

## St. Bridget of Sweden

Catholic Church



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April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

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## **Eucharistic Liturgies**

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

#### Weekday

Weds., Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 AM Tuesday 12:00 PM

#### Reconciliation

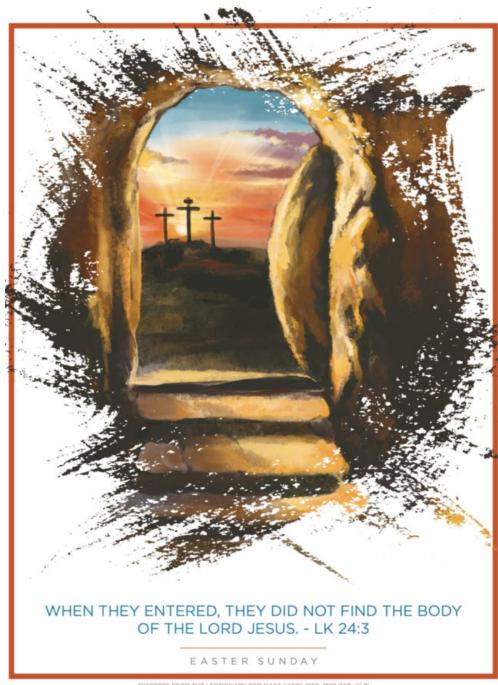
Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM or by appointment

#### **Adoration**

Tuesday 9:00 AM—9:00 PM Benediction 12:30 PM

#### **Baby Blanket**

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### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

#### JESUS IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

As we gather on this Easter weekend, Mother Nature continues to try to chill our bones and dampen our spirits, yet we still rejoice this weekend that Christ has set the pattern of conquering the darkness of our world with the light of his love. Rejoice, and Happy Easter! Our salvation has been made possible by the sacrifice of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and we who bear his name of Christian, celebrate with him his ultimate victory even over the forces of darkness and death. In fact, for all who struggle with sins and addictions, Easter reminds us of God's endless mercy and forgiveness leading to healing and a new way of life. For those who have lost a loved one, Easter reminds us that we will be reunited again one day. For those who grapple with chronic sickness, the lingering effects of Covid or depression, Easter reminds us never to lose hope. Indeed, this is a time to celebrate!

May I take this opportunity to extend a warm and special welcome to all who celebrate with us this Easter weekend at Saint Bridget's? It is so good to see our attendance ever so slowly increasing. I recognize that Easter may mark the return of some who winter in warmer climes, and Fry's – a new record! And let's not forget our it is a delight to have you back again. Also, welcome to those relatives and friends who may be visiting on college break or from distant parts around our country. Thank you all for lending your voices and prayers to our Saint Bridget's community on this festive day. I would be remiss in failing to recognize as well, all those who are our faithful parishioners summer and winter – isn't it great to have our church so full on this joyous weekend, even as we always appreciate and love to pray with our video audience via TV or Internet?

This year, unlike last, we have been blessed with RCIA candidates whom our faith community has supported in prayer throughout these past months on their journey to the Easter sacraments. We welcome Jon and Boni Peters with their children Evan and Ellen to full reception into the Catholic faith, as well as, Dawn Wolle and M.J. Fleming. We are indeed blest by their presence and participation on this joyous weekend. They join us and all our

brothers and sisters around the world who have discovered or re-discovered the great news that Jesus Christ is the center of our world, and we continually seek to model our lives after Him. This year's season of Lent has certainly been a time of intense prayer for our war-torn world as we look to Jesus to bring us hope, no matter what the struggles and difficulties of our lives, and the miracle of his resurrection is a source of joy to all this Easter morning.

This year as always, there are so many people to thank who have made possible the beauty of our Lenten and Holy Week celebrations. I always fear that in thanking some, I may forget others. If so, I apologize in advance. But certainly our vocal ensembles and cantors, musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers (both in church and to the homebound), catechists, sacristans and ushers, the environment decorating team (inside and out), our video recording technicians, Baby Blanket volunteers, as well as, our office and custodial staff - all put in many extra hours behind the scenes. I would also be remiss if I failed to thank the cadre of volunteers who allowed us to feed a record 3,236 people during our six Friday Lenten Fish Befrienders and other volunteers who take the love of Christ and the St. Bridget Parish community to those who are not able to join us in person. I am deeply grateful for all of those efforts.

On behalf of myself as your Pastor, and of our parish staff, I would like to extend to each of you and your loved ones, the wishes for a most joyous and Blessed Easter celebration in your homes and lives this weekend, and for an extension of those blessings to the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for your presence today and your support of St. Bridget's parish, allowing us to continue to make a difference in Lindstrom, the Lakes Area and beyond, through the gift of the Eucharist, the other Sacraments, the Church's pastoral care and teaching ministries – all of which carry forth Christ's risen presence among us. May His gift of peace dwell in your heart, your life, and our world each day. Jesus is Risen! Let us Rejoice! Alleluia!

-Fr. Dave

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



# Jouth Ministry

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

## Praying Through Caster Week

Caster Sunday

Today we give thanks to God for the Easter People among us. We celebrate our RCIA people who have received Easter Sacraments: Boni, Jon, Evan, Ellen Peters, Dawn Wolle, MJ Fleming. Alleluia is our Song!

Caster Monday

"We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace." (Pope Francis)

Caster Tuesday

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
(Saint Pope John Paul II)

Caster Wednesday

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Caster Thursday

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on." (John Henry Neuman)

Caster Friday

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Caster Saturday

"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." (Anne Frank)



## A Prayer For A New Resurrection

And so dear Jesus, as we live in this season of new life, we continue to pray for the children, mothers and fathers, all people of the Ukraine that they might experience a new resurrection in their lives. We pray for comfort and hope, for all who mourn. We pray for the Russian people as well, that light might over come darkness. May the power of Your resurrection burst apart hate, division, and all that destroys peace and love, goodness and innocence.

We are gearing up for our Volunteer Appreciation Night, which happens on April 29th in the Social Hall. St. Bridget's could not run without it's volunteers. The outdoor and indoor environment is all handled by volunteers. The Fish Fry and the Block Party, two of St. Bridget's biggest fundraisers could never happen without the support of parish volunteers. Of course, I could go on and on, right on down to the candle ministry and the watering of plants ministry, but I'll end it with this; remember the old bumper sticker, "If you can read this, thank a teacher." I've got a new one, "If you come to St. Bridget's, and your needs are met, thank a volunteer."

Speaking of gearing up, we will soon be gearing up for our Summer faith trips, the mission trip down to Marshalltown, Iowa, and our Catholic Youth Summer Camp up in Trego, Wisc. As far as the mission trip goes, we may be changing transportation in midstream. We were going to rent mini-vans, like we did last year, but at this point, we may become part of a three-parish coach bus ride down to Marshalltown. We would be able to save a few bucks, and be able to *leave the driving to them*.

If you don't mind, I think I'll throw a little more Sarah Young at you. "I Have Promised to meet all your needs according to My glorious riches. Your deepest, most constant need is for My Peace. I have planted Peace. In the garden of your heart, where I live; but there are weeds growing there too: pride, worry, selfishness, unbelief. I am the Gardener, and I am working to rid your heart of those weeds. I do My work in various ways. When you sit quietly with Me, I shine the Light of My Presence directly into your heart. In this heavenly Light. Peace grows abundantly and weeds shrivel up. When you trust Me in the midst of trouble, Peace flourishes, and weeds die away." Thanks again, Sarah.

We are nearing the end of the first season of our Pro-Life Youth Group. It has been amazingly informative from the standpoint of how many truths and facts about abortion and the pro-choice movement that never see the light of day. Please say an extra prayer this Resurrection Day for all the *babies* that never got to see the light of day.

## PARISH CALENDARS

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday April 23rd 5:00 PM **Lectors:** Bridget Hoolihan Sacristans: Wally & Jan Mohler

Sunday

Sunday April 24th 8:00 AM **Lector:** Darlene Kowalski Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer

April 24th 10:00 AM **Lectors:** Theresa Zlotkowski Larry Callahan Sacristan: Ed LaPlante

Sunday

Easter Sunday	
8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
6:00 PM AA Meeting	FW

#### READINGS

Reading for the week of April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11: Mt 28: 8-15 **Tuesday** Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20: 11-18 Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48 Friday Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 4,22-24,25-27a; Ps 118:24: In 21:1-14 Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9 11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Suzie Alsen · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Greg Fults · Darlene Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley · Virgil Kappes · Kathy Berquist · Paula Trevis · Nonna Zwick · Mary Kay Andert · Jake Sauer · Veronica Roltgen · Julie Ramola · Carol Smothers · Thomas Thompson · Mary Karnowski · Kelly DeBiaso · Donna Haines · Charlene Chamernick · Shelley Madison · Judy Kelley · Rachel Curtis · Mick Lund · Tim Mitchel · Ben Riley · Kim Glenna · Beth S. · Jessica Mohler · Jim Underdahl · Jessica Stephens · Michelle · Mary Ann Weisbrod · Susi Ruchie · Tammy Bluhm · Connie Porath · Barb Nelson · Sara Miller · Kathleen Carlson · Katie Crum · Gail · Todd Olund · JoAnne Ford · Richard Gage · Julianne Forester · Doug Olson · Betty Olson · Ron Schleicher · Dolores Thompson · Mark Peterson · Al & Colleen Lightfoot · Don McKay · Jean Ricker · Lucy Shoop · Keenan McMahon · Dorothy Goodroad · Holly Sullivan · Sharon Luhmann · Frank Welsch · Don Bluhm · Pat & Ed Weaver · Eileen O'Mara · Eugene · Cy Speltz · Kim Halverson · Al Ahmann · Robin Weaver · Sherol Rogolla · Avery Rasnuessen · Matt Moen · Eric McDonald · Michael Koran · Peter Ellwein · Leslie Mackyee · Gabriel Clay · Brett Casey · Rick Alsen · Mary Mack · Patricia Callahan · Kim Gibson · Katie Harris · Kari Hall · Ted & Tom Pitzenberger · Maureen Wolhaupter · Steve Everson · Kristy · Flossy Knaak · Gabrielle L. · Mary Ann Koch · Dee Williams · Austin Otte · Stacy Kern · JoAnne Stanina · Lori Rogan · Shirely Van Horn · Roger Spencer · Jack Marxer · Cathy Christianson · Carrolle Serbus · Diane Moore · Jon Peters

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.

#### Monday, April 18th, 2022

Sunday, April 17th, 2022

Easter Monday—Parish Office CLOSED

#### Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration

12:00 PM Word Communion Service	СН
6:00 PM First Eucharist Parent/Child Faith Sharing Event	EW
6:30 PM Watchmen Gathering	SH
7:00 PM AA Meeting	LSH

CH

#### Wednesday, April 20th, 2022

9:00 AM Word Communion Service	CH
9:45 AM Women's Bible Study	EB
4:00 PM—8:15 PM Faith Formation Classes	EB

#### Thursday, April 21st, 2022

9:00 AM Word Communion Service	CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	CR
6:00 PM First Eucharist Parent/Child Faith Sharing Event	EW

#### Friday, April 22nd, 2022

#### Saturday, April 23rd, 2022

9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
5:00 PM Mass	CH

#### Sunday, April 24th, 2022

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KofC Pancake Breakfast Following Masses	SH
8:00 AM Mass	CH
10:00 AM Mass	CH
11:15 AM Bible Study	CR

11:15 AM Baptism—Vera Mae Spehar CH 6:00 PM AA Meeting FW

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	4/19	12 PM	Word Communion Service
Wednesday	4/20	9 AM	Word Communion Service
Thursday	4/21	9 AM	Word Communion Service
Friday		9 AM	Word Communion Service
Saturday	4/23	5 PM	† Marge Jenniges
Sunday	4/24	8 AM	Theresa Zlotkowski
		10 AM	People of the Parish

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

#### STEWARDSHIP



Welcome to St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church! Whether you are a visitor or a new or life-long parishioner, we're so blessed to have you in our community! If you are not registered as a parishioner already, we

would love for you to register. By registering at St. Bridget's, you can better stay in the know about all that is offered and provided here. Parishioner registration can be done online by visiting www.stbridgetofsweden.org/joinourparish or by completing

and returning a yellow Parishioner Registration Form found on the wall near the bulletin board in the Narthex and parish office. Our parish and community needs your faith, ideas, service, and prayers...we need YOU!

As Christians and parishioners of St. Bridget's, we are called to be good stewards of the gifts that Christ has given us. St. Bridget's continuously strives to give generously in our time, talent, and treasure to build the Kingdom of God. If you would like to learn more about how you can give of your time, talent, and treasure to help support the many ministries and outreach care at St. Bridget's, you may do so by visiting

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/stewardship. You may also call the parish office to learn more about how you can donate weekly, online, to our endowment, or by automatic giving. Thank you for your prayerful generosity and support of St. Bridget's!

#### BABY BLANKET



A new Baby Blanket initiative that we are launching is to celebrate new babies in our parish with a prebirth gift of welcome. We need your help in identifying pregnant moms. If you are pregnant or know of a pregnancy in our parish, please let us know by emailing or calling us at

info@thebabyblanket.org or 651-304-0432.

#### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



St. Bridget's is hosting a summer concert series in the spirit of growing community and sharing God's gift of music. These short one hour concerts will be performed by some of the top Twin Cities talents and highlight a wide array of music and styles. The first concert in the series is

an organ concert by Bill Chouinard on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm. Admission at all summer concerts are a free-willing offering. Find more information at

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry and please join us for our concert series this summer!

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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

with friends and family!

#### ADORATION



You're invited to come spend quiet, intentional time with Jesus in Adoration! Adoration takes place in the church on Tuesdays from 9:00am—9:00pm. We are looking for Adorers to commit to a holy hour any time during Adoration hours, but we

especially need Adorers in the evening hours. If interested in being an Adorer or would like to be on the substitute list, please call, text or email the Adoration coordinators:

Barb Langdon: 651-329-3994, barbara.langdon@yahoo.com Mary Berning: 651-442-7172, ms.berning@frontiér.com

#### NEW WEBSITE



St. Bridget's new website is here! With this redesign, we hope it becomes easier to navigate our website and find the information you are seeking. We also hope it offers a better glimpse at all that St. Bridget's offers and provides in our

parish and community. Check out and explore our new website today at www.stbridgetofsweden.org.

#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



We can't do all that we provide here at St. Bridget's without the generous help of our parish volunteers. To say thank you, we welcome all of our volunteers to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on Friday, April 29th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. If you have volunteered at St. Bridget's in any capacity, please join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and socializing as we show our appreciation for this wonderful community. Please RSVP by April 22nd by visiting the website at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/volunteer or

call the parish office. We can't wait to thank you!

#### NEW PATHWAYS



An update on New Pathways Ministry: New Pathways is hoping to return to the model of having the families stay in churches overnight for a week in October 2022. New Pathways serves up to 5 families at a time. The families

have been in a small hotel near Cambridge all through the Pandemic. The staff at the Cambridge day center has worked diligently with them, and many families have found housing even during this difficult time. We are scheduled to "Host Off Site" in May and August. This means we provide a small gas card, a gift card for groceries for a week, and we try to cover the lodging if we can. More details soon to come about hosting at St. Bridget's again. Thank you to all those who have generously helped us care for these families from a far.

#### 1 2 T H ANNUAL FISH FRY



Thank you to all our Fish Fry volunteers and customers for making the 12th Annual Fish Fry such a success! It was great to be back together to share good food and

fellowship with our parish and the wider Chisago
Lakes community. This year, we hosted six Fish Fry's
and a total of 3,236 people joined us for all the fun! Thank you again to our volunteers for all you hard work! See you again next year for the 13th Annual Fish Fry!

#### NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE



Fr. Dave will be on vacation next week. Join us for daily Word Communion Services April 19—22 in place of daily Mass. These will *not* be recorded and posted onliné. Tuesday Adoration will still take olace, but Tuesday Confessions are canceled.





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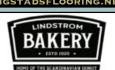


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