Parish Bulletin

Staying Connected

MASS TIMES
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
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CONFESSIONS
Tue. & Thurs. 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Wed. 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.
Thur. 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Confessions in Ledwidge Hall

ADORATION
Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
St. Bridget Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the weeks go by and now more parishes are opening up again, it has easily become a time of constant adjustment at the parishes. It has been quite the situation to keep everything on task. It’s an exercise in patience and understanding from multiple fronts.

In this weekend’s Gospel, we are building up to Pentecost. Our Lord says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept...” This Advocate is God the Holy Spirit, the great Fire of God's Love. He will come to us at Pentecost.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." How difficult can this be for us nowadays because of the great impact that the culture has on our lives and the whole world. It’s not uncommon to see that what the world sees as a good is an evil, and how the reverse can also be true too. As faithful Catholics, we live in the world, but we are not of the world; we are not following what the world is dictating to us.

Just as little children have that inner compulsion to do what their parents ask out of love for their parents (and sometimes fear), it’s the same in our relationship with God. As we continue to fall more deeply in love with God, we soon have an inner compulsion to do what our God has asked us to do out of love (and yes sometimes out of fear too). Once we realize this is happening to us, then we are living out our Lord’s command as He tells us, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

My friends, the days are getting more interesting because of the virus. Keep your eyes fixed on the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him for help in growing in the virtues, and the glory of the Resurrection can be tasted by us even now in this life. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers, may Mother Mary keep you safe, and God bless you too.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel
Parochial Administrator

Visit our website
Diocesan Coronavirus Updates
Updated Liturgical Directives

With time, experience, and discussion, the diocese continues to refine directives to ensure the safety of all who attend Mass. We at St. Bridget are following all guidelines set forth. Please stay tuned, as there will likely be more as everyone learns from each other. Thank you for your patience.

These are three updates/clarifications that came in this week.

1-Due to concerns that congregational singing requires increased volumes of projected air and particulates, congregational singing should be suspended at Masses for the time being. Other options should be considered such as using a single cantor who sings antiphons or hymns at least at the entrance and communion of the Mass, appropriate instrumental music, and smaller choirs and scholas which are able to maintain a social distance of ten feet.

2-It should be noted that the recent diocesan liturgical guidelines indicate that Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. This is the ancient and reverent option that Bishop Johnston is asking the faithful to adopt during this time. It is also noted that the Bishop is not forbidding anything permitted in Church law which does grant the faithful the right to receive Communion on the tongue.

Should person(s) insist on receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, this should take place after all in the congregation who are receiving in the hand have received per the directives. In other words, no one insisting on receiving on the tongue should precede those receiving in the hand. Additionally, Communion ministers must sanitize their hand if there is contact with the communicant’s tongue, face, hand, or breath before distributing Holy Communion to the next communicant. This can be arranged by having purification materials, e.g., disinfectant wipe/sanitizer, nearby in the event it is necessary as the possibility of transferring any contagion is to be mitigated for the benefit of everyone’s health.

3-Server: If any server is next to the Communion Minister holding a paten during the distribution of Holy Communion, the server must also wear a mask at that time.

Volunteers Needed

Will you volunteer as a hospitality volunteer/usher in the vestibule? As you can see below, St. Bridget needs help directing parishioners on weekends, as well as servers and rosary leaders. Thank you so much to those who have stepped up already to help ensure the safety of all. Please e-mail Linda if you are able to assist or talk to Tim when you come to Mass this weekend.

Liturgical Schedule - May

Please Help Fill in the Blanks

SATURDAY, MAY 16
Server..............................Tavin Glass
Ushers/Volunteers..........Sean Bentley, Adam Sabaliauskas
Rosary Leader..............

SUNDAY, MAY 17
Server..............................Leland Edenburn
Ushers/Volunteers..........D. J. Breitbach
Rosary Leader..............

SATURDAY, MAY 23
Server..............................
Ushers/Volunteers.......... 
Rosary Leader..............
### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Server.................................. Curtis and Ryan Schaller  
Ushers/Volunteers................. Mark Bock  
Rosary Leader..................... Barry Schaller

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

Server..................................  
Ushers/Volunteers............. Guy Emhoff,  
Rosary Leader....................

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

Server..................................  
Ushers/Volunteers.............  
Rosary Leader....................

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"Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus, help my heart persevere in all that is holy."

St. Rita of Cascia  
Feast Day - May 22nd

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**Birthday Wishes for Tyler Toomay**

There are several parishioners of St. Bridget who visit a young man from our parish who is in prison. It is a challenging ministry in some ways to visit, try and come up with conversation, trying to share experiences, and most of all sharing support of a young man in prison. By most research and observations, these types of visits, letters, cards, and communications help keep men and women out of prison once released. A young man, Tyler Toomay is one such young man that we visit and remember. Each year we invite parishioners to send cards or birthday wishes to Tyler, whose birthday is May 25th. Cards only are allowed. Please no pictures, no gift cards, newspaper clippings, etc. are not allowed.
permitted to be enclosed in cards. Tyler does appreciate the love and support that he receives from the people of St. Bridget and he warm-heartedly mentions that at each visit. If you would like to send a card, the address information is listed here.

Tyler Toomay #1234157
Western Missouri Correctional Center
609 E. Pence Rd.
Cameron, MO 64429

Reflection: Correcting Others in Love

There is little doubt that each one of us will encounter, from time to time, the sin of another. It could be in their words, actions or the omission of what they ought to do. Sin hurts and requires correction. Very often, when we are sinned against, we tend to get angry. But the anger we have is not always “holy anger” and is not, therefore, always from God. We can easily allow our wounded pride to be the source of a harsh, or even subtle, correction of another. This, then, becomes our sin. But sin must be confronted and God will, at times, call us to correct others. Our correction may even be severe. But when it comes from the holiness of God, inspiring and guiding us, our correction of the other will not wound them, it will be an act of Mercy. They may need severity, and God may inspire us to be severe, but we must always be careful that what we offer ultimately flows from the Mercy of God (See Diary #633).

Reflect upon any moments of contention that you have encountered lately. Were words spoken, or actions done that were based more on unhealthy emotion than on love? Examine how you react when hurt by another. Do you look at them with Mercy and seek to offer the Mercy of God, even if it must come, in that moment, in the form of a holy rebuke? Do not be afraid to let God use you to offer this form of Mercy. It may be hard to distinguish from the sin of anger, but we must strive to offer this Mercy for the good of those we are called to love.

Lord, I offer myself to You so that You can use me as an instrument of Your Divine Mercy. When I am sinned against, help me to forgive immediately. But help me, also, to know how best to address the sins of others. Help me to know how to offer correction in love for their good. Give me courage and wisdom, dear Lord, and use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found online at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/05/08/reflection-130-correcting-others-in-love-2/)

Reflections by Father Paul Turner

Sixth Sunday of Easter A 2
1 Peter 3:15-18

Meaningful Suffering

Suffering is easier to accept if it serves some purpose. Some suffering seems totally senseless—the loss of an innocent life, the abandonment of a good dream, or devastation by forces of nature. But if suffering can bring about some perceivable good, it is easier to endure.

Perhaps this is what gave Jesus strength to endure the suffering at the end of his life. To unbelievers, his death must have seemed a complete waste, but in the eyes of God it was a perfect sacrifice offering redemption to the world. The First Letter of Peter says that Christ suffered for sins once, “that he might lead you to God.” His suffering had a purpose.

Through the suffering of Christ we come closer to God. Through faith in God we can
more easily accept our suffering for the sake of others, especially if it leads them also to Christ.

Sometimes, paradoxically, it is our faith that brings on suffering. We have hope when the world prefers despair. We act gently when others prefer to fight. We build up others when they prefer to defame. The tension between doing good and doing evil tempts the Christian to sin. But when we are strong in faith, we live peacefully in the Spirit.

The journey of faith may be marred by suffering, but it leads to a good reward. It unites us with the suffering of our savior, and it leads others to Christ.

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