist and come to Faith Formation and there be nourished in their relationship to Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

May our children and teens grow in the Divine Light of Wisdom and Joy.

The Block Party is now in the rearview mirror, and from all appearances it was very successful. The parishioners of St. Bridget's were once again more than generous in their donations of time, talent, and treasure. For the purpose of this article, I am going to concentrate on what, as a youth minister, is the most important of these three, and yet is often times the most hard to obtain, and that is people's time. I am very needy, and I admit it. **As a youth minister, I need people's time.** I need youth to go on mission trips. I need adults to go with them. I need youth for Extreme Faith Camp. I need adults to go with them. I need catechists to help our youth lead the lives God designed them to lead. I am needy, I admit it. I need youth to help parishioners who get whacked by storms. I need youth to sing for the elderly, and other service programs. I need youth to come prepared for Faith Formation to enhance their relationship with Jesus Christ. I need youth to participate in Archdiocesan Youth Day and all the other time-consuming programs designed to help our kids grow in their faith. Yup, I'm needy all right. Until I started writing this article, I didn't realize just how needy I really am.

Now, let's get back to the BLOCK PARTY. The Youth Ministry is in charge of the kids games, therefore, also in charge of supplying the youth to run those games. You know where I'm going here don't you. That's right, I **need** their time, and without further eloquence, I will now get to the point of this article, which is a very laurel and hardy THANK YOU to those who volunteered in advance, who offered their time, and to those, who when they showed up, saw a need, and jumped right in, giving up their own BLOCK PARTY time. These are the volunteers, in no particular order, that made the kids games a success, and a special thank you to Abby Brown, whose experience to the effort was invaluable. Here are the Worker Bees.

Elektra Brown, Libby Carlson, Isabella Anderson, Daisy Anderson, Sofia Wille, Alexandra Peterson, Pam Anderson, Brian Anderson, Laura Kuschel, Harmony Mohler, Laura Carlson, Linnea Carlson, Carl Jakoblich, Timothy Jakoblich, Abby Brown, Greg Carlson, Beth Carlson, Laura Kuschel.

Many of these fellow parishioners worked more than one shift, helped with the set-up, the tear-down, the loading of my pick-up truck, and the unloading into the education building, still asking if there wasn't more that they could help with. I can't thank them enough, and we were done in time to watch the 3rd act of "A Hard Days Night." How appropriate for the work they did, all in the name of service to others. I can't help but be reminded of the line Laura C. used on our mission trip after a hard day's work, **"Man, was that awesome."** I hope she and the others felt the same way this time.

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 18th 5:00 PM	Sunday September 19th 8:00 AM	Sunday September 19th 10:00 AM
Lector: Bob Bodine	Lector: Jan Kozlovsky	Lector: Allen Gieske
Sacristan: Dale Weiler	Sacristan: Ed LaPlante	Sacristans: Jill & Joe Kuschel

READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Monday	**Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday	**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday	**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	**Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;-Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
9:00 AM—12:30 PM Ministry Fair	SH
6:00 PM AA	EW

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration	CH
12:00 PM Daily Mass (Benediction Follows)	CH
5:00—6:00 PM Confessions	CP
7:00 PM AA	EW

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
3:00—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers Market	P
6:00 PM Confirmation Year I Parent/Youth Orientation	EW
7:30 PM Confirmation Year II Parent/Youth Orientation	EW

Thursday, September 16th, 2021

9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB

Friday, September 17th, 2021

9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH

Saturday, September 18th, 2021

8:00 AM—12:00 PM Lindstrom Farmer's Market	P
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
10:00 AM Hannah's Arms	SH
4:00 PM—4:40 PM Confessions	CP
5:00 PM Mass	CH

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

Synod Small Groups Begin This Week

8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
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	9/14	12 PM	† John Haag
Wednesday	9/15	9 AM	† Red & Rita Peloquin
Thursday	9/16	9 AM	† Joe Wishy
Friday	9/17	9 AM	Jon Langdon
Saturday	9/18	5 PM	Tom & Gloria Thorster
Sunday	9/19	8 AM	People of the Parish
		10 AM	† Lorenz Ertl

If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

BLOCK PARTY

The Block Party was a great success thanks to our volunteers, parishioners, and wider community members! We hope you had a great time and we will see you next year for the 13th Annual Block Party!

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

The Block Party Raffle Ticket Winners have been drawn for this weekend, September 11th &12th! The winners are:

$250—Bob Jennissen
$250—Jane Peterson
$500—Lois Noon

Congratulations to this weekend's winners! Stay tuned to hear next weekend's Raffle Ticket Winners!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is November 5th—7th, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or visit www.rvineyardmn.org.

Rachel's Vineyard
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

WELCOME BACK HEARTS

A reminder to please bring your family's "hearts" that you should have received in the mail to Mass next weekend, September 18th & 19th. You will tie the hearts to the display in the Narthex to symbolically show that our hearts are open to Jesus and to welcome each other back home.

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

Options for Women of Chisago County

2021 Annual Banquet

& Silent Auction

Thursday September 23rd

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner and Program at 6:30 - 8:30pm

Access Church – 43593 92nd St., North Branch

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Please R.S.V.P. to: www.pregoptionsfriends.org
jenni@pregoption.org, 651-674-2121, https://fb.me/e/1yja6vPd7

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All proceeds go directly to Options for Women of Chisago County
Donations can be received at www.pregoptionsfriends.org/donate
or to P.O. Box 516, North Branch, MN 55056

MINISTRY FAIR

This weekend, September 11th & 12th, the St. Bridget of Sweden Ministry Fair is taking place following all Masses! Join us in the Social Hall for cookies or donuts and learn more about the many ministries here at St .Bridget's. This is a great opportunity to reconnect, get back into serving in a ministry, or join a new ministry! For a sneak peak of the many ministries here at St. Bridget's, please see the bulletin insert. If you are unable to attend the Ministry Fair, you may check off what ministries you would like more information about and submit it to the parish office.

SYNOD SMALL GROUPS

SYNOD 2022

What's the Big Deal?

Synod Small Groups begin next week already, and we're once again asking the question, what's the big deal? Well, the big deal is that the outcome of the Synod will chart a course for the future of our Archdiocese and local Church. The Synod will give us the tools and opportunity to look inward so that we can take action outward. Once more we are inviting you to Synod Small Groups and to "just show up." Just come as you are, with your questions, concerns, ideas, and faith stories. Come and be open to the Holy Spirit and to listen to one another. Come and help transform our Church and your relationship with Jesus. **Come, just as you are.**

Check out the Synod Parishioner Sharing Video on the St. Bridget website at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/synod and learn about why our parishioners are excited for Synod Small Groups!

BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross is hosting a Blood Drive once again at St. Bridget's on Thursday, September 30th from 12:30pm—5:30pm. To sign up for a time slot to give blood, please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org, click on Find a Drive, and search by "Chisago Lindstrom." We need volunteers to help work the Blood Drive. If you are interested, please visit www.strbidgetofsweden.org/volunteer or call the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22. Thank you!

*We welcome **Benjamin Lake Green** into the Catholic faith by his baptism. Congratulations and God bless you, Benjamin!*

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