

February 25, 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.” Mk 9:7-8



THREE CHURCHES—ONE PARISH

St. Bridget St. Dominic St. Stanislaus Kostka

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Rev. Fr. Richard Crawley, OFM, Cap. - Administrator



Week of February 25, 2024

St. Bridget, Sunday, Feb. 25, 9am

Kelley & Krempa Families by The Family
Francis Coppinger by The Family
Sophie Godzik by Mary Nemeth

St. Bridget, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 9am

For the Parishioners

St. Bridget, Thursday, Feb. 29, 9am

For the Parishioners

St. Bridget, Friday, March 1

12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross

4:00pm: First Friday Healing Mass

Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction.
All are welcome.

St. Stanislaus Kostka, Sunday, March 3, 9am

Scott Fitzgerald by Stan & Michelle Jagodzinski
Walter Kulig by Helen Grady & Walter A. Kulig
Joseph (JT) Turner by William & Angela Lundrigan
Joyce & John Krempa by Mr. & Mrs. David Walczuk and Family



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 12:00 noon at St. Bridget Church.



Marie Wysolmerski, Reilly Jakubiak, Bernice Bujak, Donald Seigny, Norman Seigny, Lucien Wiskoski, Nina Flory, Dorothy Blicharz, Frank Panarello, Patty Kulig, David O'Rourke, E. Patrick Burke, Barb Marino



Leona Stillings, Marcy Pecor, Mary C. Oczechowski, Stanley Jagodzinski, Julia Gradziel, Thomas Rajda, Francis Loso, Sarah Pulsipher, Sharon Godrick, Thomas Harte, Joseph Smith



Sanctuary Candle March 2024

St. Stanislaus Kostka

*In Memory of The Kelley & Krempa Families
by The Family*



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On Sunday, February 18, 2024, Fr. Richard Crawley, O.F.M., Cap. led a group of Catechumens and Candidates and their sponsors from St. Bridget Parish to St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington for the Rite of Election. The event, which signifies the reception into the Catholic Church was led by Msgr. John McDermott. Congratulations to all!

Reflections from Fr. Richard:

God Provides the Lamb

It usually happens at wedding receptions or if I'm at the grocery store or someplace in the public eye—someone initiates a conversation trying to justify why they don't go to church, but it's okay because they know they are a good person! I respond by saying, "of course you are good because after God created us, He stated that what He created was good! However, are you a perfect person?" They can admit, rather reluctantly, they are not perfect, "but none of us are perfect!" That is exactly the problem—none of us are perfect; however, God is looking for a perfect person, and there is one perfect person God has sent and who we will never really know if we don't come to church.

Abraham, a man who knew God well, trusted what was being asked of him by God and that it would be for the good. His son Isaac was a good person, but he was not a perfect person—and therefore not a suitable candidate for a sacrifice. In this situation, God provided the lamb to be sacrificed. What joy and relief Abraham must have experienced in knowing that God had come through for him and did not want him to sacrifice his son. It was a message to the whole world – that in order to please God, you don't do it by sacrificing children, which was a common practice in that day. Without getting too political, this is the message every generation needs to hear and heed.

God has provided the lamb, his own son, and the disciples in today's gospel are not focused in on that reality. Even when Jesus is transfigured in front of them to get their attention, Peter is still distracted. In a lot of ways, Peter is us – we'd rather focus on the Super Bowl, some created concern or our do-it-yourself projects, than be focused on the solution, which is Christ Himself, the Lamb of God who takes away our biggest problem—our sins! God has provided the solution, it's up to us to show up and take part in what God has provided. That way we no longer need to worry about being perfect or pleasing to God. God looks at us in Christ and says to us, "This is my beloved, in whom I am well pleased."



Adoration Chapel

Fr. Richard is in the process of creating an Adoration Chapel at St. Bridget Church for our three parishes.

The current chapel will be refurbished a bit over the next several weeks.

This dedicated space will be designed for personal prayer to Jesus present in a consecrated Eucharistic Host. The host is the Blessed Sacrament, which is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. When one prays in an Adoration Chapel, it's as if you are sitting or kneeling in front of Jesus Himself.

Spending time with Jesus in an Adoration Chapel gives you the opportunity to listen to God's voice speak in your soul.

If you would like to make a donation toward the minor refurbishment to the existing space, please feel free to make your check payable to St. Bridget Adoration Chapel and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.



St. Dominic Parishioners

Father Richard is awaiting your decision on whether the St. Dominic parishioners would like to host a Saturday evening Mass at either St. Bridget

or St. Stanislaus Church. Father would like to hear from parishioners no later than Thursday, February 29th with your answers to two questions:

- 1) **Where** do you want this Saturday Vigil Mass held—at St. Bridget or St. Stanislaus?
- 2) **What time** do you want this Saturday Vigil Mass held?

Please email or phone in your votes before the deadline to: wrutland.proctor@vermontcatholic.org or call the rectory at 802-797-8520.

General Information

Anointing of the Sick and Pastoral Visitation: Contact the Parish Office

Baptisms & Marriages: Kindly make an appointment with Fr. Crawley.

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