



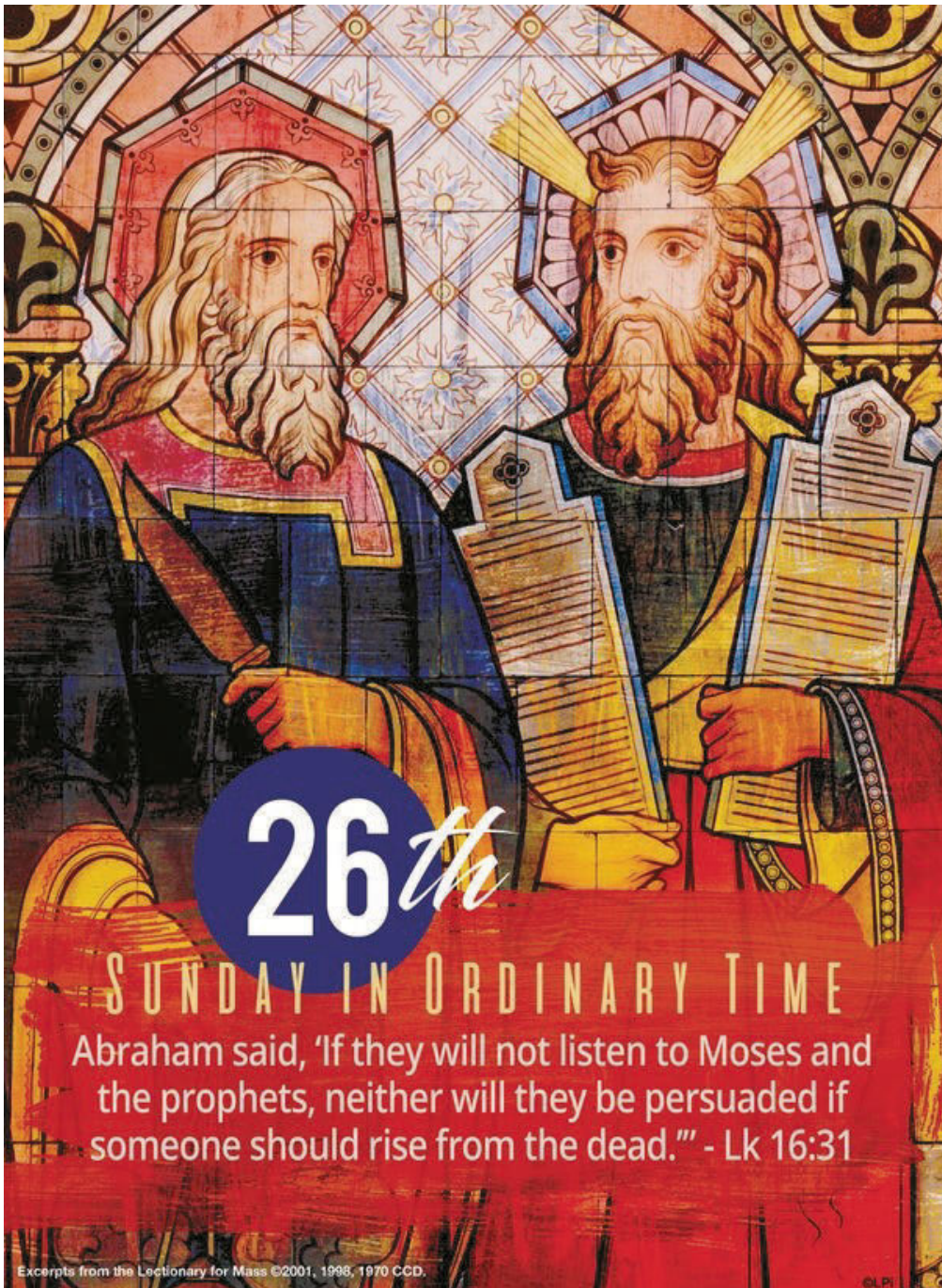
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Tuesday 12:00 PM

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or by appointment

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Tuesday 9:00 AM—9:00 PM

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

The Prime Question for Teenagers (and Others)

At our parish Block Party a few weeks ago, I was chatting with a parish mom who pointed to her teen aged son hanging out with his friends near the front of the stage. She said with a note of exasperation in her voice, "Father, I am getting really frustrated. Every Sunday morning at our house is a full pitched battle with my son to get him to go to Mass. And when he does drag himself out of bed to go, it is with arguing and fighting, and such a bad attitude that he might as well not be present at all. Do you have any suggestions about how to answer his classic teenage challenge – Why do I have to go to Church?"

That mom's question got me to wondering how many other parents and grandparents engage in this kind of verbal jousting every Sunday morning. Or how many parents and grandparents have simply given up the fight in order to keep peace in the family? For that matter, I would bet that there are many lukewarm or fallen away Catholics who have never heard a convincing argument for Sunday Mass attendance other than "because of the third commandment" or "because the Church says so." Are there other convincing reasons? Yes, I believe that there are many. Let me state three of them.

First of all though, we need to erase the entertainment expectations for Sunday Mass. Mass is NOT a performance, nor a concert, nor a lecture, nor my dose of "feel good" experience for the week. Although beautiful liturgies may in fact have certain aspects of the above, that is NOT their primary purpose. So "I don't get anything out of the Mass" is exactly the wrong starting point. The Mass is OUR privileged opportunity to join with others in accepting God's invitation to engage our whole being in an act of worship, love and adoration which he as our Creator rightly deserves. In other words, we as creatures have an obligation to acknowledge and honor the source of our very life. For us, the Mass is meant to be an active and engaging experience by our singing, praying, attentively watching, listening and doing the ritual gestures and postures – NOT passively sitting there with arms crossed saying in effect "impress me." So why go? First reason: Because we owe our presence and praise to the One who gives us life each day.

Second reason, because we DO "get something out of Mass" each time we go. Even if the preaching and music are uninspired (which hopefully they are not), we still receive, because of God's love for us, as our unmerited gift - Jesus Christ in the Eucharist as our spiritual nourishment. No person in their right mind would stop taking physical nourishment, for without it

they would die. So why would anyone who knows what happens at Mass, chose to walk away- effectively saying "I don't need it.?" Without the nourishment received at Mass, they are starving themselves to death – spiritually. And remember that we as Catholics are uniquely and exclusively, among all other Christian denominations, given this gift. Do we fully appreciate what (Who) we are receiving?

In addition to being nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ at each Mass, we are also nourished by hearing the Word of God in the Scriptures and hopefully hearing them explained and applied convincingly to our daily lives in the homily. This "Liturgy of the Word" part of the Mass gives us a compass for guidance in our life choices and decisions each day.

Some may say, "I don't need to go to Mass because I pray at home", or "I commune with God at the lake, in the woods, on my morning jog." All of those experiences are fine if they foster a relationship with God, but they are NOT enough. A full prayer life requires individual prayer, prayer with a spouse if married, but also prayer with the community. Each of these is a different facet of our relationship with God. Without community we are missing the support of others – like a choir with only one voice, or a tapestry with a piece missing.

Third reason: we go to Mass is to allow God to work through us to minister to and with others, and to be supported by others in the Body of Christ when we need that support ourselves.

These are three of many reasons that exist for attending Sunday Mass. May one, or all of them, strike a chord in the heart of those whom you care about. Invite, don't coerce, and let the Holy Spirit water and grow the seeds that you have planted by your words and example.



ATTENTION! PET BLESSING NEXT SUNDAY

Gather your fuzzy, furry, feathered or finned animal friends (real or stuffed) for our annual St. Francis Pet Blessing next Sunday October 2nd at 12:00 noon in the Rectory Courtyard.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
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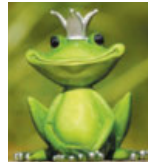
A message from
Joe Kuschel
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"Jesus on the Cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love He conquers it, he defeats it with His resurrection." (Pope Francis)

All Catechists/Teachers will gather this Wednesday,
September 28, 2022
From 6PM to 8:30PM
In the Education Center

We gather to pray together, examine goals for the year, receive inspiration, focus on the business aspect of our work as catechists and celebrate our trust in God as well as our readiness of heart for each young person as we begin a new year!

**Classes Begin
With Parent/Child Orientation for K to 5th Graders
On Wednesday, October 5
5:30PM to 7PM
We Begin in the Church
End in the Education Center with
Children Meeting Catechists
9TH And 10th gr. begin Oct. 12.**



**How About Being A Bus Rider With the Children From the School to the Church on Wednesday Nights
It happens between 3PM and 4PM You can do it as many or as few times as you would like? We take parents, grandmas, grandpas and anyone who loves kids and wants to get them here safely on the bus! Aubrey Gieske will fill you in on all the details and take your name. Please call her at 651-257-2474**



VOLUNTEER ADULT BUS RIDERS ARE A BLESSING. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US OUT!

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Are you interested in receiving adult Sacraments in the Catholic Church? Baptism or Confirmation or Eucharist?
Are you interested in finding meaning in the Catholic Church? Then we invite you to become part of our RCIA process. Please give Theresa a call and we can set up a time to talk and receive more information on what is involved in this process. 651-257-2474X58**



Let us pray for the people of the Ukraine as they continue to suffer the pains of war. We pray especially for those who stand guard at the nuclear plant that they may be strengthened in their resolve to keep the peace. We pray for all Ukrainian refugees as they flee their homeland. Let us pray for families that are divided as fathers and brothers and sons go off to fight.

Hi everyone, and welcome. I am going to use this time to practice, in written form, my address to the 9th and 10th graders this upcoming Wednesday night (the 21st). I think it makes kind of a nice follow-up to Father Dave's bulletin article last Sunday (*An Open Letter to Those Who Don't Go to Church*).

First off, I would like to talk to you about relationships, and just what does it take to make one, or have a good one. It would certainly take a fair amount of our time. Would 20 minutes a day be enough to form a good relationship? Let's see, in a 7 day, 168 hour week, 20 minutes a day would give us 2 hours and 20 minutes of relationship building. That might be enough time to learn some of the peripheral things about a person, but probably insufficient for the deeper relationship that you are looking for. Of course it would be different for everyone, however, there are some bare minimums in starting a relationship that has a chance to last, because my friends, that is what our Lord Jesus Christ would like with each and every one of you, a deep and everlasting relationship.

Those of you that were on our mission trip to Marshalltown, Iowa this past Summer, learned those bare minimums from Father Allan. Keep in mind, these should be the barest of minimums. Once a day, pray for 5 minutes. Once a week, get to Mass, once a month, service to others, and once a year, reconciliation. I look at these numbers as a quick start beginners pack, with plenty of room to grow. Now I know many of you are well beyond these numbers, and I applaud you and your families. But Father Allan gave these minimums to a group of teenagers who were on retreat, attending Mass 6 days in a row, other forms of worship 3 hours a day, plus 6 hours of service to others, 4 days in a row. He had the choir there, right in front of him, and he gave them those bare minimums. Why? Because these were a special 6 days, totally unsustainable back in the "real world," but the memories would always be there to draw from.

After that talk about having starter packs and retreats, that is exactly what the 9th and 10th graders will be experiencing on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The on fire for Christ National Evangelization Team (NET) will be at St. Bridget's to light the Faith Formation fire under our youth. It will be a fun day of prayer, spiritual and physical nourishment, skits and games, Adoration, and culminating with 5:00 PM Mass, which we hope all of your families will attend. The NET team will actually be in charge the music for Mass. This retreat is a requirement for Confirmation, and if your circumstances do not allow you to attend, you are in luck. On November 19th, the Net Team will be back engaging the 6-8th graders in a life-enhancing retreat. This retreat would be just as formative, and help revive those great middle school memories.

To finish my address, I then handed out retreat registration forms, and finished by reading to them the sensational story of *St. Maureen of the East Side*, before introducing the initiator of our pro-life youth group, Krista Lord.

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday October 1st 5:00 PM Lector: Bridget Hoolihan Sacristans: Wally/Jan Mohler	Sunday October 2nd 8:00 AM Lector: Robert Sarwacinski Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer	Sunday October 2nd 10:00 AM Lector: Theresa Zoltkowski/ Marilyn Johnson Sacristan: Ed Laplante
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 25th, 2022

7:30 AM-11:30 AM New Pathways Volunteer Sign Up	
8:00 AM Mass	CH
9:00 AM Faith Formation Recruitment	NX
10:00 AM Mass	CH
8/10:00 AM KC's Pancake Breakfast After Masses	SH
11:15 AM Bible Study	CR
6:00 PM AA Meeting	EW

Monday, September 26th, 2022

6:45 PM Welcoming Committee Meeting	CR
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Tuesday September 27th, 2022

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration	CH
12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction	CH
2:00 PM Mission Rosery Making	N1
5:00—6:00 PM Confessions	CP
6:15 PM Children's Needs Meeting	CR
7:00 PM AA Meeting	LSH

Wednesday September 28th, 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:45 AM Women's Bible Study	CR
3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market	PL
6:00 PM K-10th, 6th-8th Catechist Orientation	EW

Thursday September 29th 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	CH
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
10:00 AM Parmlly Communion	OS
12:30 PM-5:30 PM Blood Drive	SH
6:00 PM New Pathways Volunteer Training	CH
6:00 PM Youth/Choir Practice	CH

Friday September 30th, 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	CH
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH

Saturday October 1st, 2022

9:00 Am First Saturday Mass	Ch
9:00 AM—12:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market	PL
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
4:00—4:40 PM Confessions	CP
5:00 PM Weekend Mass	CH

READINGS

Scripture Readings For the Week of September 25, 2022

Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Monday	Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Lawrence Ruiz Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Feast of the Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Jerome Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk10:13-16
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,125,130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Michelle Theis- Susan Palmer-Jim Smothers-Bill Mack

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	9/27	12 PM	Tom O'Mara
Wednesday	9/28	9 AM	† Peter Mrozinski
Thursday	9/29	9 AM	Donald Huisenga
Friday	9/30	9 AM	Staff of St. Bridget's
Saturday	10/1	9 AM	Mothers/Fathers of Infant Loss
	10/1	5PM	† Willie Karch
Sunday	10/2	8 AM	People of the Parish
		10 AM	Kevin/Lorraine Swenson



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SYNOD SURVEY

This weekend we are launching a parish wide survey for all age 18 and older. Why? During our Archdiocesan Synod experience, St. Bridget of Sweden identified adult and family enrichment as a growth opportunity. The purpose of this survey is to gain your interest only, not commitment to participate. We ask you to access the survey from this QR code using your smart device such as a smartphone or use your computer to enter the website listed. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. We will be offering this survey as a hard copy for those without a smart device or access to the internet, after the weekend masses of Sept. 17/18 and 24/25. We will have volunteers after each mass that can help answer questions those weekends. We plan to close the survey Sunday Oct. 2nd. If you have specific questions, you can contact Allen Gieske at 651-491-8536, Charlie Hampton at 515-203-7464, Eileen Kytonen at 651-353-5851, or Eileen Hoffman at 612-666-4608. God Bless and thank you!

Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBCP-SM>



RAFFLE WINNERS



The Block Party Raffle Tickets Winners have been drawn for this weekend! And the lucky winners are:

Lisa Eckman: \$250
Cy Speltz: \$250
Joe Virga: \$500

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

WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS

9/12/2022—9/18/2022	Sunday Plate & Envelope Contributions
Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$10,434.44
Actual Weekly Collection	\$8,182.97
Amount Over / (Short)	-\$2,251.47
Over/(Short) for Year	-\$14,177.71

Please pray for the family and friends of **Eileen Kryzer**, who has recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support their families at this time and may they rest in peace.



NEW PATHWAYS



HELPING CHARLES FIND THEIR WAY HOME SINCE 2005

New Pathways Volunteer Sign up is this weekend at all the Masses. St. Bridget's is hosting "in person" October 30-November 6th. We will need Volunteers for hosting, and driving, food prep and serving, set up and take down, laundry and

cleaning. Training is available for anyone working directly with the families. Please consider how you can help us with our mission of restoring hope to local homeless families. Bless you for your prayers and willing hearts. Call Heidi 651-257-2474 #25 or Bill Pohl 713-671-3628 with Questions, or to Volunteer.

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross will have their annual Blood Drive here at St. Bridget's on September 29th from 12:30-5:30pm in the Social Hall. If you have any questions feel free to call the office with more details. Thank you.

COAT DRIVE



The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are doing their annual warm coat drive from October 1st to November 6. We are asking for donations of new or clean used adult coats, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. They will be delivered to the Gospel Mission in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Gospel Mission is in need of our help! Give the gift of warmth! Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex of St. Bridget Church. Thanks!

ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING



St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is on Tuesday, October 4th. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and to celebrate his feast day there will be a pet blessing on Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00pm in the backyard/courtyard of the church. You're welcome to bring your pet next Sunday to be blessed in honor of St. Francis' Feast Day!



WINNERS	DATE	AMOUNT
Carol Ostertag	10/1/22	\$50
Brink's Market	10/2/22	\$25
D Fegnan	10/9/22	\$25
Wanda Osland	10/16/22	\$25
James Clay	10/23/22	\$25
Doug Eichinger	10/30/22	\$25

St. Bridget's Knights meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Social Hall. If you would like to join, call Tim Beimer at 612-286-6306.

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