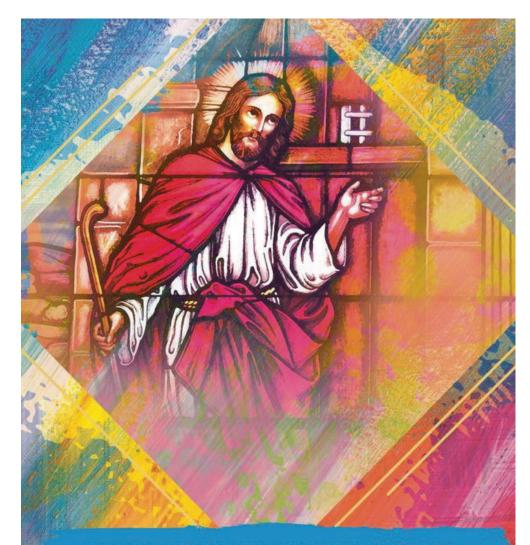


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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

<u>CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. BRIDGET</u> <u>JULY 23rd</u> It was during this time Bridget began to receive a series of visions which continued to occur until the end of her

It's that time of the year again when we celebrate our beloved St. Bridget of Sweden. She truly was a remarkable woman living in a difficult era for both the Church and for society.



So let's remember again, the story of this saint for whom our parish was named. Even though she was declared a copatroness of all of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II in 1999, her life story still remains somewhat of a mystery to many. In essence her life might be

understood as being divided into two distinct periods. The first would be from the time of her birth and childhood through the death of her husband.

Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303 and her father was the Governor of one of the principal Swedish provinces named Upland. Her mother died when she was twelve years old and at the tender age of fourteen in entered into a marriage to her husband Ulf. Both of them had a spiritual mindset from an early age and after marriage they joined the third order Franciscans. Together they had a family of eight children (four boys and four girls) one of whom (Catherine) has also been declared a saint, but several others of those children brought great sorrow to Bridget by their lifestyle choices.

Around 1335 Bridget and her family were summoned to the court of the King of Sweden Magnus and his wife Blanche where she tried to exercise a positive influence on the young king and queen, but with limited success. Nevertheless, the King gave Bridget land and funds for the building of a monastery with the unusual arrangement of both monks and nuns living on the same campus but in separate buildings, yet coming together in a common church building for worship. Also rare was the fact that both the nuns and the monks were under the rule of a woman who served as the Abbess.

It was during this time Bridget began to receive a series of visions which continued to occur until the end of her life. These visions and directives from God were about a variety of topics, secular and religious, mundane and exalted, but some included reprimands about the king's behavior which caused whispers and gossip in the royal court such that eventually Bridget received permission to leave the court and resume a more normal life. That life included a love and service of the poor, often with her children participating.

Eventually she and her husband made a pilgrimage the shrine of St. James in Compostela, Spain. On the way home Ulf was taken ill and died shortly thereafter. This began the second phase of Bridget's life.

The monastery that Bridget founded evolved into and order of nuns called the Order of the Most Holy Savior, but commonly known as the Bridgettines. It still exists today. The rest of her life, mostly living in Rome at a time when the Popes lived in France, was spent travelling, writing, ministering to the poor and sick and seeking to obey the Lord's directives received in her visions. In her prophecies and revelations she addressed many of the hot political and religious topics of the day. She was fearless in her critique of royalty, hierarchy and ordinary society based on her divine visions. During a pilgrimage to the Holy Land she experienced shipwreck and the death of her favorite son, but continued on in grief to see many of the most holy places and received divine visions of what occurred at those sites.

In ill health Bridget made it back to Rome but continued to grow weaker and ultimately died at the age of 72 – an amazing woman who led an amazing life. In a talk about St. Bridget by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in October of 2010 he stressed how because of the great variety of her life, St. Bridget can serve as an inspiration for many people. She was a devoted daughter, a loving wife and mother, a Lady of the Court, a social activist, a mystic, a founder of a religious order, a world traveler, a fearless critic of religious, political and social events and persons, and a prophet who prayed ceaselessly while humbly delivering God's messages to all – rich and poor alike.

ST. BRIDGET, PRAY FOR US!

- Fr. Dave

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



"There are the saints of every day, the 'hidden saints,' a sort of 'middle class of holiness'...to which we can all belong." (Pope Francis)

A Prayer to St. Bridget of Sweden

Loving Woman of God,

Thank-you for your life of faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ. Especially thank-you for your devotion to Jesus' Birth and Passion through which you saw light for the whole world.

As a Mother, you understand a parent's concern and compassion for children. As wife you know the deep love for your partner and best friend. As wife, you also understand the pain of loss for you lost your beloved husband early in life.

Make intercession for us that we might have your same love for the poor, unwed mothers and children, and the sick. Your creativity was ever present as you began a new order of Sisters. These Sisters were ready to share peace, consolation, care, hospitality and prayer and penance with others. Pray that we might creatively solve the moral problems of our day and have the courage to make a difference in our world.

Pray that we might have the grace to do kindness, create unity and good works which were a hallmark of your life. Most of all, ask God to give to us the gift of charity.

Pray for this parish of St. Bridget of Sweden so that like you we might be followers of Jesus who shines with the radiance of His light upon all of us who gracefully follow Him.

> St. Bridget of Sweden, Pray for us.





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

I'm on a mission, so here is a "best of," Consecration to The Terror of Demons

On May 1st, I completed my consecration to St. Joseph. This comes about three years after I consummated my consecration to Mother Mary. Why would you do that you might ask? Why wouldn't you, I might respond?

Since he has been such a great patron saint for me, let's talk about St. Joseph, what exactly is consecration to him, and just what does it mean? It basically means that I acknowledge St. Joseph as my spiritual father, and want to be like him. To demonstrate this, I entrust myself entirely to his paternal care, so that he can lovingly help me acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means that I have made a formal act of filial, or son-like entrustment to my spiritual father so that he can take care of my spiritual well-being and lead me to God. I wish to be as close to my spiritual father as possible, hoping to resemble him in virtue and holiness, and in return, he will give me loving attention, protection, and guidance. It almost sounds too good to be true, but as I write this on May 3rd, something's different.

The importance of being consecrated to St. Joseph cannot be overstated, but I will leave it up to the saints to give it their best shot—

"When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint."— St. Peter Julian Eymard

"Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with particular devotion. I have always seen who honored him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favors in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him."—St. Teresa of Avila

"So perfectly was he [St. Joseph] dead to the world and the flesh, that he desired nothing but the things of heaven."—St. Bridget of Sweden

"I prayed to St. Joseph to watch over me. From my childhood, my devotion to him was mingled with my love for the Blessed Virgin. Each day I recited the prayer, 'O Saint Joseph, father and protector of virgins.' It seemed to me that I was well protected and completely sheltered from every danger."—St. Therese of Lisieux

"This flower of Israel [St. Joseph] had the faith of Abraham, the piety of David his ancestor, the wisdom of the prophets, a patience more heroic than that of Job and of Tobias, and a zeal greater than that of Elijah for the glory of God."—Blessed Gabriele Allegra

As you can see, I feel as if I'm in good company entrusting my spiritual life to "The Mirror of Patience, the Glory of Domestic Life, the Guardian of Virgins, The Pillar of Families, The Patron of the Dying, The Protector of the Holy Church, The Zealous Defender of Christ, The Spouse of the Mother of God, and **The Terror of Demons.**"

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday July 30th 5:00 PM Lector: Stacy Ernest Sacristans: Charlie and Chris Hampton

WEEKLY

Sunday July 31st 8:00 AM Lector: Carmelita Nelson Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer

Sunday July 31st 10:00 AM Lector: Marilvn Johnson Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer

READINGS

Readings For the Week of July 24th, 2022

- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
- Feast of St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28 Monday
- Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne Tuesday Jer 14:17-22; Ps ; 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt Wednesday 13:44-46
- Thursday ler 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
- Saturday Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Melodiee Dorr · Tom Darrel · Tom & Doris Breen · Sharon Lumen · Greg Ostertag · Ron Schleicher · Bill Ryan · Mary Karnowski · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Darlene Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley

You can find the complete Parish Healing List at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/pastoralcare. Please pray for these individuals that they may be comforted and healed through the mercy of God.

PARISH DONATIONS

Sunday, July 24th, 2022 8:00 AM Mass CH 10:00 AM Mass CH 6:00 PM AA Meeting EW Tuesday July 26th, 2022 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Adoration CH 12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH CP 5:00—6:00 PM Confessions 7:00 PM AA Meeting SH Wednesday July 27th, 2022 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market PL Thursday July 28th, 2022 CH 9:00 AM Daily Mass 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB 10:00 AM Parmly Communion OS 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting SH Friday July 29th, 2022 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH Saturday July 30th, 2022 PL 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BΒ 4:00-4:40 PM Confessions CP 5:00 PM Mass CH Sunday, July 24th, 2022 8:00 AM Mass CH 10:00 AM Mass CH

THE WEEK AHEAD

6:00 PM AA Meeting

INTENTIONS

MASS

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12 PM †Diane Moore Tuesday 7/26 Sunday Plate & Envelope 7/11/2022-7/17/2022 Wednesday 7/27 9 AM + Peter Mrozinski Contributions **Tim Lackas** Thursday 7/28 9 AM Friday 7/29 9 AM + Jim Williams Weekly Budgeted Saturday 5 PM 7/30 James/ Stephanie Callison \$11,701.94 Collection Sunday 7/31 8 AM + Harvey Swenson People of the Perish 10 AM If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, Actual Weekly Collection \$7.344.46 please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22 If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or Amount Over / (Short) \$4,357.48

someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, contact the director of pastoral care at 651-257-2474 x25.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE HELP



St. Bridget's will need extra help in the parish office this summer for staff leave. If you are willing to help us take care of the parish office duties during the week, please visit

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/volunteer_to sign up to volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, but are new to this volunteer position, please call the parish office for a training. Thank you!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The third concert in our Summer Concert Series is a night of gospel classics on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00pm. Admission is a free-will offering and light refreshments will be served following the one-hour concert. Come enjoy an uplifting night of gospel music with friends and family! Find more information at

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry.

ADORER NEEDED



You're invited to come spend quiet, intentional time with Jesus in Adoration! We need a new Adorer to commit to the 1:00pm Tuesday time slot now until the end of September. We also still need Adorers at 2:00pm, as well as, the 8:00pm Adoration hours. We currently only have one Adorer at these times and having two offers more floribility weak to weak. If interested in

having two offers more flexibility week to week. If interested in committing to a Holy Hour 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@frontier.com

NEW PATHWAYS



St. Bridget's is Hosting New Pathways homeless families "off site" August 21st-**28th**. We are collecting donations to cover food and lodging for the 5 families in the program. If you can help us with Hosting

Week, please send a check to St. Bridget's with "Homeless Families" in the memo line. This is the last time we will be collecting funds to host off site. In October New Pathways will return to hosting families in person in our area churches. Our parish has been incredibly responsive to help meet the needs of these families during a difficult time. You have heard the cry of the poor and responded with overflowing generosity. The heart of Jesus is beating here at St. Bridget's. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION HELP



We are planning ahead for upcoming volunteer needs while staff members are on leave. The volunteer positions we are currently organizing are volunteers in the parish office during Faith Formation Wednesday nights, Faith Formation bus duty volunteers, and drivers for those bus

duty volunteers. If you are interested in helping administratively during the Faith Formation year, please contact Aubrey in the parish office at

agieske@stbridgetofsweden.org or call 651-257-2474 x22 for more information. Thank you for your consideration to help our 2022-2023 Faith Formation year run smoothly!

BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENTS

If you have an event or information to share with the bulletin is a great way to keep our community informed about all that's offered here at St. Bridget's and in the Archdiocese!

SPECIAL EVENT

YOU'RE INVITED: Women's Summer Social

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2022

Mass at 5:00pm in Church & Social at 6:00pm in the Social Hall

We invite you to join us at our Women's Summer Social as we celebrate the Mass, reconnect with one another, and enjoy wonderful food and drink. Please RSVP by Wednesday August 3rd by calling the Parish Office 651-257-2474 x22 or online at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/adultformation.



TREAT DONATIONS



We are looking for donations of cookies or bars for the social after the last two Summer Concert Series concerts. If you are willing to provide a treat to share with a crowd for either concert, please contact Tim Lackas at 612-719-2533 as soon as possible. The next concert is on August 4th; the last concert is on September 22nd. Thank you!

NFP AWARENESS WEEK



July 24th - 30th is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week! Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific,

natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy. NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Since the methods of NFP respect the love-giving (unitive) and life-giving (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love! Visit <u>www.stbridgetofsweden.org/events-1</u> to learn more about NFP Awareness Week.

PARISH GIVING



We are so thankful for our parishioners' support and generosity in giving of their time, talent, and treasure. As we enjoy the beautiful Minnesota summer, a reminder and click on the tile that states "donate." From there you can donate easily online just like donating at weekend Masses. If

you would like information about how to set up automatic giving, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued support of our parish community! God bless you!



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