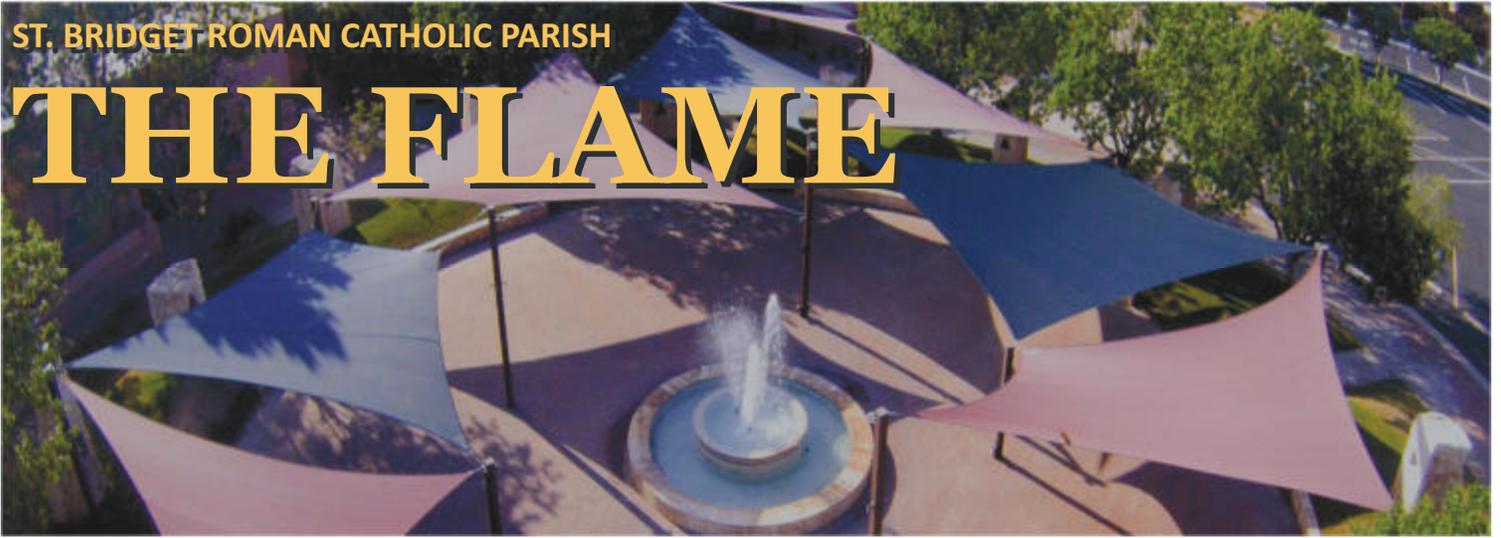


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April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Sacramental Life

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Contact Parish Office.
Formation Session Required.

ANointing OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month 3:30-4pm or by appointment.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.



Our Mission

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday & Saturday office closed
Sunday office closed

Liturgy and Prayer

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am
On-line Sun 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon-Wed-Fri 8:00 am

CENTERING PRAYER

Wednesday 6:30pm
Thursdays 8:00am
Both at Spirituality Center Garden
Centering prayer is contemplative prayer that is centered entirely on the presence of God.



Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am Mass

6:00pm: Faith Formation, Church, Collins Hall

Monday: 8:00am Mass, Church

Thursday: 7:00pm KOC 4TH Degree Meeting, Collins Hall

Tuesday:

Wednesday: 8:00am Mass, Church
9:00am: Praying the Contemplative Rosary-Spirituality Center Garden

Friday: 8:00am Mass, Church

Saturday:
4:30pm: Mass, Church

The Good Shepherd

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always “Good Shepherd Sunday.” There is an incongruity about that in the modern world. Not many of us have sheep, or even grew up around them, so what do we know about shepherds?

I saw a shepherd once in rural Greece, just one man (no sheepdog) and he was walking along the side of a road and his sheep were following him. I thought at the time about the Good Shepherd, and wondered how close that man felt to his sheep.

But what makes a Good Shepherd?” Here’s how Pope Francis described Jesus as Good Shepherd:

“Christ is the true shepherd, who fulfils the loftiest model of love for the flock: He freely lays down his own life, no one takes it from Him, but He gives it for the sheep. In open opposition to false shepherds, Jesus presents himself as the one true Shepherd of the people. A bad shepherd thinks of himself and exploits the sheep; a Good Shepherd thinks of the sheep and gives himself.

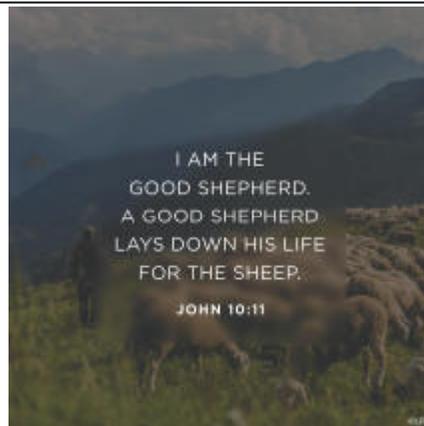
Unlike the hired hand, Christ the Good Shepherd is a careful guide who participates in the life of his flock, does not seek other interests, has no ambition other than guiding, feeding and protecting his sheep. All of this at the highest price - that of sacrificing his own life.” (Pope Francis, April 26, 2015)

Jesus gave his life, because Jesus was himself a gift, a gift of love. St John writes “See what love the Father has given us.” It is out of this love, this gift of Jesus, “that we may be called the children of God.” (1 John 3: 1 Second Reading)

There is also a familiarity a Good Shepherd must have for his sheep. He has to *know* them. Jesus refers to this familiarity in today’s Gospel when he says “I know mine and mine know me.” That’s why we know Jesus will never leave us alone. He knows us, knows what we need, knows where to lead us: back home safely to the Father.

Pope Francis used the familiarity of the Good Shepherd image when he urged Bishops to “smell like their sheep.” Under Francis, and with Jesus’ guiding Presence, we really are a well-fed, gently cared for flock.

Steve Raml - Liturgical Ministries Coordinator



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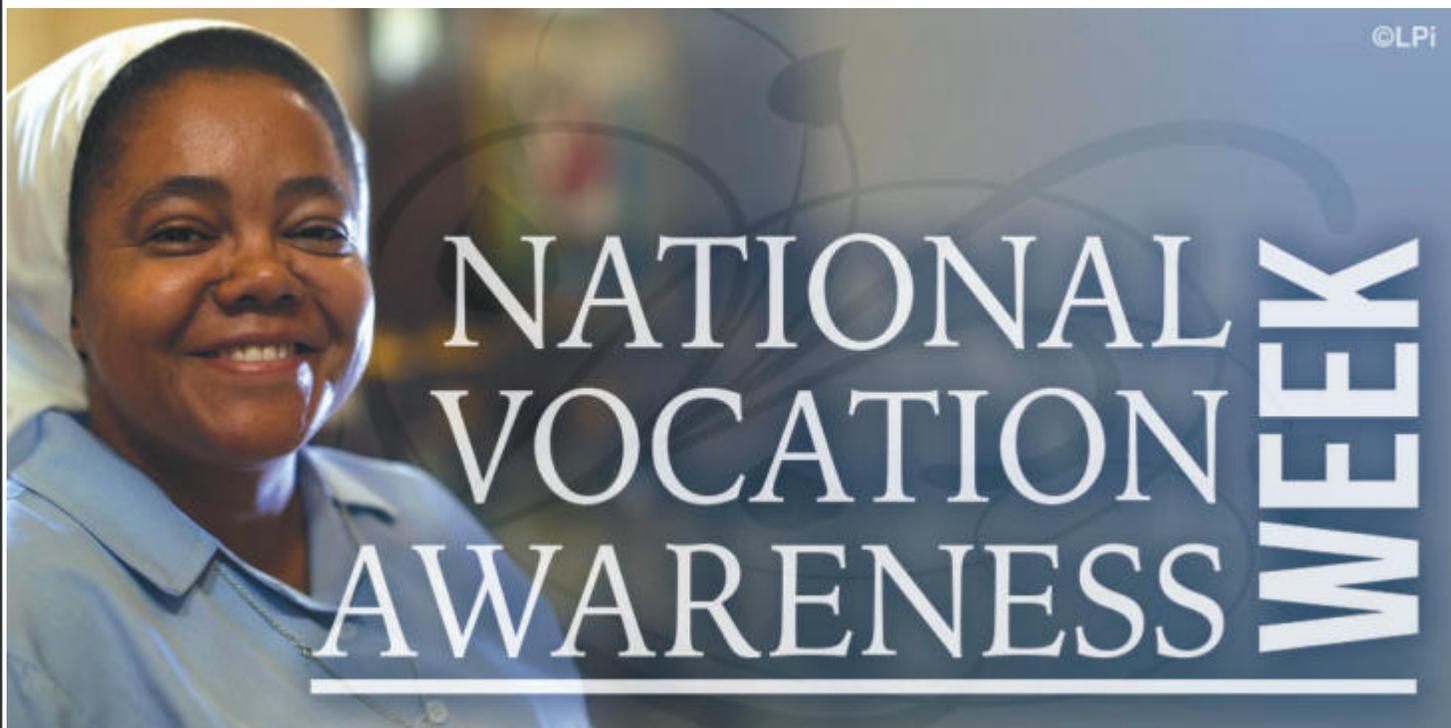
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It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servng him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy.

May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021



Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

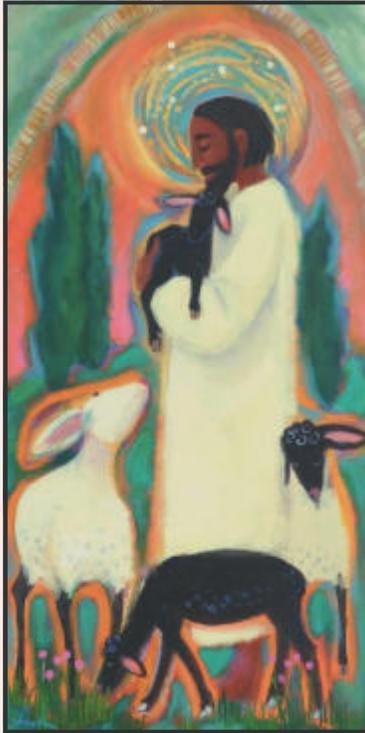
Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

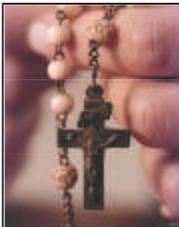
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**Wednesday Faith Formation:
 April 28**

**Please pray for our Confirmation candidates
 they will be completing their
 Sacraments of Initiation
 At Mass May 2 at 10:00 am**



**Praying the Contemplative Rosary,
 led by Kathy Perrin.
 Now gathering in the Garden of the
 Spirituality Center**

We'll gather for a rosary prayer offering
 an opportunity to cultivate solitude while
 contemplating the way and life of Jesus.

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Rosaries are provided if you
 need one. Contact Kathy Perrin for more information at
willowroad1862@outlook.com.

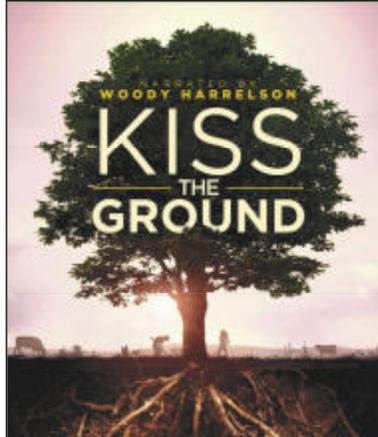


BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office
 480-924-9111 or reach the baptism team
 at Baptism@stbridget.org
 for more information or for interest in
 summer baptisms.

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Spirituality Center

In the midst of this season of Easter Rising and these
 hopeful days of gathering more fully as church we can
 find ourselves with a great deal to navigate in moving
 forth from our "covid caves" to regain a sense of
 normalcy in our lives. The long-standing tradition of
 Spiritual Direction within our Catholic tradition can be
 of great assistance. As St. Bridget was well known and
 quoted for saying, "everyone needs a soul friend".

We are fortunate to have Spiritual Directors available
 here at St. Bridget's spirituality Center. To help educate
 the community more on the roots, history, and develop-
 ment of Spiritual Direction within the Catholic tradition
 a new virtual series will be launching soon available on
 the parish website. Below is some information on it
 watch for the launch to come soon.

**Spiritual Direction –A Practice within the Catholic
 Tradition for Transformation and Growth**

**A Four Part Virtual Series with local Pastoral
 Leaders and Spiritual Directors**

Talk One: Spiritual Direction in the Early Church –
 It's Beginnings and Development with Cathy Olds

Talk Two: Spiritual Direction Evolves - From the
 Celtic Saints to Vatican II with Cathy Olds

Talk Three: Spiritual Direction in Extraordinary
 Times for Ordinary Seekers -The What, Who, How,
 When and Where of Spiritual Direction for Today With
 Shelia Howe

Talk Four: Drinking from a Well of Healing, Grace
 and Growth in the Catholic Tradition of spiritual direc-
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Please contact Pat or Caroline in the church office if you need to learn your status or have any questions.

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Meetings are held in Collins Hall the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

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Contact: Finance@stbridget.org

Common Good ministry



[Earth Day} is an opportunity for renewing our commitment to caring for our common home. We are called to cherish creation and all life within it, for the natural world is the "Gospel of Creation", not a set of resources for us to exploit. To overcome our selfishness and rediscover a sacred respect for the earth, we need a new way of seeing – an ecological conversion – for the earth is also God's home and we stand on holy ground. We can only be authentic custodians of the earth, and overcome the challenges before us – such as the coronavirus pandemic – by acting in solidarity with one another. As the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* reminds us, we are one interdependent human family and so need a common response to the threats we face (cf. 164). In this Easter season of renewal, as we strive to love more deeply our common home and all our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need, let us implore our Heavenly Father: "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth" (cf. Ps 104:30).

Pope Francis' General Audience on Earth Day 2021
During this Easter season, we are collecting supplies for asylum seekers traveling to sponsors within the US. Items may be dropped off at any time or at the tables outside after Mass. Thank you for all your donations thus far!
If you are interested in volunteering with asylum seekers, contact Karen Kohl at karenkohl89@gmail.com. We are happy to report that proceeds from the sale of plastic bottles and aluminum cans you've kindly brought from home helped pay for the airfare of 4 asylum seekers from Cuba to their sponsors in Florida. Thank you for your continued support & keep those recyclables coming!



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Spiritual

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to those in need. Thank you!

Pantry Needs

At this time, our pantry could use the following: toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, jelly, toilet paper, and other nonperishables. Please drop pantry items in the cart outside the SVDP office between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Thank you for your generosity!!

Membership

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need. Membership in the St. Bridget Conference of the Society of the SVDP is open to individuals who seek to answer the call to service.

For more information, please contact the office at 480-807-1493.



Financial Information

April 18 2021

Plate & Mail In	\$ 8,118.00
Tithley On-line	\$ 1,162.35
ACH Checks	\$ 6,077.00
Total	\$ 15,357.35
Pope	\$ 1,315.80

Thank you for your patience with the lights that are currently not working in the church. We are working with an electrician and hope to have the work complete soon.

If you would like information about receiving envelopes or our Online Giving program, please contact Pat Shaneyfelt at finance@stbridget.org or call the office at 480-924-9111 x302.

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021



- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



April 25-May 1, 2021

Sunday	8:00am	<i>For the Parishioners of St. Bridget</i>
	10:00am	
Monday	8:00am	†Philip Doyle †Carina & Francisca Sabal
Wednesday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	4:30pm	<i>For the Parishioners of St. Bridget</i>

BULLETIN DUE DATE UPDATE:

Bulletin is due on Monday by 9:00am before publication date. (LPI guidelines)



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, their family and friends.



For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Linda Heartman
- ◆ Tom Rodgers
- ◆ Kim Foley
- ◆ Shirley Wolterman
- ◆ Rich Wittreich
- ◆ Stephanie Pietz
- ◆ Rev Scott Ritchey & his wife Laura
- ◆ Maryann Lorenzen
- ◆ Sharon Webber
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