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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday** 8:30am-4:00pm  
(closed noon to 1:00pm)

**Friday** 8:30am-Noon

parish@stbridgetlovespark.org

Call the Parish Office to: Register as a New Parishioner,  
Schedule a Baptism, or Schedule a Wedding  
*Please call at least six months before your wedding.*

You may also register as a new parishioner on  
the parish website.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** 4:30pm

**Sunday** 7:00am, 8:15am, 10:00am, 11:30am

**Daily Mass**

**Monday-Saturday** 7:00am, 8:15am

### LIVESTREAM

**Monday-Saturday** 8:15am

**Sunday** 10:00am

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Wednesday** 7:30am-8:00am

**Saturday** 8:45am-9:45am

3:30pm-4:15pm

**Sunday** 9:15am-9:45am

### PARISH CLERGY

**Reverend Msgr Steve Knox - Pastor**

sknox@rockforddiocese.org

**Reverend Sean Grismer - Associate Pastor**

frgrismer@gmail.com

**Reverend Aaron Downing - Associate Pastor**

adowning@rockforddiocese.org

**Deacons**

Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

## March 20, 2022



*3rd Sunday*  
O F L E N T

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have  
come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found  
none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BRIDGET THIS WEEK

- March 21st** Lenten Series 9:00am PC Rm B
- March 21st** Sisters in Christ Prayer Group 12:30pm PC Rm A
- March 21st** Lenten Series 6:30pm PC Rm B
- March 22nd** RCIA Meeting 6:30pm PC Rm B
- March 22nd** Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00pm PC Rm C
- March 23rd** Sunday by Sunday Prayer Group 9:00am PC Rm C
- March 23rd** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 4:00pm Church Cry Rm

- March 23rd** Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
- March 24th** St. Rita Chaplet 8:45am Church Cry Rm
- March 24th** Young Adult Ministry 6:30pm PC Hall
- March 25th** 24 Hour Rosary
- March 25th** Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Church
- March 26th** That Man is You! 6:30am PC Rm B
- March 27th** High School Ministry 6:30pm Bridge

## FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

### The Importance of Repentance

Repentance seems to be at the heart of Jesus' message in today's Gospel. Biblical repentance is about turning away from darkness and sin and turning back toward God's merciful embrace. Twice in today's Gospel Jesus expresses the urgency of repentance. When it comes to letting go of sin and opening ourselves to God's mercy, we can easily procrastinate and put off doing what we need to do. Jesus indicates that we do not know the day nor the hour when we will pass from this life, so it is best that we do not procrastinate.

Jesus also highlights God's patience and willingness to give us many opportunities to change and grow. The fig tree is not bearing fruit, and the owner wants to cut it down. The gardener counsels him to be patient and to give it more time so that it might bear fruit. Ultimately, there will come a time of decision and judgement on whether to cut it down. Jesus wants us to know that God is patient and gives us opportunities to grow and bear good fruit by developing virtue; however, if we fail to respond to God's grace and stay stuck in selfishness and vice the consequences will be severe. Our Lord truly desires the salvation of all, but he will not force us to accept his mercy and love. It has to be freely accepted.

We have a great sacrament that helps us connect with Jesus' words in today's Gospel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the place where repentance happens in a special way. The priest is there in the person of Jesus to help those who come to confession to receive God's forgiveness. In addition to our regular confession times, we have a special day coming up in our Diocese on Wednesday, April 6th. Be Reconciled Day impacts the whole diocese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on that day from 9:00am-8:00pm in all parishes of the Rockford Diocese. I have more details on Be Reconciled Day on page three of today's bulletin. It truly is a grace-filled day for those who participate.

As we continue our journey through Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of God, which always sets us free and brings us life!

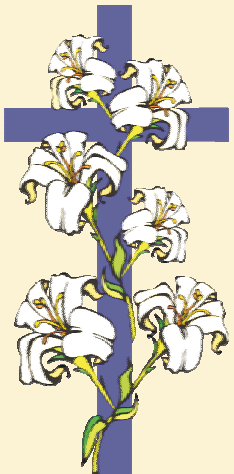
### Parish Mission on the Horizon

Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. will be with us to conduct a Parish Mission on May 7th-11th. Fr. Tom is an Augustinian priest who presents parish missions around the country. He is an experienced teacher, retreat director, parish mission preacher, and vocations director. The title of his parish mission is "Our Restless Journey". Fr. Tom gave parish missions at my previous two parishes. He is a dynamic speaker who brings great spiritual insight to the topics he presents. I think everyone will really enjoy him and his message. Now that restrictions for gathering are receding, my hope is that this will be a great renewal event for our parish community.

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



This Easter, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 16th. We will celebrate our regular Easter Sunday Masses on April 17th at 7:00am, 8:15am, 10:00am, and 11:30am. We would like the Church to look beautiful as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

If you can make a donation for Easter flowers, please clip this off and put it in an envelope with your donation. You can place it in the collection basket at Church or mail to the Parish Office. You can make your gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. We will look to print the names of these deceased loved ones in an Easter season bulletin. May God bless you!

Donation In Memory/Honor of....

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☐-in Memory of ☐-in Honor of  
Please check one

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Lenten prayer form that helps us walk with Jesus and grow in union with him. Families and children are encouraged to participate.

Friday, March 25th 6:30pm-7:15pm  
Friday, April 1st 6:30pm-7:15pm\*\*\*  
Friday, April 8th 6:30pm-7:15pm

\*\*\*On April 1st, Stations will take place in the context of Cor Iesu. On this evening, we will begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30pm. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross concluding around 7:15pm. For those who are there for the Stations, you can depart after they are concluded; however, you are also welcome to stay for praise and worship and the rest of our Cor Iesu devotion which will conclude at 8:00pm.



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FIRST  
FRIDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH

ADORATION | CONFESSIONS | PRAISE & WORSHIP

You and your family are invited to join us for Cor Iesu on April 1st at 6:30pm! This will happen during Lent, so we will begin the night with Adoration and Stations of the Cross. After stations have concluded there will be a brief period of silence before praise and worship begins. We will also be having confessions beginning immediately after stations.

## LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: 7:30am-8:00am  
6:00pm-6:30pm  
Saturdays: 8:45am-9:45am  
3:30pm-4:15pm  
Sundays: 9:15am-9:45am



## ANNUAL BE RECONCILED DAY

Wednesday, April 6th  
9:00am until 8:00pm

The priests will be available all day in the Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be three confessional stations. We will have a confessional station in the Hospitality Room and another one in the Cry Room. The third station will be near the music area in the Church. At each station, there will be the opportunity to be behind a screen or go face to face. This arrangement will allow us to spread out a bit and at the same time allow for sufficient privacy. We will also have an Examination of Conscience and an Act of Contrition available at each station, so please do not worry about the mechanics of the sacrament. The priest will guide you through the process. This is a great opportunity for all of us to reach out and to invite those who have been away from the Church to consider a return. The priests will be there to help those who participate to experience the love and mercy of God.

## LENTEN DAILY MASS 5:30PM

Join us for evening weekday Mass during Lent,  
Monday through Friday.

## LENTEN SERIES

### The Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues

**Mondays 21st and 28th in Parish Center Room B**  
**From 9:00am-10:15am or 6:30pm-7:45pm**

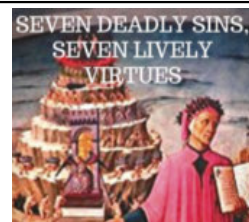
Facilitated by Msgr. Knox, Fr. Grismer, and Fr. Downing

Sin separates us from the love of God, but the cultivation of virtue can restore a right relationship with Him.

**March 21st:** Sloth and Zeal, Greed and Generosity  
**March 28th:** Gluttony and Asceticism, Lust and Chastity

This Lent begin the journey from sin to sanctity with Bishop Robert Barron's spiritual study, *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues*. Our priests will be reflecting on Bishop Barron's DVD presentation. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the nature of these sins, offers a corresponding virtue for each one, and gives practical advice on how to instill this virtue in your own life. Bishop Barron is an acclaimed author and theologian, a podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world's great innovation teachers of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

**Please join us in person. This series will not be livestreamed.**  
For more information, please contact the Parish Office.





# Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day

## "Finding God in All Things"

**Saturday, April 2nd**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

All women of the parish are invited to this "retreat" day at St. Bridget Parish Center in Mitchell Hall to make connections between faith and everyday life through talks and discussions. You will meet some of your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere, and we have some great food and snacks planned. Along with Msgr. Steve Knox, our speakers are all parishioners who will share wisdom they gained on life's journey. Please register as soon as possible and invite family and friends to join you!

**9:00am Gathering (Coffee and light breakfast) and Opening Prayer**

**9:30am "What I Have Learned About God on the Journey of Life" - Sue Short**

*This reflection will help us get in touch with our faith story. We come to know the presence of God through the joys and struggles of life. Like the saints, we are all unique but we share much in common with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**10:30am Break**

**10:45am "What I Have Learned About Finding God in Prayer" - Rita Araoz**

*Prayer is essential for spiritual growth, but most people struggle when it comes to prayer. How should I pray? Does God respond to my prayers? What blessings does God give us through prayer? Rita will explore these questions and share some of her wisdom on prayer.*

**11:45am Lunch**

**12:45pm "What I Have Learned About Finding God in Scripture" - Ashley Munroe**

*The scriptures provide wise guidance when it comes to growing in our relationship with the Lord and navigating the challenges of life. This talk will help us to see how we can grow in our relationship with God through the scriptures.*

**1:15pm Quiet Time with Scripture (Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available)**

**2:00pm "What Did Jesus Teach About Forgiveness and Reconciling with Others?" - Msgr. Knox**

*Most people have some struggles in the areas of anger, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Jesus had a great many things to say about these key areas of our discipleship. Msgr. Knox will share some reflections on the works of Jesus and help us make connections.*

To register, **click HERE** to fill out registration form and pay online **or** fill out the form below put in an envelope marked "Women's Day" with your check for \$12, payable to "St. Bridget Church" for lunch and materials. Drop envelope in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office. Questions? Please call Lynn in the Parish Office 815-633-6311



## Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day Registration

**Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include \$12.00 Registration Fee. Thank you!**



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July 15-17, 2022

**We are so excited to announce that we are going to Steubenville Mid-America this summer!** Steubenville Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. The conference is in Springfield, MO, July 15th-17th. The cost of registration is \$250 per student. You can register your student through the link on the parish website or on our Student Ministries Facebook page. If you have any questions about Steubenville Youth Conferences, please feel free to reach out to Ashley and Jake 815-633-6311. Spots are limited so be sure to register now!

all are invited to join!

ST. BRIDGET



STUDENT MINISTRIES

High School Ministry will be meeting next Sunday, March 27th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Bridge!

Middle School Ministry next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Underground! (Basement of the Parish Center)

Masks are optional and please bring a friend!

### ANGEL DUSTERS

**Angel Dusters needs volunteers to help clean the Church!** Many hands are needed to keep our Church beautiful and safe! We are also looking for help on **Mondays after the 8:15am Mass.**

If you have any questions, call Randy Gulotta 815-262-6840 or just drop in after Mass.

## Saint Joseph Altar



**Saturday, March 19th, and  
Sunday, March 20th, after all Masses  
In Parish Center Hall**

Please join us as we celebrate Blessed Saint Joseph on His Feast Day. All attendees will be gifted with a bag of Italian cookies, Saint Joseph prayer card, and fava bean!

**This year a meal will not be served;  
the Altar will be "view only."**

### ATTENTION MEN OF ST. BRIDGET PARISH

- Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?
- Be a better husband?
- Become a more loving father?
- Meet and build friendships with other like-minded men?
- Honestly address today's cultural pressures and temptations?
- Increase accountability in your faith life?
- Seek to be the best man you can be?



**Come Join Us ... (In Person) for THAT MAN IS YOU!**

**Saturday Mornings from 6:30am to 8:00am  
in the Parish Center, Classroom B**

#### Spring Semester Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

- Week 3 - March 26th: A Time for Purification
- Week 4 - April 2nd: The Kingdom is Like a Dragnet
- Week 5 - April 9th: Just a Guy in the Pew
- Week 6 - April 16th: The Narrow Gate
- Week 7 - April 23rd: A Tale of Two Cities
- Week 8 - April 30th: The Darkness of Modern Culture
- Week 9 - May 7th: A Civilization of Love
- Week 10 - May 14th: A Life of Dissipation
- Week 11 - May 21st: Working in Redemption
- Week 12 - May 28th: Kingdom is Like a Great Banquet
- Week 13 - June 4th: A Royal People

#### Morning Schedule

- 6:30am Fellowship / Breakfast
- 7:00am 30-minute video presentation
- 7:30am Small group discussions
- 8:00am Prompt adjournment and back to your family

**For more information, contact:**

**Todd Hughes 815-378-2589 or Joe Corrigan 815-985-8850**

THE BOYLAN PLAYERS  
PRESENT



Based on the children's stories of Dr. Seuss  
Composers Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

"TODAY YOU ARE YOU, THAT IS TRUER THAN TRUE.  
THERE IS NO ONE ALIVE WHO IS YOU-ER THAN YOU."

Friday, March 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Boylan Auditorium  
4000 St. Francis Dr.  
815-877-0531

Tickets \$8.00 – General admission

# St. Bridget School

Now registering for  
2022-23

PreK3 thru 8th grade

Full day and half day

preschool options



Tours by appointment  
Thursdays in  
March 2022

4:30pm and 5:30pm

To reserve your tour,  
call the school office

815-633-8255

## LENT ALMSGIVING

Did you know that 52% of the people in North and Northeast Haiti drink from unimproved water sources? These include: unprotected dug wells, unprotected springs, carts with small tanks or drums, tanker trucks, or surface water, which includes rivers, dams, lakes, ponds, streams, canals, or irrigation channels.

Contaminated water is the leading cause of disease and death in Haiti. Your donations help to alleviate this problem for so many. Each village you help Hope for Haitians build provides clean water through wells and water treatment facilities. Since 2001, Hope for Haitians has supplied clean water to over 300,000 people.

Thanks again to all who have already decided to support Hope for Haitians. We hope many others will add to your commitment.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry or donate online, scan the code with your phone, call 815-847-0656, or visit [hopeforhaitians.org/church-161/](https://hopeforhaitians.org/church-161/)



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BOYLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS NOW  
ENROLLING FRESHMAN & TRANSFER STUDENTS  
FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

46%  
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OF THE CLASS OF  
2021 GRADUATED

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR ENROLLMENT DIRECTOR, MATT  
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[MWEBER@BOYLAN.ORG](mailto:MWEBER@BOYLAN.ORG) // 815-877-0531 X226

## SAINT RITA CHAPLET

Join us to pray the Chaplet of St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 24th**. We meet in the Cry Room of the Church after the 8:15am Mass. Rosaries, Chaplet Copies, and Prayer Cards will be available in the Narthex.

The intercession of this blessed saint of the most hopeless and impossible cases would be a tremendous aid not only in our personal situations, but even more so on a global level.

For any questions, contact Sid Papini 815-985-3404 or [papini72@aol.com](mailto:papini72@aol.com)

"No problem is too small to bring to Saint Rita.  
She will draw you close to the Heart of Jesus, and she will not fail you!"





## BUILT ON ROCK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

If you are between the ages of 18 to 35, we invite you to join us two Thursdays a month at St. Bridget for our Young Adult Ministry. We will be gathering from 6:30pm-7:45pm in the Parish Center Hall. If you have any questions or are interested in the book study, please contact Fr. Downing 815-633-6311 or [adowning@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:adowning@rockforddiocese.org)



**We will continue our book study using *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick on March 24th.** If you did not sign up for the book study, you are still welcome to attend any of the sessions. Books are available for \$10.00 in the Parish Office.

### Schedule for *Living Joy* Young Adult Book Study:

March 24th: Chapters 3 & 4  
April 14th: Please join us for Holy Thursday Mass  
April 28th: Chapters 5 & 6  
May 12th: Chapters 7 & 8  
May 26th: Chapter 9 & Jesus is the Journey

## March 20th: 3rd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: "...bear fruit or be cut down..." This Lent, we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving, you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your nickels, dimes, or quarters are multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



## ADORATION CHAPEL

We are in need of additional adorers to fill our schedule. The hours that are currently open are:

Monday 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Thursday 12:00am - 1:00am  
Saturday 4:00am - 5:00am

If you cannot commit to an hour every week, please consider filling in as a substitute adorer. You would receive a text or email when an opening becomes available. You could fill in as you are available. To sign into Adoration Pro, go to [adorationpro.org/stbridgetlovespark](http://adorationpro.org/stbridgetlovespark)

If you have questions or need help signing up, please contact Rita [adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org](mailto:adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org) or 779-772-5702.



## MARY'S CORNER

When praying your Rosary, ask Our Lady to help you meditate on the mysteries. Picture you are with her as you pray. Feel her beside you. This would be a beautiful way to deepen your love for her and her Rosary.

## ST. BRIDGET SENIORS

ATTENTION SENIORS  
(65 & older)



Plan to join us on Tuesday, April 5th, to celebrate Easter at noon in the Parish Center Hall. Baked ham and turkey breast will be served. Drinks will be furnished.

Don't forget to please bring your own table service (plates, silverware, etc...) and a favorite Easter side dish to share.

Jim Rihi will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. George Parnello was the March raffle winner. The quarterly was won by Tom Grady. Congrats to both of them!

Special thanks to Rich and Dana from *Backyard Grill & Bar* for their generous donation of the best corned beef in town for our March luncheon!

Any questions? Please call Jeani at 815-904-4385.



## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY OUTREACH

Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges? Sign up for **The Sanctuary Course for Catholics to be held at St. Peter Cathedral in Rockford in the parish fellowship hall, Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, in April and May.** The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

### ABOUT THE COURSE

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy and offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support members living with mental health challenges. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

Catholic Charities invites you to join in viewing and discussing the Sanctuary Course for Catholics. We will view the videos together followed by small group discussion. There is no homework. All are welcome! The course will begin Tuesday, April 5th, and runs for 8 consecutive weeks.

**To register, send name, parish, email address, and cell number to Mary Fuller at [cmhm@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:cmhm@rockforddiocese.org)**

## ST. BRIDGET ONLINE GIVING

Do you want to transition away from envelopes and contribute electronically? It is the earth and budget friendly way to go! It saves our Parish money not sending monthly envelopes. Visit our website at [www.stbridgetlovespark.org](http://www.stbridgetlovespark.org) and on the home page, click on "Giving". You will be directed to the St. Bridget Online Giving Page. Set up each way in which you would like to contribute. If you have any questions or need help, please call Lynn at the Parish Office 815-633-6311. It is also fine to continue to receive envelopes through the mail.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 2022

**March 2nd - April 10th**  
**Pray, Fast, and Commit to Life**

**Pray** daily or weekly for life from natural conception to natural death.

**Fast** daily or weekly from food, media use, or other items to promote life.

**Commit** to Life by attending the 40 Day Campaigns at the Planned Parenthood site in Aurora or write letters to Congressmen in Illinois or the United States to end legalized abortion.

**40 Days for Life** is an individual or group activity to fast and pray during Lent for the protection of all life. You can do as little or as much as you want to do.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

*St. Joseph, defender of Life, pray for us*

During the month of March, we will be praying for all pregnant women, those wishing to be pregnant, and those pursuing adoption of children.

**Friday, March 25th - 24 Hour Rosary** will be said on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will be praying for all pregnant women, those wishing to be pregnant, and those pursuing adoption of children. Sign ups will be March 19th and 20th after all Masses.

Contact Shirley Poole 815-654-9416 for all Respect Life information.

## SEASONS OF HOPE Grief Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Please come to this Christ-centered series where we seek to find hope in the midst of sorrow. Anyone in the Greater Rockford Area who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Please join us.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 28th**

**Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Location: Hospitality Room of Church**

Our sessions will involve meditation on Sacred Scripture grounded in our Catholic faith and no-pressure group discussion. Bring your Bible. For more information or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Kay Ethington 815-621-7117 or [k.ethington14@gmail.com](mailto:k.ethington14@gmail.com)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR MARCH 13, 2022

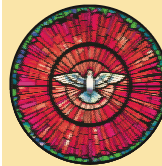
Registered Families	2,178
Sunday Envelopes	\$11,466.00
Offertory	\$1,377.00
Online (234)	\$8,354.71
Total for the week	\$21,197.71

## ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be **Wednesday, April 6th**, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel 815-262-1847.

**Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned veggies, crackers, canned tomatoes, and canned ravioli.**

Please know the recipients of your donations are so very grateful. Your generosity and kindness enables the Pantry to help many of those who otherwise might not have enough to eat or properly care for themselves. God bless you!



## THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in Classroom C of the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The Charismatic Renewal encourages the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, another life changing event of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

For more information contact Ron Bergman 815-654-8420 or [r-cbergman@att.net](mailto:r-cbergman@att.net)

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Are you burdened with a problem and feel you have nowhere to turn for help? The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help might be the place to find an answer. Many prayers have been answered by petitioning the Blessed Mother under the title "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". We will meet in the Cry Room of the Church every Wednesday at 4:00pm during Lent. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 23rd**.

## DIVORCED AND HEALING

Divorced and Healing is an open and ongoing support group that helps individuals cope and heal from divorce and separation. Speakers and faith sharing are offered throughout the year. Whether recently divorced or 20+ years out, this group is for you.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30th**

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Location: Classroom A in Parish Center**

Please call Rita 779-772-5702 or Len 815-654-9727 with any concern you may have. We are always happy to talk with you. Stay healthy! God Bless!

Future Dates: 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25



# LITURGY SCHEDULE

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 21st

7:00am Janelle Hagaman  
8:15am Robert Gosdick  
5:30pm Vince Mayer (special intention)

### Tuesday, March 22nd

7:00am Darrel Zimmer  
8:15am Timothy Taylor  
5:30pm Janet Becker

### Wednesday, March 23rd

7:00am Nada Filipovic  
8:15am Terry Downey  
5:30pm John & Erma Reppen

### Thursday, March 24th

7:00am Deceased Members of the Francis  
Payne Family  
8:15am Jacquelyn Kaufman  
5:30pm Cecilia Vélez

### Friday, March 25th

7:00am Freemont Short  
8:15am Sam Baker  
5:30pm Troy Keip

### Saturday, March 26th

7:00am Kay Heimann  
8:15am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Ryan Family  
4:30pm Al Ashbridge ~ 1st Anniversary

### Sunday, March 27th

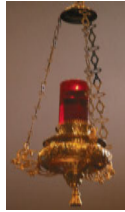
7:00am Romona Swietzer  
8:15am Richard Pratka  
10:00am People of St. Bridget  
11:30am Bill Brenner

## PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 26TH AND 27TH

4:30pm Msgr. Steve Knox  
7:00am Fr. Aaron Downing  
8:15am Fr. Sean Grismer  
10:00am Fr. Sean Grismer  
11:30am Msgr. Steve Knox

## 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

**September 2022** Mass Intentions and  
Flame of Faith Intentions are now open



## FLAME INTENTION

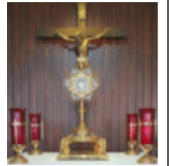
The Presence Lamp in the Church is  
burning this week for:

**James & Marilyn Conroy  
and Daniel R. Taglia Sr.**

## FLAME INTENTION

The Vigil Lights in the Adoration  
Chapel are burning this week for:

**Dan Myers**



## PLEASE WELCOME

Our parish community welcomes the  
following new parishioners that registered:

**Ethan & Cammy Jelinek  
Pat Giuffre**

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### Croatian Mass

1st Sunday of the month at 3:30pm

### Filipino Mass

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm

**Deaf Apostolate Interpreted Mass**  
Sundays at 10:00am

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20TH

Sunday: *Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9*  
Monday: *2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30*  
Tuesday: *Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35*  
Wednesday: *Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19*  
Thursday: *Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23*  
Friday: *Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38*  
Saturday: *Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14*  
Next Sunday: *Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

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## **BAPTISMS**

A Pre-Baptismal Instruction class is required. Call the Parish Office for details.

## **MARRIAGES**

Couples planning marriage should contact one of the priests at least six months in advance. A Diocesan Pre-Marriage Seminar is required.

## **DEVOTIONS**

### **NOVENA OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday Evenings at 5:30pm

### **FAMILY ROSARY**

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 Sunday 6:40am before the 7:00am Mass  
 7:55am before the 8:15am Mass

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Begins on Sunday at 12:30pm and ends Saturday at 1:00pm. Please contact Rita Araoz adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org or 779-772-5702 for more information.

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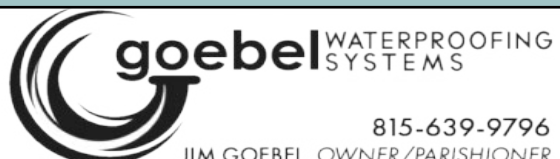
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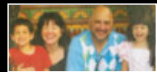
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