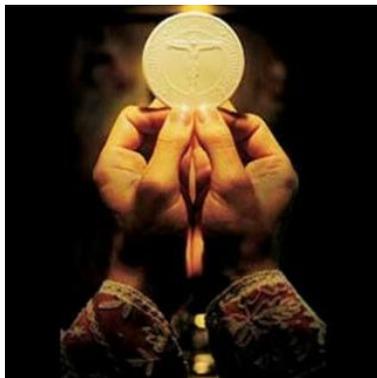
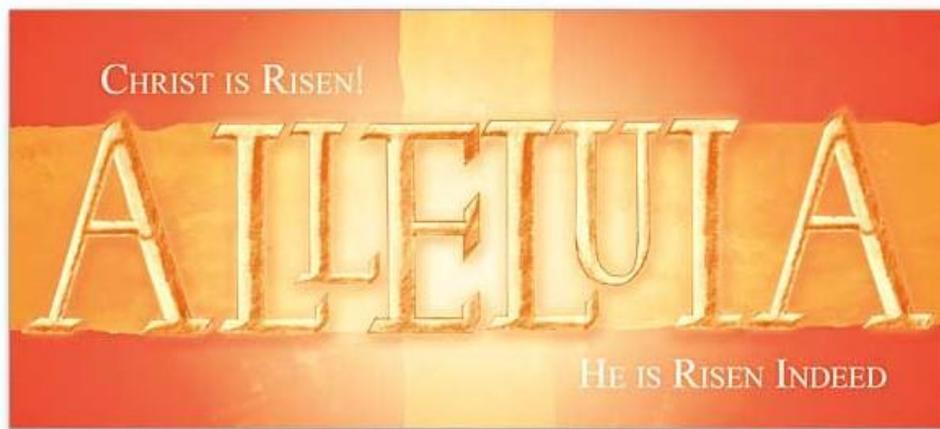
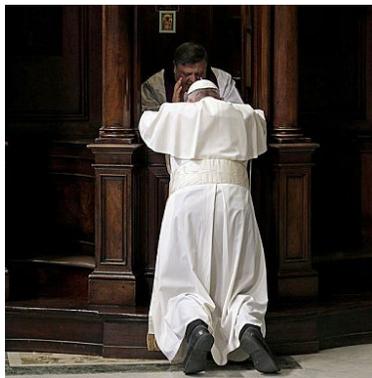


Staying Connected While Apart

[Web Site Connections Page](#) #CatholicsAtHome



Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.
[St. Bridget's Facebook Page](#)



Confessions 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Ledwidge Hall



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



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter to you, beloved of our Merciful God! Let us carry the joy of the Resurrection more into our hearts. Yes, we all may be at home for this Easter and not in our churches for this solemn mystery of our Faith, but do not let that somehow diminish what our Lord desires for you in your bodies and souls. This day, Easter Sunday, is a day destined for every soul in the world to be filled with warmth, generosity, tenderness, and most certainly, with joy! If anything is the opposite of this, then it is from the Devil. We are Catholic, living participants in the Sacred Institution that our Lord Jesus Christ created in the Catholic Faith. We are adopted Children of God

the Father from the moment of our Baptism. We are soldiers for Jesus Christ that protect and spread the Truth about our Risen Lord and the Truth is that our Lord has Risen today on Easter Sunday and we bask in the joy of the victory of our Saving and Almighty King in Jesus Christ.

Cast aside your frustrations, anxiety, stress, and worries about the coronavirus on this day so as allow the Holy Ghost to stir your soul up even more to the joy that should be resonating from the core of your whole being. Look at your crucifixes and tell Jesus, "Thank you." Look at your images of Mother Mary and tell her, "Thank you." Recall that your bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit since your Baptism, and tell God Who is dwelling within, "Thank you. Thank you God that even though I am a sinner and I deserve punishment from my sins and lack of obedience, You still desired to die the infamous death on the cross because You knew in your infinite wisdom how it would make me a faithful servant to You. It is in You that I find meaning. It is in You that I find out who I really am. It is in You that I know the depths of true Love because of Your Passion, Death, and Glorious Resurrection from the dead so that I can draw closer to You in this life and have the greatest hope imaginable that I can be with You forever in the next in Your Heavenly Kingdom which I know is Paradise."

Today is a joy! Even though we may be at home, we lovingly bend the knee in sincere and deep worship to our Lord Jesus Christ. His Cross is now our hope because of His resurrection from the dead. His joy is your joy, His Victory is for you, He died for you, He rose from the dead for you. He gave you then His greatest gifts in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church so that you won't forget His crucifixion and resurrection and so that the power of His death and rising from the dead are readily available to you to help you on your path of holiness in becoming a saint so that you may strive more easily in getting into heaven. Our God is begging You to take advantage of His passion, death, and resurrection in His seven Sacraments that reside in His Institution that is the Catholic Church. Salvation has been opened for us all on Easter. We must not take it for granted, and maybe the numerous adjustments from the coronavirus can help us realize how we have in many areas of our lives we have taken for granted, including these powerful gifts that we have in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Happy Easter to you all! I wish to see all of your faces on this Joyous Day! You are in my thoughts and prayers. May Mother Mary, Our Lady of Grace, smile upon you all, your Guardian Angel keep you safe, and God bless you all.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel

[St. Bridget Facebook Page](#)

[St. Patrick's Facebook Page](#)

All live streamed liturgies and devotions on Facebook are also posted on the [St. Bridget YouTube Channel](#).



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday)

**For Parishioners of St. Bridget and
St. Patrick's Parishes**

Tuesday, April 14 **+LaVawn Ford**

by Mary Ann Batliner

Wednesday, April 15 **+Phillip Witte**

Thursday, April 16 **+Daniel Sheehan** by

Peter and Katherine Sheehan

Sunday, April 19 **For Parishioners of**

St. Patrick's and St. Bridget Parishes

[Daily Mass Readings](#)

Gifts to God and Church

Totals for week ending April 5, 2020

St. Bridget Parish: \$13,424.74

Dream Fund: \$1962.50

Youth Group: \$45.00

Votive Candle \$0.00

Special Collection - Holy Land \$55.00

Special Collection - Easter \$560.00

Dream Fund MTD: \$2120.50

[Sign up for Electronic Giving](#)

Easter Memorials

Intention in Memory of

Bill and Evelyn Shiffer *by Andy and Joyce Anderson*

John and Marilyn Storms *by Andy and Joyce Anderson*

Zachary Munoz *by Mark and Elizabeth Bock*

Deceased Members of the Grimm Family *by Rick and Nancy Bouchard*

Deceased Members of the Bouchard Family *by Rick and Nancy Bouchard*

Ruth Clark *by Robert and Donna Clark*

Florence Irwin *by Robert and Donna Clark*

Mary Margaret Ledwidge *by Gary and Katy Crabtree*

Nelson Gipson *by Gary and Katy Crabtree*

Bill Cassidy *by Gary and Katy Crabtree*

Elizabeth Whitacre *by David and Lorraine Hamilton*

Charles and Grace Heier *by Tom and Pat Heier*

Lyn and Ginger Hensevelt *by Tom and Pat Heier*

Don and Genie Kelch *by Donatus and Pat Kelch*

Bill and Betty Elliott *by Donatus and Pat Kelch*

Jenny Sydnor *by Jason Kelso*

Rocky Sydnor *by Jason Kelso*

John and Annette Lewis *by Stephanie Lewis*

Deceased Members of the Pilcher Family *by Ed Medlock and Rita Pilcher*

Deceased Members of the Medlock Family *by Ed Medlock and Rita Pilcher*

Eugene and Rita Meyer *by Kathy Meyer*

Patricia Ruth by *Bill Ruth and Marijo O'Malley*

Michael O'Malley by *Bill Ruth and Marijo O'Malley*

Bill and Patricia Johnson by *Earl and Rosemarie Young*

The Deceased Members of the Zaner Family by *Dan and Susan Zaner*

The Deceased Members of the Hutto Family by *Dan and Susan Zaner*

Special Intention of:

Ben and Laurie Cantrell

Judy Gillis

Margie Gray

Kathy Meyer

Barry and Shelby Schaller

Reflection: The Desire for Good



God smiles upon us and lavishes rewards upon us for the love we offer to Him and to others. Our works of love, when inspired by His grace, are transformed into treasures in Heaven. But that's not all that is transformed into treasures. Even our desire to do good and to serve God is transformed. God sees all things, even our smallest sincere desires, and transforms all into grace (See *Diary #450*).

What do you desire in life? What do you long for? Do you find that your desires are attached to sinful acts? Or do you find that your desires and longings are for the good things of Heaven and the works of God. Seek to transform even your desires and you will be richly blessed!

Lord, I offer you my heart and every desire within it. Help me to long for You and for Your holy Will to be fulfilled in this world. May I desire what You desire and long for an abundance of Mercy in our world. Jesus, I trust in You. (This reflection can be found at: <https://divinemeracy.life/2020/04/08/reflection-100-the-desire-for-good-2/>).

Parish Prayer

Let us draw closer to our Immaculate Mother Mary and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by reciting the Angelus prayer at noon everyday to combat the Coronavirus.

The Angelus:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of Grace...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

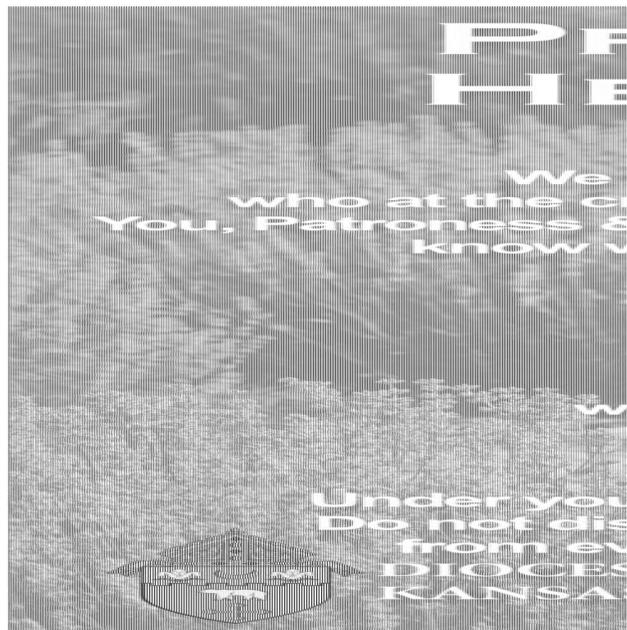
Hail Mary, full of Grace...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Diocesan Coronavirus
Updates

Visit our website

Coronavirus Updates
from Rome

St. Bridget Catholic Church
(816) 540-4563