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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

August 21th, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

> Pastor, Fr. David Kohner frkohner@comcast.net

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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

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN -

BULLETIN INSERT: ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

As you may remember, each year every parish of the Archdiocese is asked to support the missions through two collections. The one collection is a general Mission Appeal that is distributed on a worldwide basis. The

collection is a general Mission Appeal that is distributed on a worldwide basis. The other collection is for a specific mission organization that usually sends one their representatives to the parish to talk at all the Masses on a given summertime weekend. – Last year it was Sr. Rose Hang Vu in August.



This year the Archdiocese has asked us to host a Redemptorist priest Fr. Chuong Cao. (pictured above) He originally was scheduled to visit us in June, but asked to delay his trip because of funeral. Now he will be with us the weekend of August 27-28 which happens to be – next weekend. He will preach at all of the Masses next weekend and celebrate the two Sunday morning masses as well. He will also hear confessions on Saturday afternoon. We are delighted to welcome Fr. Cao.

The enclosed insert explains the work of the Redemptorists specifically in Nigeria, and I thought that it might be helpful for you to have it as background for his appeal next weekend.

LET THE LIGHT SHINE FORTH

If you are a regular attendee at our 5pm Mass, you may have noticed that as the summer sunlight has begun to fade over the last few months, our sanctuary area (altar, pulpit, presider's chair, tabernacle) has also gotten progressively darker – such that it's becoming quite noticable. That is because of the 16 floodlights that illuminate that part of the church, only 5 are still working. The rest of the light bulbs aimed at the sanctuary are burned out. The problem is that those old style bulbs are not made in the USA anymore, so only Chinese made products are available and honestly they just don't last – sad to say, they are junk.

It is for this reason that I have written in a past article about converting to LED lighting. Because of the huge up front cost we decided to begin with only replacing the sanctuary lights because they are difficult to change (we need a motorized lift), and those bulbs use the most energy. The Finance Council gave the approval months ago, but because of supply chain issues, we couldn't get the parts. Well, the parts have finally arrived – just in time to fend off winter darkness.

So by the time that you read this article we will have replaced the 2 lights over the Joseph statue, the 2 over Mary, and the 16 illuminating the rest of the sanctuary.

Below you will find a picture comparing an old light versus one of the new LED lights.



The fixture on the right is one of the old light fixtures. (I placed a Gather hymnal next to it for a size comparison.) The bulb inside of this floodlight resembles a very large old style automobile headlamp. Each bulb was 500 watts, so when all 20 of them were illuminated we used 10,000 watts of electricity just for the sanctuary area.

The fixture on the left is one of the new LED floodlights. As you can see it is noticeably smaller. The bulb in each of these lights uses 54 watts of electricity yet puts out the same brightness (lumens) as the older larger lamps. So when all 20 of the new lights are turned on they will use 1080 watts (slightly less than a toaster) compared to 10,000 watts for the old lights – almost 90% less energy– and they each give the same amount of light. Quite a difference! Plus, the electrician says the new lights will last "indefinitely". (In fact they are not replaceable – if one fails one must buy a new fixture.) Also the new bulbs are dimmable.

At this point we are not yet changing the rest of the church lighting to LED because of the cost. Enjoy our brightly lit sanctuary again!

- Fr. Dave

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



"Around us there is the presence of evil. The devil is at work. But in aloud voice I say: God is stronger!" (Pope Francis)



The eye of God is forever upon us! God keeps looking upon us with great love and affection,

With tenderness and refusal to Abandon us!

God's eye searches us to the core and Tells us how much we are worth as this beloved Sons and Paughters.



As Summer begins to turn into fall,
Our hearts begin to turn towards God,
In new ways...
Time to register for Faith Formation...
Time to Prepare for the Block Party...
Time to Ponder RCIA—Should I be involved?...
Should I be a Catechist this Year?
What about being a Prayer Partner for a
Confirmation Candidate?
What does God ask of me in this new season?
What do I give my heart to?



You O Lord are Always Near to Me, I place my trust in YOU.

Call Theresa if you wish to be involved in Fall Programs!





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

This is going to be hard to explain, but I will do my best. August 9th started out like any other Tuesday. As usual, Jill and I both woke up around 7:00 AM, and I told her how beautiful she was and how lucky and happy I was to be married to her. But there was something different about today. That's right. It wasn't going to be business as usual today. We had a date in the mountains. Well, at least one mountain. We arrived there about 10:15 AM. It really promised to be a bluebird day, and it was, high was to be in the mid-80's, without a cloud in the sky. What a day to play hooky, oops, I mean what a day to schedule an outing. It was St. Bridget's First Annual Camaraderie Extravaganza at Wild Mountain Waterpark, and it turned out to be more fun than jumping through a chalk painting, riding a merry-go-round or winning the Derby.

I was a little nervous about the turnout because advance ticket sales were not quite what I had hoped for, however, all for naught, several large families showed up unexpectedly, and we were able to utilize all eight picnic tables under an 800 square foot canopy. That is, we used them for a slight respite and some nourishment between the lazy river, the Alpine slide, the gokarts (2 things, don't get in the pink car, it's a real hog, and don't try to take on Isabella in a go-kart race). There was also the Freefall XP, jumping onto an overinflated air mattress from about 25 feet in the air. To top things off were the multiple waterslides. I will have you know, your Youth Minister, in order to save face, (and after being double and triple-dog-dared) descended into the Black Hole waterslide, a (ride?) tubular water adventure that travels underground. It's about a 175 ft. tube and the (ride?) lasted about 7 seconds. You do the math. Oh, and by the way, I haven't had that much fun in years. Thanks again for all who came and for those that were there in spirit.

Now, for the upcoming Faith Formation season. I have sent out the big ask to the parents of all Faith Formation students, or at least last year's K-10th grade, and now I am asking YOU. I mentioned last week, and we all know it, that Catholic youth and Catholic young adults can't seem to hit the exits fast enough. Why? I would need five columns to mention all the possibilities, but we all know many of them.

This year, the 6-8th graders will try something different, but in order for it to have a chance to be effective, it will need the support of enough catechists to keep class sizes small. This year, we will dive into scripture, finding out what God is telling us, and what does it mean to us, in our lives. How can we respond to the Lord? What conversion of the mind, heart, and life, is the Lord asking of me? And now, what action do I take? And we will discuss. And the smaller the class size, the better and more intimate the discussion. I am looking for four or five brave adults (after all, this is middle school) who are willing to donate about 23 Wednesday evenings over the course of this Faith Formation season in an attempt to instill in our youth a relationship with Jesus that has eternal lastingness.

PARISH CALENDARS LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE THE WEEK AHEAD Sunday Saturday Sunday Sunday, August 21st, 2022 August 27th August 28th August 28th 5:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 8:00 AM Mass CH Lector: Lector: Lector: CH Bridget Hoolihan Bob Hobday/Wanda 10:00 AM Mass Robert Sarwacinski Osland Sacristans: Sacristan: 10:00 AM David and Jan Kozlovsky 50th Wedding CH Wally/Jan Mohler Joe/Jill Kuschel Sacristan: Vow and Blessing Joe/Jill Kuschel 6:00 PM AA Meeting **EW** READINGS **Scripture Readings** Tuesday August 23rd, 2022 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Adoration CH For the Week of August 21, 2022 12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time **CP** 5:00—6:00 PM Confessions Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; 7:00 PM AA Meeting LSH Lk 13:22-30 Wednesday August 24th, 2022 Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8: 30 AM Rosary 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH 23:13-22 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market PL**Tuesday** Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Thursday August 25th, 2022 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 8:30 AM Rosary CH 23:23-26 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH 9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB Wednesday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 10:00 AM Parmly Communion OS 1:45-51 6:00 PM Youth/Choir Practice CH 7:00 PM K of C Meeting SH **Thursday** Memorial of Saint Louis of France 1 Cor 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51 Friday August 26th, 2022 8:30 AM Rosary CH 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-**Friday** 9:00 AM Daily Mass CH Saturday August 27th, 2022 Saturday Memorial of Saint Monica 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market PL1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;

25:14-30

Sunday

Lorri Ferrian . Katelyn Lorsung. Susan Thorson. .Mary Ann and Richard Koch. Jim Gerard. Gene Carty. Jim Norton

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCMENTS

If you have an event or information to share with the parish community, you may email the announcement to lschaad@stbridgetofsweden.org. Utilizing 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!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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Tuesday	8/23	12 PM	† Ron Schwachtgen
Wednesday	8/24	9 AM	† Peter Mrozinski
Thursday	8/25	9 AM	† Diane Moore
Friday	8/26	9 AM	† Sidney Thelen
Saturday	8/27	5 PM	Marlene Remackel
Sunday	8/28	8 AM	Hank Sperl
·		10 AM	People of the Parish

5:00 PM Mission Appeal Mass with Fr. Chuong Cao

8:00 AM Mission Appeal Mass with Fr. Chuong Cao

9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN

4:00—4:40 PM Confessions

Sunday, August 28th, 2022

10:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM AA Meeting

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NEW PATHWAYS



St. Bridget's donated \$2,790 for Hosting New Pathways families this week, August 21-28th. Thank you for your incredible generosity during the last few years when the

program shifted away from area churches to housing families in small hotels. Bless you all for keeping the doors to this ministry open during a tough time. The heart of Jesus is living in you!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will begin its Fall Session on the 14th of September 2022 at 9:45am and finishing on November 16th. The focus of the bible study will be Metanoia with Fr. Dave Pivonka. Please contact the parish office by September 2, 2022 at 651-257-2474 if you would like to participate. Thank you.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



Couples and singles are invited to a Fall Bible study of James: Pearls for Wise Living. James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. The

PARTY

teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. It is an 11week study beginning on Sep 18, skipping Oct 2 & 9, and ending Dec 11. We will meet in the conference room from 11:15 to 1:15. Cost is \$32 for the study guide and at-home web access to the videos. To register, contact Tim no later than Monday, September 5th so we can order materials. 763-516-1207 or timtaylor1953@msn.com

SPECIAL EVENT



The Baby Blanket invites you to an All-Parish Baby Shower honoring Aubrey Gieske, St Bridget's Administrative Assistant. Help us celebrate the birth of their first child. It will be held in the East Wing following the 10am Mass on Sunday, September 11th. We will

have a little fun, open gifts, and enjoy a salad luncheon together.

Aubrey is registered at amazon.com but feel free to purchase outside of the registry.

Please RSVP by September 4th and also let us know if you can bring an item for lunch. You can RSVP at https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AACAE23A5F58-all parish. Or if you'd rather, you can RSVP by email at info@thebabyblanket.org or call 651-304-0432.

BLOCK

Following the Masses, please pick up your family's Block Party raffle tickets in the Narthex. We ask that families either sell or purchase their bundle of raffle tickets to support the Block Party. If you are unable to pick up your

raffle tickets after Mass, you may pick them up at the parish office during office hours.

The Block Party volunteer sign-ups are available in the Narthex following the Masses. Please consider volunteering in one of the roles and help the Block Party be successful! You may also call the parish office to sign up for a volunteer role. Thank you for being generous with your time!

A reminder that we are accepting donations for the Silent Auction and Marketplace. To view a list of accepted donation items, please visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/bockparty. You may drop off donations to the parish office.

Extra Block Party posters are available for pick up in the Narthex to advertise for the Block Party. Please post a few posters at local businesses to help advertise for the Block Party. Thank you for your help!

FAITH FORMATION HELP



We are in search of volunteer needs for our Faith Formation Program during the first half of the school year. 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

WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS

Sunday Plate & Envelope 8/7/2022—8/14/2022 Contributions Weekly Budgeted \$10,768.55

Collection

Actual Weekly Collection \$9,924.20 Amount Over / (Short) -\$844.35

Over/(Short) for Year -\$9,562.67

Please pray for the family and friends of Sheila Deegan, and Melodiee Dorr who has recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurréction support their



RELAY F O R LIFE

Carol Demorett from The Chisago County American Cancer Relay for Life Committee would like to personally thank everyone for their support for the Relay for Life luminary bags, which was a great success! Thank you for supporting a wonderful cause!





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