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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend

Saturday 5 PM; Sunday 8 & 10 AM

Weekday

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

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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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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

PRAYERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW LIFE

Forty nine years ago this week, on January 22,1973, the United States Supreme Court decided the landmark case of Roe versus Wade which legalized abortion in this country. In the intervening nearly five decades, countless young lives have been lost as a tragic consequence of this ruling. At the present time, several significant cases are being considered by the U.S. Supreme Court, which some believe could possibly result in an overturning of Roe v. Wade. (See this week's Catholic Spirit, January 13, 2022, page 7.)

Human life is the most precious gift that God has bestowed upon the human race in allowing a man and a woman to serve as co-creators in bringing to birth the wonder of a new human person. The Church has always and will always continue to speak up in defense of the right to life from conception to natural death. In scanning through some pro-life materials, I came across these prayers which I offer to you for use with those of your family and friends preparing for the miracle of childbirth.

-Fr. Dave

PRAYER FOR A BABY IN HER MOTHER'S WOMB

O God of all creation, nurture and protect this tiny child and keep her safe in the sanctuary of her mother's womb. As you so wondrously form her heart and mind and lungs and soul, so strengthen our will to lovingly nurture and protect her. Give us the eyes to see her as our sister, the minds to welcome her as our own, and the faith to defend her as your child. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones, through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A BABY ABOUT TO BE BORN

Heavenly Father, from the moment this child was conceived, you knew his name. In the silent first hours of his life, as cells divided and his living flesh quickened, your love breathed deep within and he began to grow in your image and likeness.

Hear our prayers for this tiny child and give us the wisdom and endurance to keep him safe.

May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels as we await his birth. We ask this through your child who was formed in the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILD

Gracious Father, your Word, spoken in love, created the human family and, in the fullness of time, your Son, conceived in love, restored it to your friendship.

Hear the prayers of N. and N., who await the birth of their child.

Calm their fears when they are anxious.

Watch over and support these parents and bring their child into this world safely and in good health, so that as members of your family they may praise you and glorify you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things." (Pope Francis)



Last night the children enjoyed giving their hearts to Jesus. They were very enwrapped in this activity and did it in much silence, thoughtfulness, precision, with a sense of dignity and wholeheartedness. It was a sacred experience to watch them carefully place their heart in the manger scene. I felt Jesus really present loving the children and wrapping up their interior hearts with his grace and joy. We continue to pray, in season and out of season, "come Lord Jesus, come." "I surrender my heart to you."

Grandparents are the heart of God in our family's life revealing God's

Treasures of:

Prayerful Presence
Support when we are on so tired
Promise of Prayer
Smiling Joy when we can't muster it
Simple delight
Hugs galore
God's special touch
God's faithful attention and patience
Abundant Love that never ever grows empty
God's wonder and Grace
We give thanks for Grandparents!





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

Last weekend at Mass, besides celebrating The Sacrament of the Eucharist, among many other things, we also celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Just as we work to not lose one more life in an auto accident, or one more life to Covid, we should work equally hard, or harder, to not lose one more life to abortion. Chisago County's "Options for Women" does just that. They have excellent support and resources available for women facing an unexpected pregnancy. As mentioned in last week's flyer, "Options for Women" is working on a digital marketing fund drive to make it as easy as possible to find digital information on the preservation of the unborn child, as it is to find information on the child's destruction.

Now, let's step out of the woods, step out of the dark, and step into the light. Jill and I drove to Wild Mountain and Trollhaugen yesterday to check out their tubing runs. They are both about the same distance from St. Bridget's, about 25 minutes away, have great tube runs, ample parking, etc. I guess the one big difference that we discovered is that at Wild Mountain, you can not bring your own food into the chalet. Maybe not that big a deal, but it could be for us. I am in the process of setting up a youth tubing/pizza party. On the advice of some Faith Formation moms, I am going to try and destuffify (my word, not theirs) my youth ministry. I hate to admit it, but they are probably right. Everything has been mission trips, pro-life, Archdiocesan Youth Day, Extreme Faith, retreats, and in the words of Yul Brynner, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. SO, let's go tubing and eat some pizza. We'll keep Wild Mountain's water park in the back pocket for the summertime. Originally, I had been looking at March 19th as the day for the event, but was informed that might pushing the limit as to the availability and quality of snow. My new target date is Sunday, February 27th, in the 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM time slot. I think we can do pizza, pop, and tubing for 20 bucks per person, not too bad. You will know all of this for sure when you start getting the flyers and the emails. Looking forward to it!

PARISH CALENDARS

THE WEEK AHEAD LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sunday Sunday, January 23rd, 2021 Saturday Sunday January 30th 10:00 AM January 29th January 30th KofC Pancake Breakfast Following Masses SH 5:00 PM 8:00 AM Lectors: Theresa Zlotkowski Lector: Lector: 8:00 AM Mass CH Charlie Hampton Robert Sarwacinski Marilyn Johnson 10:00 AM Mass CH Sacristans: Sacristan: Sacristan: Jill & Joe Kuschel Chuck Fitzer Chuck Fitzer Grandparents Recognition Day at 10:00AM Mass CH READINGS 6:00 PM AA Meeting **EW** Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022 Tuesday, January 25th, 2021 Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,27/ 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Adoration CH 12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21 Monday Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, CP 5:00—6:00 PM Confessions Bishop and Doctor 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26/ 7:00 PM AA LSH Mk 3: 22-30 Wednesday, January 26th, 2021 Tuesday Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16: 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH Wednesday Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study EΒ 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ 4:00 PM—8:15 PM Faith Formation Classes EΒ Mk 4: 1-20 Thursday 2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Thursday, January 27th, 2021 Mk 4: 21-25 Friday Memorial of Saint Thomas Aguinas, 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH **Priest and Doctor** 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, BB 9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN 10-11/ Mk 4: 26-34 11:00 AM Funeral—Margaret Jenniges CH 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk Saturday 4: 35-41 Friday, January 28th, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12: 31 13: 13/ Lk 4: 21- 30 Sunday 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH Saturday, January 29th, 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS 9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB Suzie Alsen · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Greg Fults · Darlene 10:00 AM First Reconciliation Celebration CH Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · 4:00—4:40 PM Confessions CP Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley · Virgil Kappes · Kathy Berquist · Paula Trevis · Nonna Zwick · Mary Kay Andert · Jake Sauer · 5:00 PM Mass CH Veronica Roltgen · Julie Ramola · Carol Smothers · Thomas Sunday, January 30th, 2021 Thompson · Mary Karnowski · Kelly DeBiaso · Donna Haines · 8:00 AM Mass CH Charlene Chamernick · Shelley Madison · Judy Kelley · Rachel 10:00 AM Mass CH Curtis · Mick Lund · Tim Mitchel · Ben Riley · Kim Glenna · Beth S. · Jessica Mohler · Jim Underdahl · Jessica Stephens · Michelle · CR 11:15 AM Bible Study Mary Ann Weisbrod · Susi Ruchie · Tammy Bluhm · Connie **EW** 6:00 PM AA Meeting Porath · Barb Nelson · Sara Miller · Kathleen Carlson · Katie Crum · Gail · Todd Olund · JoAnne Ford · Ron Schwachtgen · MASS INTENTIONS Richard Gage · Julianne Forester · Doug Olson · Betty Olson · Tuesday 1/25 12 PM † Tim Ryan Ron Schleicher · Dolores Thompson · Mark Peterson · Al & Wednesday 1/26 9 AM † Peter Mrozinski Colleen Lightfoot · Don McKay · Linda Spencer · Jean Ricker · Jon Langdon Thursday 1/27 9 AM Lucy Shoop · Keenan McMahon · Dorothy Goodroad · Holly Friday 1/28 9 AM † Andrew Kass Sullivan · Sharon Luhmann · Frank Welsch · Don Bluhm · Tonya

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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

5 PM

8 AM

10 AM

Saturday 1/29

Sunday 1/30

Women's Retreat

People of the Parish

Pat Norman Sr.

If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, contact the director of pastoral care at 651-257-2474 x25.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters. But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

NEW



St. Bridget & Sweden

We are still in need of a new Environmental Design Coordinator. So far, the duties of this volunteer position have been picked up by staff members to get by, but the position really needs to be filled by a dedicated volunteer. This volunteer position coordinates all

of our seasonal and liturgical décor in the church throughout the year. The role also coordinates the many volunteers to help change over the environment. If interested in volunteering as the Environmental Design Coordinator, please contact Jessica at 651-257-2474 x24 as soon as possible.

MASS RECORDERS NEEDED

volunteer recorders, and you could be a part of that team! Please consider serving the parish by recording the Masses

either at daily Mass, weekend Mass or both to bring the Liturgy

to our greater community. No experience necessary and training is provided. Contact Laura at lschaad@stbridgetofsweden.org.

St. Bridget's has been recording our Masses for

almost two years now, and this great ministry has

allowed so many of our homebound community

members to stay connected to our parish and the

Liturgy. Of course, this ministry would not be

possible without our wonderful team of

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Need a break? Come relax at the 18th Annual Women's Retreat on February 4th— 6th, 2022. The Retreat theme this year is "The Holy Spirit: The More." Come find what us meet the needs of these vulnerable families, please send a God has in store for you at the Women's Retreat! Register for the retreat and find more line. Thank you for giving from the heart! information by visiting

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/adultformation or the brochures on the tables in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Kim at kkglenna@gmail.com.

St. Bridget's is Hosting New Pathways Homeless Families off site February 6-13th. Please consider helping us provide food, and lodging to the 4 families in the program. If you are able to donate to help

PATHWAYS

check to St. Bridget's with "Homeless Families" in the memo

SPECIAL COLLECTION



St. Bridget's will be taking up a second collection for the Osland family this weekend at all Masses. The Oslands are parishioners of St. Bridget's and recently lost their home in a devastating fire. Please prayerfully and generously give to help the Oslands in this trying time. Envelopes marked "Osland Family" can be found

on the tables in the Narthex to put your donation in. Please pray for the Oslands!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Knights of Join us in the Social Hall following Sunday Masses this weekend for the Columbus Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast! Enjöy a wonderful breakfast and warm

hospitality with friends and family! All free-will offerings will be donated to the Osland family.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS



Please continue to remember the Food **PATHWAYS** Shelf during these cold winter months. Most wanted items are canned fruit,

vegetables, meat, and soup, along with peanut butter, pasta, rice, and lunch items for school children. Thank you for helping local families in need.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION



The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Joseph Williams will be on Tuesday, January 25th at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All are welcome to attend. The ordination will be livestreamed as well at www.mcn6.org/mcnlivestream. Please pray for our soon-to-be new Auxiliary Bishop.

NEWLYWED RETREAT



Couples married for 0-7 years are invited to attend the 2022 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat on Saturday, February 5th. Léd by Brad and Libby Dupont of Evermore the retreat will cover topics including developing couple values, decision making and

planning for success. Cost is \$65/couple. Registration deadline is January 31. Register online at <u>www.archspm.org/nmr.</u>

CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS



Celebrate your grandparents with St. Bridget's this Sunday at 10:00am Mass and continue to celebrate them all day! Thank you Jesus for our wonderful grandparents!

Please pray for the family and friends of James Vlahadamis who recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support his family at this time and may he rest in peace.





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