

# ST. BRIDGET | HOLY GHOST

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## March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. -John 12: 23

## MASS SCHEDULE

### HOLY GHOST

Weekday

Tuesday 5:30 pm

W, F, Sat 8:30 am

Thursday 8:30 & 10 am

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8 am & 11 am

### SAINT BRIDGET

Sunday 9:30 am

9:30 St. Bridget

Mass is also

livestreamed on

St. Bridget

Facebook page

See the bottom of Father’s Column page for temporary schedule changes

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## & UPCOMING EVENTS

Information for the bulletin needs to be submitted by the Wednesday (10:00 a.m.) before the Sunday you would like it published. Thank you.

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**Easter Flowers** In memory: Archie, Ross, & Isaac Andress, Janet Begley, Francis Bohl

**Do You Need Food Help?** There is food pick-up for anyone at St. Francesca Tuesdays 9am-1pm & 4pm-7pm. (117 Allen St.) Curb-side pick-up.

### Please Continue Parish Giving.

Please make provisions to continue giving generously to your parishes. You can mail your envelope to 412 S. Main Street. You can drop your envelope off at the parish office or you can set up electronic giving by calling or emailing Karin Hawkins at: (715) 723 - 4890 [holyghostfinance@gmail.com](mailto:holyghostfinance@gmail.com)



### Parish Giving March 14

HOLY GHOST	
Adult Envelop.	8221.33
Plate	58.00
Capital Imp.	85.00
Easter	25.00
Easter Flowers	105.00
Total in House	8494.33

ST. BRIDGET	
Adult Envelopes	1409.25
Plate	17.00
Total in House	1426.25

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Holy Ghost	Goal	60,860.00
	Pledged	44,827.77
St. Bridget	Goal	13,300.00
	Pledged	12,600.00

**Soup Supper Surplus Split** Thanks to all who attended the drive-thru soup supper at Notre Dame on March 3. Proceeds were split and donated to the city parishes. Holy Ghost received \$297.00. "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another." -Romans 12: 4-5

**Message from Fr. Justin** You may know that we are in need of a chair or planning committee for the Food Stand. Both Donna Meier and Kathy Michalek have been looking to step down. Donna must due to her well documented health reasons (she was on TV!). I want to thank publicly Donna and Kathy for their many years of service. They are both willing to talk, and help as much as they are able.

It is a great gift for Holy Ghost to have a presence on the fair grounds for the various events. It is a great boost to our bottom line. I don't need to tell you of the opportunities for community and fellowship enabled by our presence there. We have made great strides at folding it into efforts of hospitality and evangelization that I would love to continue. I have some ideas as to how we might open it up to others in our Catholic community. It is so good to have the face of Holy Ghost present in such a prominent way in the community events. It is also very awesome to be the Catholic presence at the ecumenical event OneFest. All of this requires first someone or some people willing to help spearhead the coordination of the stand.

I do have others willing to help and possibly take the reins in a few years. While I know many of you also would not be able, you may know someone who is. Thank you. If you or anyone you know would be interested and well suited to this helping us in the coordination, ordering, scheduling pieces of this role, or to be part of a committee that ensures the completion of these things, let me know. Rectory Phone: 715-723-4890 (Cell) 715-456-0088 [frjustinkizewski@gmail.com](mailto:frjustinkizewski@gmail.com)

**Holy Ghost Church Cleaners Needed!** "Thank you" to all those volunteering to help keep God's house clean. We are looking for more people to clean on a rotating schedule about once every 6 to 8 weeks. Call Rachel 715-726-9500 or leave your name/number at the rectory.

**St. Francesca Resource Center** This lent we suggest making monetary donations or donating non perishable food items (oatmeal, flour, sugar, cake mixes, and ketchup). Please put food items in our SFRC basket at the back of HG Church. Monetary donations may be placed in HG offertory collection boxes. Thank you, Social Concerns.

### Lenten Offerings (at Holy Ghost, except stations also offered at St. Bridget)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS Holy Ghost:** Fridays at noon, also livestreamed.

**St. Bridget:** Wednesdays at 4:30pm

**ADORATION** Thurs. 11am-6:15pm (Evening Prayer 6:15pm & Benediction 6:30pm).

**CONFESSIONS** Thursdays from 11am to 6pm.

**CONNECT** Thursdays 7-8:30pm in the church (*Lectio Divina*, talk/discussion/video).

### Area Friday Fish Dinners: St. Raymond (E10455 Mallard Rd, Fall Creek)

Drive-up Friday Fish Fry March 26. Serving 4:00 pm until gone. \$10

**St. Olaf's Men's Club** in Eau Claire will serve Fish Fries on Fridays Apr 9 & 23 from 4 PM to 7 PM. Drive -up take - out only. Cost is \$10.00 per carry-out.

**Immaculate Conception** in Eau Claire Fish Boil Dinner "Drive-Up / Carry-Out". Friday March 26th. 4:30PM to 6:30PM until all meals are gone. \$11

**Adoration** You are welcome to come and spend any amount of time with Jesus.

**Holy Ghost Church:** Thursdays 10:30am - 6:30pm. Confession available 11 am -6 pm.

**Goldsmith Chapel:** (123 Allen St.) Open Sundays 8am - Fridays 10am. Weekly adorers needed at: Sun. 11am, Tues. 3am, Thurs. 4am & 9pm. Call Andy 715-568-5243



How do we as Catholics respond to those who believe differently from us? We love them. We lay down our life for them. We treat them as we would want to be treated. We will their good, their flourishing, their happiness. We believe that this good, this flourishing, this happiness, is only attainable when lived in accordance with the truth as discerned by natural reason and revealed by Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ offers the only way to truly flourish. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. His teachings are the Good News or Gospel. He has instituted a Church that speaks with His voice here and now. As Catholics, we believe that what the Church teaches, Christ teaches, and offers the only way to flourish truly.

We are made in His image and according to His likeness. This involves our capacity to reason and to will, our exercise of free will, and to determine our character by our choices. We thrive when we live in keeping with the kind of thing we are – when we live like Him. He made us male and female and in this is expressed a community of persons capable of giving and receiving love. As individuals and as a communion of persons we present an image of God who is drawing us – in every sense of the word. This includes and is most poignantly true in the areas of marriage and human sexuality.

We are made from Love and for Love. First and foremost this refers to the Love that God is. Second and derived from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the love that we find only in a true gift of ourselves. This self-gift is possible and freed from selfishness only with chastity, temperance, faith, and charity. Charity is a friendship and love of the other as another self, first with God and second with neighbor. We strive to give ourselves to God and to one another in preparation for the eternal offering of self that is present in heaven. This eternal gift of self is anticipated and is expressed on earth in response to a specific call from God we call our vocation. Vocations can be to the consecrated single or religious life, to holy orders, or to marriage. Vocations bring a little bit of heaven to earth and express something about heaven. When we do God's will on earth, we show people what heaven is like.

Marriage reveals how true love is generative – as it is in God. Marriage is the great response to God's call to give of one's self exclusively to another for the purpose of children – to invite the possibility of new life, to be open to cooperating with God for the engendering of a new person, made in His image, whose immortal soul is made only by a direct act of creation from nothing by Him, and called to know, love, and serve Him in this life and to be happy with Him in the next. It mirrors the free, total, faithful, and fruitful love that God is, that God has for His people, and that Christ has for His Spouse, the Church.

The flip side to these great affirmations are those things that are not compatible with this vision. Pornography, contraception, premarital sex, divorce, same-sex unions, gender affirmation therapy not in accordance with God-given biological sex, lifestyles or identities based on these foundations, movements or ideologies that seek to condone or celebrate such things are all not compatible with this vision of the good news. Pride is not characteristic of God.

We do not judge persons. While we may judge ideas and actions, we do not know people's hearts. We look to respect, to understand, and above all to love, always in the Truth. Sometimes despite our best efforts our imperative to share the Good News can be perceived as harsh judgments on persons. And while we should all feel challenged by Christ's invitations, we certainly do not intend to judge anyone.

Why do I say all this? There are two events scheduled at the Heyde Center for the Arts that would run contrary to our vision of what it looks like for human culture, comprised of community and persons, to flourish. These events are: "Strut with the Chippewa Valley Stars," a drag queen instruction and performance, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and "God is a Scottish Drag Queen," a drag queen stand-up comedy act, on October 2, 2021. I am acutely aware of the challenges to present truly enriching art and entertainment for our community, and I am grateful for the predominance of great work that the Chippewa Valley Cultural Association does in pursuit of this. While we love and support the persons planning, performing, and even benefiting from these events, our love and support will appear very different than that of most in our contemporary and over-secularized culture. I don't believe these events are the best way to respect both the dignity and the struggles of those involved.

When we are confronted with something that runs counter to our beliefs, or invites some cooperation with our resources, we have to ask ourselves, "ok, what do I believe?" and "how do I share it?". In pursuit of these questions, to answer them for yourselves, I write this column to those souls entrusted to my care.

Fr. Burish of Notre Dame parish offers in his bulletin this weekend a very fine column of his own presentation of this understanding. What I have written here is meant to complement what he says and what he says should be presumed in what I have said here. Despite Christ's high moral standards, and our imperative to affirm and share them, we love each of our brothers and sisters and walk compassionately with each other no matter our struggles in order to live more faithfully Christ's proposal to us. Here are some resources that he recommends that are worth repeating:

- "Courage" is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction. "EnCourage" is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attraction. If you are interested in being part of a Courage Chapter, or an EnCourage Chapter, let me know, or feel free to directly contact Ann Lankford in the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, Diocese of La Crosse at 608-791-2658 or [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org). Resources can be found at [www.couragerc.org](http://www.couragerc.org).
- Concerning gender identity, I recommend visiting the Person and Identity Project (PIP) website at [www.personandidentity.com](http://www.personandidentity.com). This resource seeks to promote the Catholic vision of the human person by responding to the challenges of gender ideology.
- For parents, one good resource I recommend is the book *Made This Way, How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues*, by Leila Miller with Trent Horn. This book seeks to help parents talk to their children (of different age levels) not only about homosexuality and transgenderism, but also pornography, modesty, and a number of other issues.

## Mass Intentions

### Holy Ghost Weekday

March 23	Tuesday	5:30pm	Tom Olson
March 24	Wednesday	8:30am	Jean Lancour
March 25	Thursday	8:30am	Earl & Louise Hart
		10:00am	Madonna Lyberg
March 26	Friday	8:30am	Doris Dressel & Joanne Gardner
March 27	Saturday	8:30am	Terry Wenzel

### Holy Ghost Weekend

March 27	Saturday	5:00pm	Shaun Schneider
March 28	Sunday	8:00am	Earl & Louise Girard
		11:00am	Souls entrusted to our Pastor's care

### Saint Bridget Weekend

March 7	Clem & Ann Falch	April 4	White Marko
March 14	Jade Olson	April 11	Bill Markowski
March 21	Joyce Warmuth	April 18	Georgiann Olson
March 28	Elizabeth & Don Ida	April 25	Marlene Provos

**Act of Spiritual Communion** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I might not at this moment be able to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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### Schools

There are so many people that I need to thank that helped make McDonnell's *My Fair Lady* a success during this pandemic. Thank you to all our community businesses and organizations for your support, especially Chippewa Valley Financial Services, LLC and the Optimist Club of Chippewa Falls for providing our digital orchestra this year! The students built this show from the ground up, poured their heart and soul into it, and made it their own. Thank you cast and crew for your incredible dedication. Thank you to the staff and administration, three very special alumni, Vocal Director Mark Neppl, and Set Supervisor Erica Boehm for your support and dedication to the musical. Thank you to the parents that donated their time, energy, talents, food, money, and children to this endless process. Thank you to our community for your patronage and for the opportunity to continue a wonderful tradition. Dir. Gretchen Jorgensen

**Math Teacher Mr. Tony Reiter's Pi Day contest**, normally held on March 14 each year, had no competition for Senior Peter Herron who tied John Polus', Class of 2013, school record. Peter memorized 1000 digits successfully! *Congratulations to Peter!* Pi is the circumference of a circle divided by its diameter. Because pi is an irrational number, it has an infinite number of digits. Watch the video on MACS Facebook page.

**Envisioning Our Future - Chippewa Falls Parishes and MACS** Meitler consulting firm has put together an update to the comprehensive study of parishes and schools in Chippewa Falls, this update is provided as an informational resource to make all parishioners and school parents are made aware of changes in the process. Our three parishes and MACS have contracted with Meitler, a Milwaukee-based national Catholic school and parish consulting firm, to facilitate the process. Reports can be accessed on the MACS website at [bit.ly/meitler](http://bit.ly/meitler)

**No School Friday, March 26, 2021** Diocesan Teacher In-Service.

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)** Free tuition application at MACS deadline is April 15! Qualifying adjusted gross income levels can be found on our website under [Admission - WPCP](#) and the DPI site. Call Teresa Dachel at 715.723.0538.

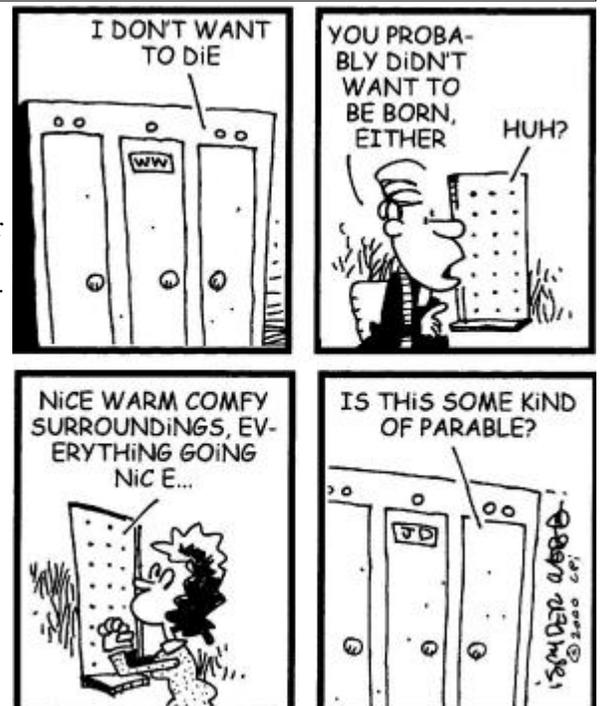
**MACS Sponsor Highlight** This week we would like to highlight our 2020-21 platinum partner Cobblestone Hotels. Thank YOU for supporting McDonnell Area Catholic Schools.

## A Bit of This & That by Sr. Yvonne

### "AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU"

We don't look for pain and suffering, yet we know that we won't get out of life without certain pains we have to accept in line with our tasks in life. A woman has to pass through birth pains to bring a child into the world, parents have to sacrifice for their children, nurses and doctors dedicate themselves to lighten the pain of the sick, teachers sometimes have to have the patience of Job, etc. Farmers and all who grow plants know that the seed we plant has to die to give new life. Today, Jesus invites us to follow Him in accepting pain and efforts needed to carrying out our task in life. Following Jesus is not easy. Jesus used the metaphor of taking up one's cross to describe what it means to follow in His path.. It is not easy to go where He went. Jesus has his arm around you. He knows what it means to feel distressed--like you want to run away. Yet, going where He went leads us to the ultimate goal: Resurrection to new life. Easter joy!

In the Annunciation, which we celebrate on Thursday, the 25th, Mary gives us a wonderful example of acknowledging God's invitation to open her heart and accept what she was called to do. Let's ask Jesus and Mary to walk with us this last week of Lent before Holy week. We'll be in good company and have the graces and blessings of doing what we are called to do. May it be so! In the Gospel today (John 12: 20-33) Jesus wants to really stress the importance of what He is to say. "AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU". Jesus uses the curious double Amen to invite us to pay close attention to His message. So listen up every one! Have a great week and stay safe, healthy and holy!





**Sunday Scripture**  
Online- usccb.org

**First Reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

“All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.” Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written “upon their hearts.” In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

**Psalm 51**

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Second Reading Hebrews 5: 7-9**

“Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered” The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned “obedience” from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

**Gospel John 12: 20-33**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” We hear today of Jesus’ own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

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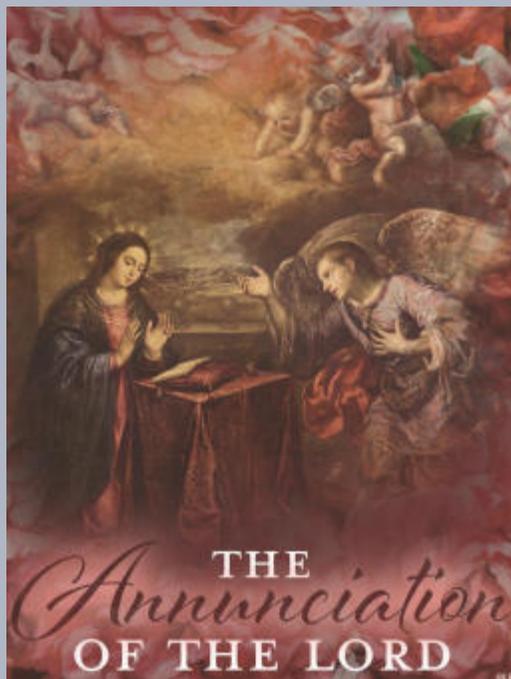
**Observances in the coming week:**

**Sunday**  
5th Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday**  
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

**Thursday**  
The Annunciation of the Lord

**Next Sunday**  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins



**OFFICE HOURS**

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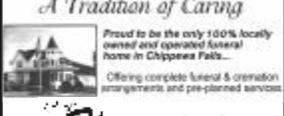


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