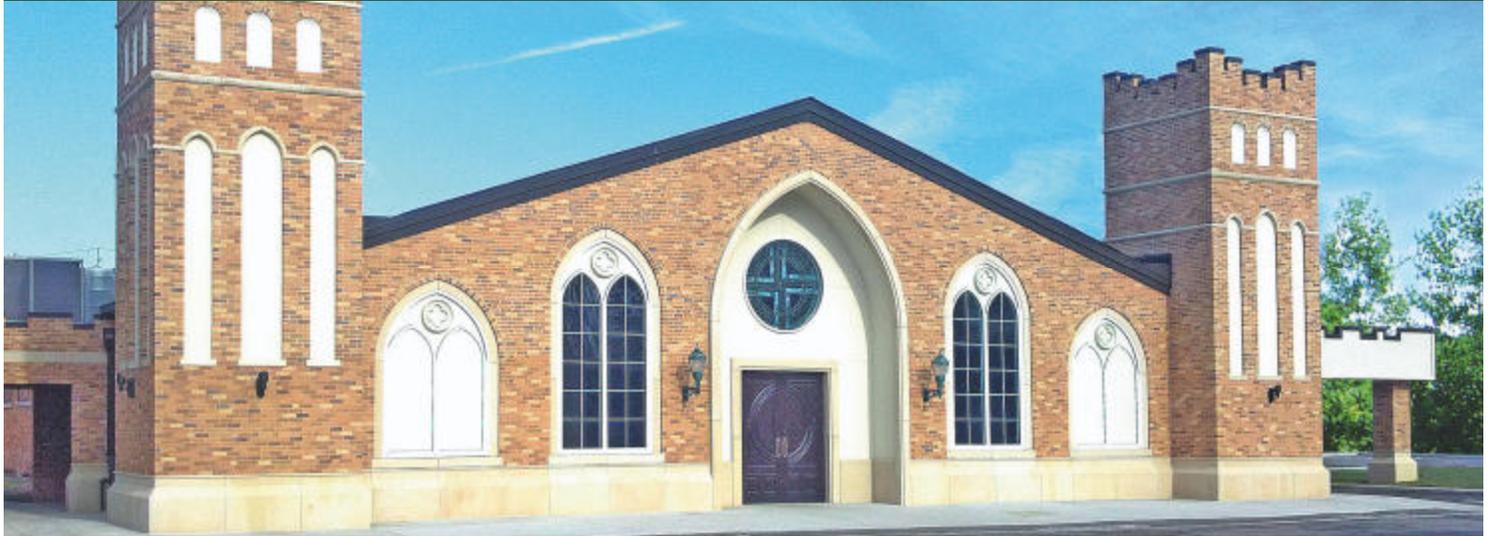




# SAINT *Bridget of Kildare* PARISH



**AUGUST 22, 2021 • TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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### **PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

**Monday–Thursday:** 9:00AM–12:00PM, 1:00–3:00PM

**Friday:** 9:00AM–12:00PM, 1:00–2:00PM

*(The office is closed on weekends)*

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigils 4:00PM & 5:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays Monday thru Friday at 8:30AM

2nd Thursday Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the conclusion of the 8:30AM Mass

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays at 3:00PM in School Meeting Room #1, or by appointment.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Our warmest welcome. To register at the parish, please call the parish secretary at 440-886-4434. If you have a question about the Catholic faith, we will always do our best to help. Please ask to speak with the pastor.

### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Saint Bridget of Kildare, a Roman Catholic parish, exists to live and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all as we reach out to the entire community through prayer, sacrament, education and support.

### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Robert W. Wisniewski, Jr. *Pastor*

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Mr. Steven V. Malec, BBA, NCBF *Business Manager & Pastoral Associate*

Mrs. Charlene Milligan *Secretary to the Pastor/Parish Office Secretary*

Mrs. Dana Steimle *Parish Catechetical Leader*

Mrs. Cindy Grogan, BA *Youth Ministry Director*

Mrs. Lauren Kelly *Parish Music Director*

Mrs. Georgeann Miller, BA *Parish Accountant*

Ms. Mary Pat Sloan, RN, Med *Parish Nurse*

Mr. Daniel J. Steimle *Facilities Manager*

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please call the pastor. The initiation rites for children (First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation) are provided through the parish school and the PSR program.

**BAPTISM:** Parents are asked to attend an information and faith enrichment session before scheduling the baptism of their first child. Sessions are held in February, June & October. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00PM. Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the pastor to make arrangements for your wedding before any other arrangements are made. Diocesan policy requires at least a six month notification in order to complete the necessary preparation.

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION WITH COMMUNION:** Please notify the parish office if you will be hospitalized or require an extended stay at a nursing facility.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 22, 2021

### Music for Today's Liturgy

#### OPENING HYMN

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**  
HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling;  
All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion,  
Love unbounded, love all pure;  
Visit us with your salvation,  
Let your love in us endure.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;  
Let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore your temples leave.  
Lord, we would be always blessing,  
Serve you as your hosts above,  
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,  
Glory in your precious love.
3. Finish then your new creation,  
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;  
Let us see your great salvation  
Perfectly in you restored.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we sing before the almighty,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise!

*Text: 87 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.*

#### CLOSING HYMN

**Lord of All Hopefulness**  
SLANE

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Text: 10 11 11 12; 'Lord of all hopefulness' by Jan Struther, 1901–1953; fr. Enlarged Songs of Praise, 1931. Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary, 1927.*

### Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

#### Monday, August 23 ~ St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30AM The People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30AM Ralph Chopak

#### Wednesday, August 25 ~ St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Mahrdr

#### Thursday, August 26

8:30AM Pearl Grecol

#### Friday, August 27 ~ St. Monica

8:30AM The *All Souls* Intentions

#### Saturday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00PM Gizella Grasnik

5:30PM Margaret LePrevost

#### Sunday, August 29 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Stanley Guerini

10:00AM The *All Souls* Intentions

12:00PM Marcel Bihan

### The Liturgical Fund

The Liturgical Fund is used to help decorate and create art and environment for the church during each liturgical season (i.e., flowers, plants, vases, altar cloths, vestments, fabrics, banners, candles and other decorations). It is also used to purchase sacred vessels and other items needed for liturgy. Any individual or parish group is welcome to contribute money to this worthy fund. You may simply donate, or you may give in memory of a loved one, in honor of a blessing received or prayer answered, or in thanksgiving of a wedding anniversary or other special occasion. Simply fill out the "Liturgical Fund" envelope located in the back of the church and deposit it in the offertory collection basket, or mail it/drop it off at the rectory office.

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**In Honor Of:**  
*The Blessed Virgin*  
*St. Bridget of Kildare*

**Gift Of:**  
*Rose Marie Tatalick*  
*Dorie Potter*

*"Lord, I love the house where you dwell,  
the tenting place of your glory." - Psalm 26:8*

### Offertory Collection Update

#### Offertory collection for August 14/15

-Mail-in/Drop-off Offertory ..... \$2,223.00  
-Offertory Collection at Mass..... \$7,343.50  
-Online Giving..... \$1,991.00  
**Total Offertory..... \$11,557.50**



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## Welcome to St. Bridget of Kildare Parish

### Special Collection Next Weekend

Catholic schools make a profound impact on a child's life and now, more than ever, children need the faith and values present in our Catholic schools. You can help provide more opportunities for students to obtain a Catholic education. Next weekend, a special appeal, the *Faith and Values Appeal for Education*, will be held across the diocese to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. An envelope for the Faith and Values Appeal is included in your August envelope packet. Please consider a generous gift to support our Catholic school students.

### Parish Council Meeting, September 8th



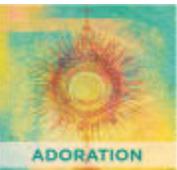
The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00PM in School Meeting Room #2.

### Weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word Program Resumes on Sunday, September 12th



The weekly *Children's Liturgy of the Word* program will resume on Sunday, September 12th during the 10:00AM Mass. This program is for children of preschool age thru grade 5. The children are dismissed during Mass to a school classroom where they hear the Scripture readings proclaimed and explained on their level of understanding. They return to the main assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Pre-registration is not required. Parents of younger children are welcome to attend the sessions. Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained. If you have any questions, please call Therese McCall at 440-667-1831.

### All Day Adoration on Wednesdays



**The church is open every Wednesday for Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00AM to 6:30PM.** Come and spend time in prayer in the Eucharistic presence of our Lord. Please park in the handicap lot next to the church and enter through one of the side doors under the carport.

*"It is by taking time out to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that this relationship with Our Lord begins to increase, and grow and blossom. ...Adoration builds community. The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, Jesus unifying His people. Through the intimacy of quiet prayer with Jesus, one experiences the personal love of the Savior and grasps the reality that we are all one with the whole Body of Christ."*

~ St. John Paul II

### Parish Activities this Week

#### Monday, August 23

8:25AM Miraculous Medal Novena (CH)

#### Wednesday, August 25

9:00AM-6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)

#### Friday, August 27

9:00AM Rosary Makers (M2)

#### Saturday, August 28

3:00PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation (M1)  
*{Please enter the school building through the silver breezeway doors. If the door to Meeting Room #1 is open, walk to the designated spot depending on your choice of face-face or remaining anonymous. Six feet of space is marked between the presider and the penitent. If the door to Meeting Room # 1 is closed, another penitent is already seated. Please remain outside the room at the designated spot while waiting, maintaining six feet of space between other individuals in line.}*

BH Blair Hall	School	Rectory Meeting Room
CH Church	School Music Room	Rectory Counting Room
Commons	School Meeting Room 1	Rectory Conference Room
Narthex	School Meeting Room 2	Outdoor Field
Grove	School Meeting Room 3	

### Parish Office Summer Hours



#### Parish Office Hours thru September 3rd:

**Monday - Thursday:**

9:00AM-12:00PM / 1:00-3:00PM

**Friday**

9:00AM-12:00PM / 1:00-2:00PM

### The Rite of Christian Initiation

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)** is for children the age of 7 and older who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism, or for those who have been baptized Catholic or another Christian denomination, but have not celebrated First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation and have not been enrolled in a Parish School of Religion (PSR). The program will begin in September. To register your child or children, or for more information contact Dana Steimle at (440) 886-1468, x17 or sbkpsr@gmail.com.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is for people who wish to inquire about the Catholic Faith and may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, or for those who are already baptized but have not yet celebrated the sacraments of First Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and are seeking to complete their initiation into the Catholic Faith. **The weekly RCIA program begins on September 13th at 7:00PM** and ends shortly after Easter. To register for the program or for more information, contact our Pastor, Fr. Robert Wisniewski at 440-886-4434.

Please Pray for our Faithful Departed



Please remember in prayer our faithful departed, including *Frances Hradek*, and all who have gone before us. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

**NEW Kindergarten PSR Program:** We are excited to announce that, beginning September 12th, we are offering a Kindergarten Parish School of Religion Program on **Sunday mornings from 10:45 to 11:45AM**. We will offer this program whether your children attend parochial or public schools. This is a way to get your children excited about our Catholic faith while having some fun. To register your child or children, or for more information, contact Dana Steimle at (440) 886-1468,x17 or [sbkpsr@gmail.com](mailto:sbkpsr@gmail.com).

**All students in grades 1 through grade 8 who attend public schools** are invited to participate in religious education and faith formation at St. Bridget of Kildare Parish. **PSR classes meet on Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:45AM beginning September 12th thru May of 2021.** Current families in the program were sent the Registration Form. Forms are also available in the church narthex and on the parish website. Families who are new to the parish or have not enrolled their children in our program are asked to contact Dana Steimle at (440) 886-1468,x17 or [sbkpsr@gmail.com](mailto:sbkpsr@gmail.com).

**PSR Catechists Needed:** The Parish School of Religion is in need of a few Catechists for our upcoming school year. The word Catechist comes from the Greek word meaning, "to echo." Catechists echo the Word of God to our parish children. Our Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, high school youth, parents, grandparents, singles and religious. They are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people, *just like you*, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values and traditions with our youngest generation of Catholics. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith and spirituality. Their gift has tremendous value because, through their *words* and *actions*, the message of Christ continues to spread through the world! If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding ministry, contact Dana Steimle at 440-886-1468, x17 or [sbkpsr@gmail.com](mailto:sbkpsr@gmail.com).

Diocesan Youth Conference

Members of St. Bridget Parish in High School (grades 9-12), mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 8, 2022** for **The Diocesan Youth Conference** being held at St. Albert the Great Parish from 10:00AM – 9:00PM. Speakers will be David Calavitta, Fr. Ryan Mann, Fr. Patrick Schultz, Monica and Aaron Richards. It will be a day of community, music, Adoration, Mass and so much more. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs. Cindy Grogan, Youth Ministry Director at 440-886-1468, x 13 or [stbridgetyouthgroup13@gmail.com](mailto:stbridgetyouthgroup13@gmail.com).

Gospel Meditation ~

Gain a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we

worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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