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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 7:00am

Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30pm-6:00pm (during Advent)

Wednesday 7:30am-8:00am

Saturday 8:45am-9:30am & 3:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend Msgr Steve Knox - Pastor

sknox@rockforddiocese.org

Reverend Aaron Downing - Associate Pastor

adowning@rockforddiocese.org

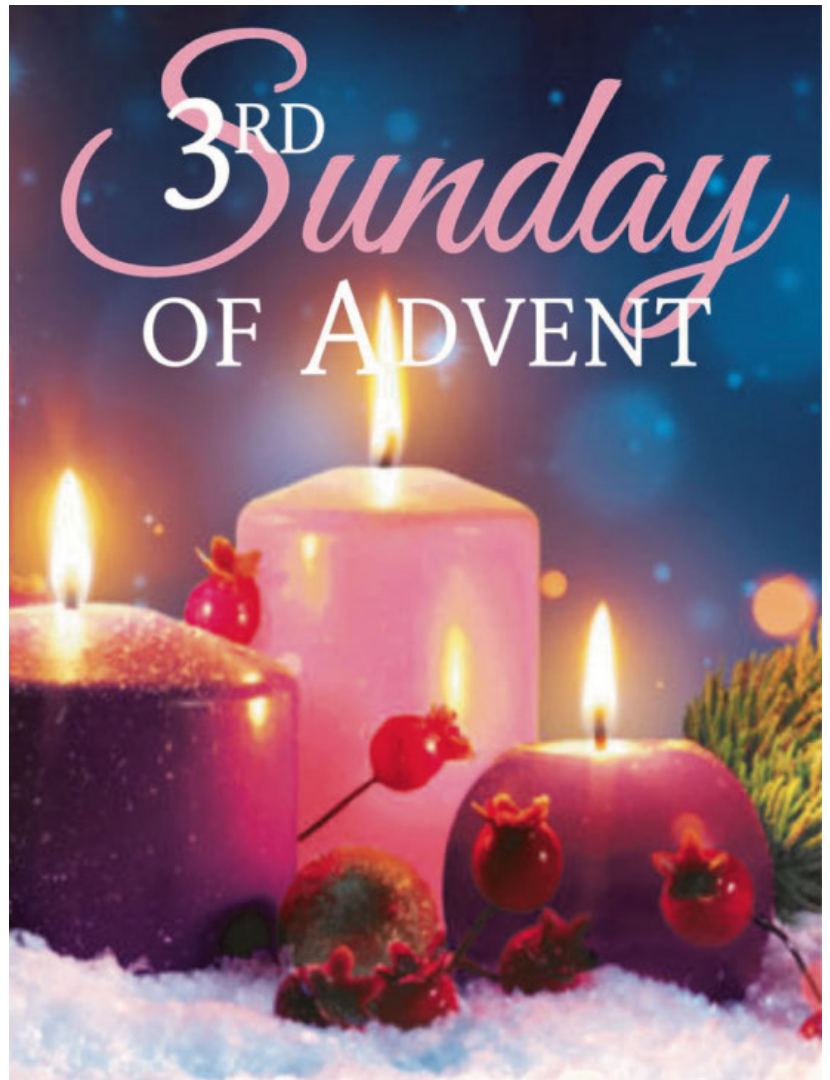
Reverend Jack Reichardt - Associate Pastor

jreichardt@rockforddiocese.org

Deacons

Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

December 11, 2022

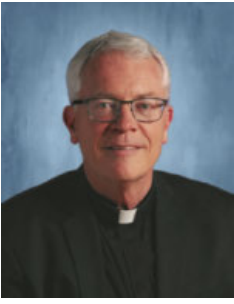


WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BRIDGET THIS WEEK

- Dec 11th High School Ministry 6:00pm Bridge
- Dec 12th Sisters in Christ Prayer Group 12:30pm PC Rm A
- Dec 12th Trinity Outreach Ministry Meeting 5:30pm Church Hospitality Rm
- Dec 12th Cursillo 8:00pm PC Rm B
- Dec 13th Respect Live Meeting 6:00pm Church Cry Room
- Dec 13th RCIA Meeting 6:30pm PC Rm B
- Dec 13th Knights of Columbus 7:00pm PC Rm A
- Dec 13th Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00pm PC Rm C

- Dec 13th Boy Scouts Troop 32 Meeting 7:00pm PC Underground
- Dec 14th Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 4:00pm Church Cry Rm
- Dec 14th Middle School Ministry 6:00pm PC Underground
- Dec 14th Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
- Dec 15th St. Rita Chaplet after 8:15am Mass Church Cry Rm
- Dec 15th Youth Confirmation Preparation 6:00pm PC Rm C
- Dec 15th Cub Scout Pack 417 Meeting 6:00pm PC Underground
- Dec 16th Evening Rosary and Adoration 7:00pm Church

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas on the Horizon

This Sunday, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. It is a Latin word that means "rejoice". The reason we can rejoice is because the birth of Jesus draws near. We highlight this by lighting the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, and the priests wear rose-colored vestments. On this Sunday, we recognize the joyful anticipation of the season which culminates in the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Rose is a "brightening" of the ordinary violet and symbolizes joy because the Lord is the light of the world who will scatter all darkness.

We have added some extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation leading up to Christmas. I have those listed on page three of today's bulletin. This sacrament is a great way to experience the love and forgiveness of the Lord and to purify our hearts leading up to Christmas. In addition to experiencing the forgiveness of our sins, we are also strengthened to forgive others.

January Spiritual Enrichment Days

On Saturday, January 14th, we will have a Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day in the Parish Center. The following Saturday, January 21st, we will have a Men's Spiritual Enrichment Day for the men of the parish. I have the information/registration forms on page 4 and 5 of today's bulletin. Over the years, I have found these days to be very helpful for those who participate. Talks and reflections are mainly given by the parishioners and the priests. We seek to make the talks down to earth and relevant. Since we will be in a new year, this will be a great way to be strengthened in our faith as we enter into 2023.

Reaching Out and Inviting

Many people got disconnected from the Church when the pandemic hit. I would like to encourage the parish to continue to reach out to family and friends who may have gotten disconnected and no longer attend Mass. The number one reason people come back to the practice of their faith is when someone they know and respect invites them. Even when the invitation is extended in a humble and thoughtful manner, it may not result in someone coming back; however, it may plant a seed that with time and God's grace the person may realize something is missing in their life and then be ready to come back to the Eucharist. Let us all pray about this and if you sense God giving you a nudge to reach out to someone, pray for wisdom and reach out in a loving manner. Christmas is great time to extend an invitation for someone to join you at Mass!

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Masses Saturday, December 24th

4:00pm
5:30pm
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th

7:00am
8:15am
10:00am
11:30am



Livestream Masses: 4:00pm, Midnight Mass, and 10:00am

Advent Confession Times

Saturday, December 17th
8:45am-9:30am, 3:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday, December 18th
9:15am-9:45am

Tuesday, December 20th
5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday, December 21st
7:30am-8:00am, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday, December 22nd
8:45am-9:30am

Saturday, December 24th
8:45am-9:30am



Come join us for our St. Bridget Student Ministries Christmas parties!! There will be Christmas themed games/activities and prizes for the lucky winners.

The High School party is Sunday, December 11th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Bridge and the Middle School party is Wednesday, December 14th, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Underground!

Jake - jwashington@stbridgetlovespark.org
Teresa - tmcMahon@stbridgetlovespark.org



GIVING TREE

Please return your gifts to the Church and placed them under the tree in the Narthex of Church on or before Sunday, December 11th.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Small acts of hidden kindness can communicate the love of God, in very special ways. May God bless you and the people who will be blessed by your loving kindness. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn in our Parish Office lynnhagedorn@stbridgetlovespark.org

CHURCH DECORATING NEW DATES AND TIMES

The Advent and Christmas season are upon us and the Art & Environment team will be decorating the Church for Christmas soon. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Friday, December 23rd, at 11:00am to decorate the Church and the Adoration Chapel.

Sunday, January 8th, at 12:30pm to take down the decorations in the Church and Adoration Chapel.

We also are in need of a couple of people to water the flowers during the season once weekly. If you can assist us in any of these categories, please call the Parish Office 815-633-6311.



St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Fudge Raiser



WHERE: The Hospitality Room in the back of Church

WHEN: After all Masses on December 10th/11th

GOURMET FUDGE FLAVORS: Chocolate, Chocolate Walnut, Chocolate Mint, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Cookies and Cream

**Great for Gifts - Grab Bags - Teachers
Good Neighbors - Employees**

INDIVIDUAL 8 OZ CONTAINERS: \$10 each,
3 for \$25, or 12 for \$100

Advance Orders can be sent to Kathleen Hall at khall@stbridget.svdP-rfd.org

All proceeds go to support the charitable efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



The decorations and poinsettias that we purchase to adorn the Church and sanctuary during the Christmas season are a beautiful way to remember or honor your loved ones. If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of our Christmas flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the form below. You can return it with your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flower Offering" by dropping it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office within the next few weeks. We will print the "in memory of/in honor of" in our bulletins during the Christmas season. May God bless you.

Donation In Memory/Honor of....

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Please check one

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____



Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day

"Women of Faith: Growing In Grace and Wisdom"

Saturday, January 14th, 9:00am-3:00pm

All women of the parish and their friends are invited to our spiritual enrichment day which will take place in our Parish Hall. Msgr. Knox will be leading the day along with Fr. Jack and a number of parishioners. Last year, we had over 100 women in attendance, so we are looking forward to a great day this year. In addition to the talks and discussions, we will have an opportunity for some prayer and quiet reflection time and a nice lunch all in a relaxed atmosphere. Here is the schedule for the day:

9:00am Gather (coffee and light breakfast) and opening prayer - Msgr. Steve Knox

9:30am "The Faith Journey: Important Life Lessons I Have Learned Along the Way" - Sue Custer

This talk will help us reflect on our own faith journey. God has much to teach us in the good times of life and during the tough times. The presence of the Lord brings hope and strength and helps us bring that hope to others.

10:30am Break

10:45am "Growing Strong in Broken Places: The Power of God to Heal and Bring New Life" - Mary Fuller

Everyone has some challenges to face and some crosses to carry on the journey of faith. Healing, forgiveness, and mercy were prominent parts of Jesus' message and ministry. We believe God can bring great good out of those struggles that we sometimes face.

11:45am Lunch

12:45pm "Inspiring Women of the Bible: Learning from their Witness of Faith" - Mary Dausman

We can learn much about prayer and virtuous living by reflecting on the witness and words of the inspiring women of faith in the Bible. Mary will reflect on the importance of prayer and scripture in light of her faith story.

1:15pm Quiet Time with Scripture in Church (Sacrament of Reconciliation available)

2:00pm "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Catholics (and Some Bad Habits to Avoid!)" - Fr. Jack Reichardt

Drawing from the lives of the saints, Fr. Jack will highlight some of the habits and virtues that are necessary for healthy discipleship. Jesus calls us to "be light for the world". We will look at the holy habits that help us bring the light of Christ to others.

2:45pm Closing Reflection and Prayer - Msgr. Steve Knox

To register, **click HERE** 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 contact Lynn at the Parish Office at 815-633-6311.



Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day Registration

Saturday, January 14th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please include \$12.00 Registration Fee. Thank you!



Men's Spiritual Enrichment Day

"Renewing Your Faith in the New Year"

Saturday, January 21st, 9:00am-3:00pm

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to a spiritual enrichment day on Saturday, January 21st. Msgr. Knox, Deacon John Gibson, and parishioners Tom Short and Steve Claus will be the presenters and leaders for the day. In addition to the talks and discussions, we will have an opportunity for some quiet reflection time. A great lunch is also planned! The schedule is as follows:

9:00am Gathering (coffee and doughnuts) and Opening Prayer - Msgr. Steve Knox

9:30am "What Led Me Into the Catholic Church, and What I Found Here" - Tom Short

After much searching, Tom entered into the Catholic Church through RCIA as an adult. Those who are newer to the faith can share some great insights with those who are "cradle Catholics". He will share some reflections on his faith journey in order to help everyone reflect on their own journey of faith.

10:30am Break

10:45am "What I Have Learned About Prayer and Service on Life's Journey" - Steve Claus

Steve will share his faith witness and some things he has learned about the importance of prayer. He will have some practical guidance on how to begin or deepen your prayer life. The fruit of prayer is service. He will help us see that connection, and it's vital importance.

11:45am Lunch

12:45pm "Inspiring Men of the Bible: What We Can Learn from Their Lives" - Deacon John Gibson

We can gain great insight and draw inspiration from some of the great heroes in the scriptures. Deacon John will help us see how God communicates to us through His Word in order to deepen our friendship with Him and to help us grow as men of faith.

1:15pm Quiet Time with Scripture in Church (Sacrament of Reconciliation available)

2:00pm "Why People Leave the Church and What We Can do to Bring Them Back" - Msgr. Steve Knox

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis have all shared great teachings on evangelization. There is a special need for the "New Evangelization". There is a great need to help those who have drifted away from the Church to reconnect and experience a spiritual homecoming.

2:45pm Closing Reflection and Prayer - Msgr. Steve Knox

To register, **click HERE** or fill out the form below, put in an envelope marked "Men'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 at 815-633-6311



Men's Spiritual Enrichment Day

Saturday, January 21st, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Please include \$12.00 Registration Fee. Thank you!



Save the Date - Simbang Gabi 2022

Christmas Novena Masses

Greater Rockford Filipino-American Catholic Community



Everyone is welcome to join us for the Simbang Gabi, Christmas Novena Masses, which is the Filipino tradition for the spiritual preparation of Christmas. It is the Filipino way of accompanying the Blessed Virgin Mary as she awaits the birth of her son, Jesus Christ. The Christmas Novena Masses will be celebrated the nine days before Christmas at nine different parishes throughout the Diocese. Starting on Thursday, December 15th, through Friday, December 23rd. **St. Bridget will host the final Mass of the novena on Friday, December 23rd.** All parishioners are invited to the Mass as well as the festive cultural reception afterwards. If you would like to help sponsor a Mass, please contact Janet Berry at 815-323-2552. After the Novena Mass at St. Bridget, on Thursday, December 23rd, there will be a POTLUCK DINNER. Please bring a dish to pass, a dessert, and a 2-liter bottle of pop.

Schedule for Each Evening: Rosary at 6:00pm and Mass at 6:30pm

- **Thursday, December 15th** - Poor Clare Monastery
- **Friday, December 16th** - St. James, Belvidere
- **Saturday, December 17th** - St. James, Rockford
- **Sunday, December 18th** - St. Bernadette
- **Monday, December 19th** - Holy Family
- **Tuesday, December 20th** - St. Rita
- **Wednesday, December 21st** - St. Peter Cathedral
- **Thursday, December 22nd** - St. Patrick
- **Friday, December 23rd** - St. Bridget, Loves Park



OH COME LET US ADORE HIM

We currently have three openings in the Adoration Chapel:

Wednesdays 1:00am-2:00am

Thursdays 5:00pm-6:00pm

Sundays 6:00pm-7:00pm



You are invited to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in our St. Bridget Adoration Chapel. **Our hope is to have two scheduled adorers every hour in our Chapel.** Please prayerfully consider this invitation and find the hour that works for you. If you cannot commit to a scheduled hour at this time, please come anyway and spend what time you can. Stop by and be with our Lord. The chapel doors are open to the public from 6:00am until 8:00pm.

For additional information, contact Marcia Conaway at adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org or 419-296-8396.

*Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great love.*

~St. Mother Teresa



Saint Joseph Altar Committee

Please join us for our next Italian Cookie Baking Class on **Sunday, January 15th, from 12:30pm to 4:30pm** in the Parish Center Hall. During our this class,

we will be making **White Italian Cookies**. Class size is limited. This class is for adults only please.

To register, contact Marilyn Shigley
orpvrn@comcast.net or 815-988-3473

Respect Life

Called to Serve Moms in Need



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During the month of December, we will be praying for the poor and homeless. Remember to see the face of God in all people and to share our blessings with them.

Respect Life Meeting - Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:00pm in the Cry Room.

Pray at PROPOSED abortion clinic site - Wednesday, December 14th, 611 Auburn Street, Rockford. You may pray there any time from 6:00am-6:00pm, but someone from St. Bridget will be there at 11:00am.

Respect Life Mass - Saturday, December 17th, at 8:15am. The Respect Life Rosary will be prayed before the Mass.

Pray at PROPOSED abortion clinic site - Saturday, December 17th, at 4236 Moray Drive, Rockford. You may pray there any time from 6:00am until 6:00pm, but someone from St. Bridget will be there at 11:00am.

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

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing!"

MARY'S CORNER

Think of Advent from Our Lady's perspective. She said yes to God and is now awaiting the birth of her child. How does she feel? What does she think about? Ask her to open your heart and go deeper with her in your journey this Advent.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Council 4330 is part of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. Our purpose is to serve St. Bridget families, Seminarians, and our community. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center, Classroom A. There is a 6:30pm Rosary in the Church which precedes the meeting. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13th.** We are seeking like-minded men who are interested in joining us. Please contact Grand Knight Adam Parnello council4330kofc@gmail.com or call 815-742-7177

Upcoming Events:

• **December 13th:** Council meeting, 7:00pm in Classroom A of the Parish Center, Rosary at 6:30pm.

Contact Steve Claus for more information about these upcoming events 815-505-7015



FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY AND ADORATION

Every third Friday of each month, the Adoration and Rosary intention will be for vocations. **On Friday, December 16th, from 7:00-7:45pm**, Msgr. Knox will lead this time of prayer with Adoration, the Rosary, and pray a Litany for Vocations. Join us in the Church or via livestream to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Diocese of Rockford. Please pick up a prayer card for vocations in the back of Church or in the Adoration Chapel and make this prayer part of your prayer life.

SAINT RITA CHAPLET

Join us to pray the Chaplet of St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 15th.** 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

"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!"



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, December 21st

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!



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Good News can be seen, touched felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we cannot just ask people to take our word for it. Our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

If you are interested in finding out more about St. Vincent de Paul, please send your name, phone number, and email address to hvstbridget@stbridget.svd-p-rfd.org

Scan QR Code to Donate



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, December 19th

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Hospitality Room

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



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 meet in the Cry Room of the Church every Wednesday at 4:00pm. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 14th.**

TRINITY MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Do you or a loved one struggle with mental health or substance use challenges? Are you a caregiver for a parent or spouse? Have you lost a loved one to suicide? Are you feeling isolated or alone? Are you feeling overwhelmed with whatever life has given you? Whatever your situation, you are not alone! Trinity Outreach welcomes you to join us as we grow in relationship with one another and in relationship with our merciful Lord. We welcome you to join us as we gather to pray, to confidentially share our sacred stories (always optional) and to grow in a fuller participation in our Catholic faith life. We will share a tasty snack too!

Next Meeting: Monday, December 12th

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Hospitality Room of the Church

For more information, please contact Mary Fuller at trinity@stbridgetlovespark.org

Behavioral Health Crisis or Suicide Prevention: Call, text, or chat to 988

ANGEL DUSTERS

Do you enjoy cleaning? Many hands are needed to keep the Church beautiful and clean. We are in need of volunteers to help clean on the following days:

Weekly on Mondays after the 8:15am Mass

Saturday, January 7th, after the 8:15am Mass

There is a need for more help on the Saturday cleaning dates. Meet in the back of Church on those dates if you can help. Questions, call Randy Gulotta 815-262-6840.



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. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 13th.**

For more information contact Ron Bergman 815-654-8420 or r-bergman@att.net

WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FROM DECEMBER 4, 2022

Registered Families	2,195
Sunday Envelopes	\$18,052.00
Offertory	\$1,297.00
Online (286)	\$14,349.71
Total for the week	\$33,698.71

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 and on the home page, click on "Giving". You will be directed to the St. Bridget Online Giving Page, or scan the QR Code to go directly to the 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.



ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be **Wednesday, December 21st**, 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 fruit, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, hamburger helper, boxed pasta, cookie mixes, canned tuna/chicken, and cereal.

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.



Direction for Our Times

St. Bridget lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King meets once a month from 6:00pm-7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Room of the Church. We will pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, read the monthly message, and have discussion. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 21st.** If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Craig Anderson or Jane Gomulka.

Craig: 815-985-4665 or bananacra@comcast.net

Jane: 815-543-5013 or jane.gomulka@aol.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 12th

7:00am † Tiry Smith
8:15am † Sam Armato ~ 14th Anniversary

Tuesday, December 13th

7:00am † Al Ashbridge
8:15am † Scott Williams

Wednesday, December 14th

7:00am † Richard Bachrodt
8:15am † Kevin McNamara

Thursday, December 15th

7:00am † Deceased Members of the Robert Rein Family
8:15am Dorothy Travis (special intention)

Friday, December 16th

7:00am † Deceased Members of the Michael Girard Family
8:15am Living & Deceased Members of the Gosdick, Rusin, & Pierce Families (special intention)

Saturday, December 17th

7:00am † Joe Morris
8:15am Respect Life (special intention)
4:30pm † Jacquelyn Kaufman

Sunday, December 18th

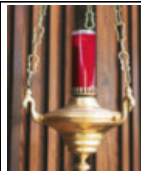
7:00am *Collective Mass*
† Michael Brown
† Nada Filipovic
† Maria Reyes
8:15am † Robert Weyrauch, Sr. ~ 1st Anniversary
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am † James Maloney

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 17TH & 18TH

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

2022/2023 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

Mass Intentions and Flame of Faith Intentions are open through May 2023.



FLAME INTENTION

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

Nicholas & Helen Trapani

FLAME INTENTION

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

Michael Murphy



2023 Mass Intentions Guidelines

Mass and Flame of Faith Intentions are now open through May 2023 and can be accessed on our website or in person. Mass Intentions are Masses prayed for someone and are read during the intercessory prayers at Mass.

Flame of Faith Intentions for the Presence Lamp in the Sanctuary and/or Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel can be requested and burn Sunday through Saturday.

At this time, we are not accepting Intention requests for any dates beyond May 2023. We ask that you do not mail lists or checks with requests for future dates as we cannot hold them or reserve them in advance.

- **Limit of 9 Mass Intentions per year per family.** Of the 9 Masses, only two can be Sunday Masses or 1 Sunday and 1 Holy Day.
- Only 1 Mass can be prayed for an individual every 21 days.
- **"COLLECTIVE MASS"** can only be for one individual (not a couple or family).
- The donation for each Mass is \$12.
- The donation for the Presence Lamp is \$12.
- The donation for the 4 Vigil Lights is \$40.
- Reserve Intentions via our website, in person, or by mail.
- Payment can be made online, in person, or by mail.
- All Intention requests are subject to approval by the parish.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 815-633-6311.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

Sunday: *Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11*
Monday: *Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*
Tuesday: *Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32*
Wednesday: *Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23*
Thursday: *Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30*
Friday: *Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36*
Saturday: *Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17*
Next Sunday: *Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24*

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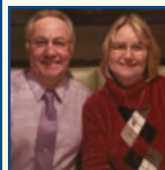
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