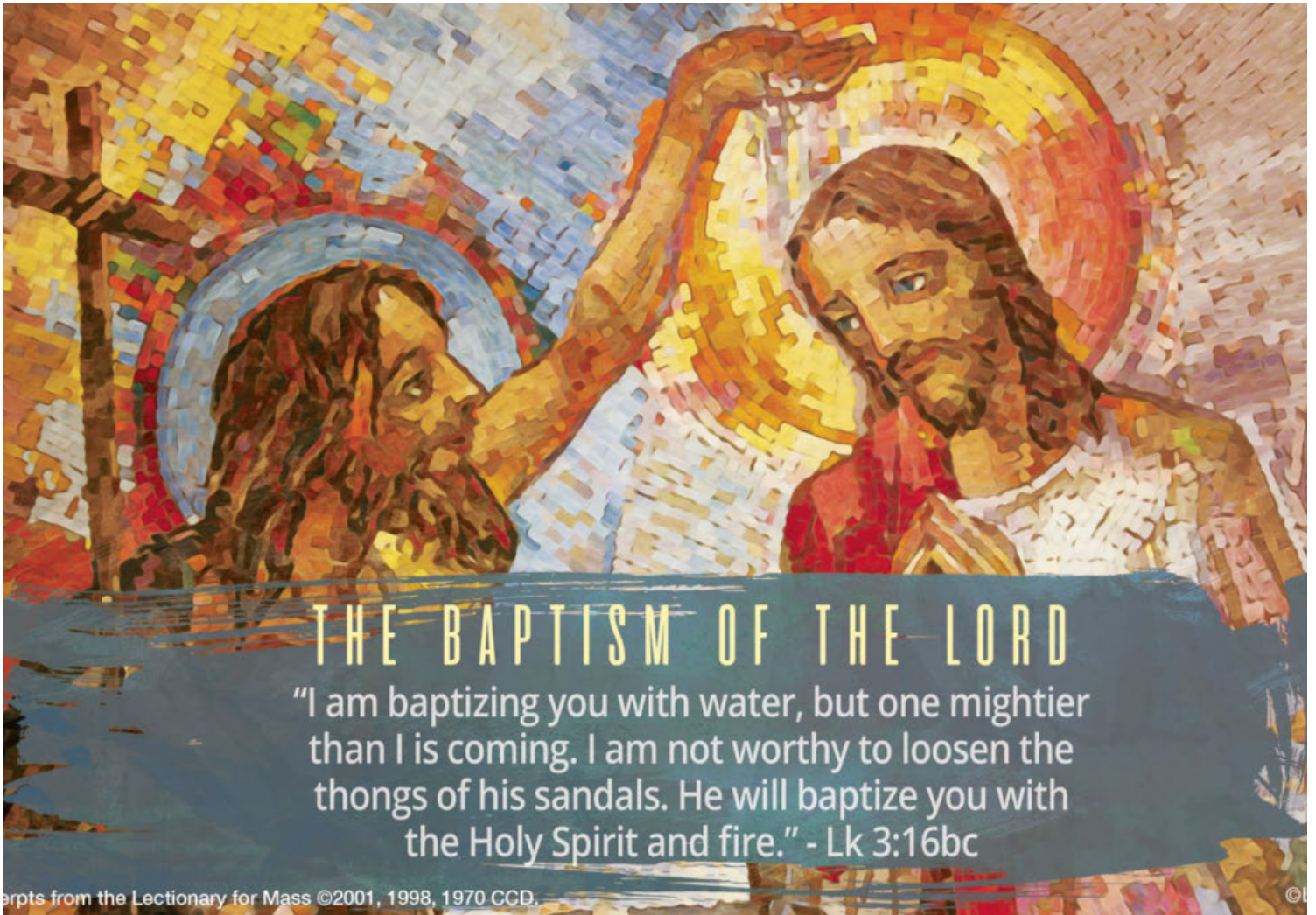




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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, *Sunday 9:30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon., Thur. & Fri. at 9:00am

Wednesday at 6:30pm

***live-streamed**

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BAPTISM & R.C.I.A.

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CONFIRMATION

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MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. William Heric

RECONCILIATION

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or by appointment

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

JANUARY 9

R1, Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Ps, 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R2, Acts 10:34-38

Gospel, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saint Adrian of Canterbury

JANUARY 10

R1, 1 Sm 1:1-8

Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Gospel, Mk 1:14-20

Saint Gregory of Nyssa

JANUARY 11

R1, 1 Sm 1:9-20

Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Gospel, Mk 1:21-28

Blessed William Carter

JANUARY 12

R1, 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel, Mk 1:29-39

Saint Marguerite Bourgeois

JANUARY 13

R1, 1 Sm 4:1-11

Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Gospel, Mk 1:40-45

Saint Hilary of Poitiers

JANUARY 14

R1, 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Ps: 89:16-17, 18-19

Gospel, Mk 2:1-12

Saint Gregory Nazianzen

JANUARY 15

R1, 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel, Mk 2:13-17

Saint Paul the Hermit

JANUARY 16

R1, Is 62:1-5

Ps, 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R2, 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel, Jn 2:1-11

Saint Berard and Companions

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, January 9, the church brings her celebration of the Christmas season to a close with "The Baptism of the Lord." Let me say once more, **"Merry Christmas! Peace on earth, goodwill to all!"** Christmas this year was marked by a welcome increase in our Mass attendance, and a foot of snow and below freezing weather to ring in the new year.

My thanks to all who helped with our Christmas celebration in any way; liturgical ministers, cantors and musicians, hospitality ministers, and those who helped decorate our church in such a beautiful fashion. **Special thanks** to the **"Hare Ladies"** Olga, Milari, and Ilaria for their environmental leadership, and the **Colleran Family** for donating the beautiful poinsettias for our church. Finally, a heartfelt word of gratitude to those of you who donated to the outreach programs supported by our **"Giving Tree"** this year.



The church returns to the celebration of **Ordinary Time** this Monday, January 10 with a rather extraordinary opportunity for our parish. I refer to the first **"Synod Listening Session"** here at St. Bridget's from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is a wonderful occasion for all the baptized, active/inactive Catholics and Christians from other denominations to **gather to listen** to one another and reflect on the will of the Holy Spirit for the church of our time. As Pope Francis has said, **"The entire church should discuss what is important to the church."** A group of dedicated parish coordinators have been working enthusiastically to help facilitate this experience and will be taking notes to send to the archdiocese who will send the highlights of all the listening sessions in our local church to the Vatican. Pope Francis and his counselors will then reflect on the input in preparation for the formal synod of bishops in Rome in the fall of 2023. Please join me in attending our listening session by registering on our parish web page. There are plenty of spaces available. A reminder that we will also have **other listening sessions** on February 7 and March 7. Please consider participating. All are welcome!

I hope that 2022 is off to a great start for you and your family!

St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. William Heric".

Fr. William Heric, Pastor



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

Water is a scarce commodity for millions of people in southern Madagascar, as this region faces the worst drought on record in 40 year. Catholic Relief Services is working with its partner, USAID, to increase access to this vital life source. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Thanks for your support!

"We cannot wait any longer to deal with the structural causes of poverty, in order to heal our society from an illness that can only lead to new crises." ~

Pope Francis



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- + All children 4 years through 3rd grade are invited to join. Children need to be comfortable participating without their grown-up.
- + Children planning to participate in Sacramental Prep are strongly encouraged to attend.
- + All children and volunteers must wear masks. Volunteers 12 years & up must be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- + Upon arrival to mass, please pick up a name tag for your child to wear. Children will be led to the Fireside Room for Children's Church after the Introductory Rites. They will rejoin their families after the Prayers of the Faithful.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS!

St. Bridget has been selected by the archdiocese to participate in a CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) pilot program. We are thrilled! Our next session will be held on **Sunday, January 9 during the 9:30am Mass**. All safety protocols will be in place including all volunteers must be fully vaccinated and wearing masks. All participants will be required to wear masks as well. We look forward to welcoming back our children ages 4- 3rd grade! For more information, please contact Amanda Cahill - children@stbridgetchurch.org

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all who were so generous in giving gifts to me this Christmas! Your thoughtfulness means the world to me...as do all of you! Thank you!

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Heric

AT MY GRANDSON'S BAPTISM, THE PRIEST PUT A BIB ON THE BABY. I DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING THIS BEFORE. WHY IS THIS DONE? IS IT SOMETHING NEW?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically

presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply

placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF JANUARY 10 -16

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 10	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 16
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:00pm 10:00pm- Adoration 7:00pm- Syond Listening Session #1	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Service of the Word with Communion	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 6:00pm Church is open 5:00pm Vigil Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:30am - Mass

+Live-streamed



SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

Have you ever wondered what you would say to Pope Francis if you were to meet him?

He is listening.

Join us on January 10, 7:00pm at St. Bridget's for our first of three Synod Listening Session opportunities

Come Holy Spirit

Please see our website for more information:
stbridgetchurch.org/synod

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ST. BRIDGET LISTENING SESSION ON JANUARY 10

Small Groups.

No matter how many people show up, we'll break into groups of no more than 10 people.

Respectful Sharing.

A small group facilitator will guide the process.

- + Each person will have 3 minutes of uninterrupted time to say what is important to them.
- + We'll reflect silently on what everyone said then have another opportunity to speak, one at a time.
- + Our emphasis will be on respectful listening. Not debating. Not making decisions. Just listening respectfully to others.

Two Hours.

From our initial welcoming with a prayer to our final closing, we plan to spend two hours together.

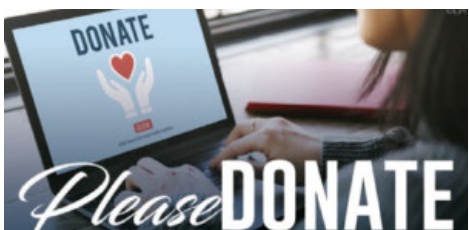
Live on the St. Bridget Campus.

We'll make use of the many spaces available, including Fireside Room, Conference Room, etc., to create peaceful, quiet spaces for listening.

PARISH INFORMATION

CALLING ALL SOCIAL SENIORS!

The next gathering is **Wednesday, January 12, at 11 am**, in the Fireside Room. We will have plenty of time for conversation with old and new friends. We ask that all attending are fully vaccinated and wear masks. See you there!



STEWARDSHIP

Parish Fiscal Year

July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022

Sunday Goal: \$23,712.84
 Sunday collection, EFTs: \$19,588.00
 Goal to date: \$385,523.68
 Actual (July 1 to date) \$391,515.23
Over/(Under): \$5,991.55
 Other giving: SVdP \$11,310.00
 (Fiscal year to date gifts, monthly gift)
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Please pray for those who are ill:

Jamie Gibson
 Mary Gibson
 Phil Hart
 Frank Holland
 Chris Kane
 Bill Mitchell
 Terry Scott
 Jonathan Spencer
 David Swan
 and the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan.	10	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Jan.	11	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Jan.	12	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Jan.	13	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Jan.	14	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Jan.	15	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Jan.	16	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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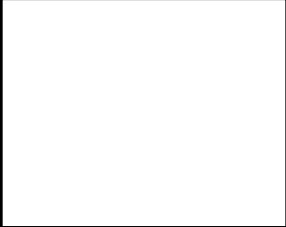
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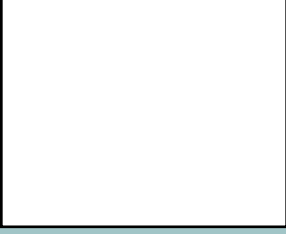
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