

# TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

**Bridget Ann Marie – Daughter of Anthony & Cecilia Ferk**



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Bridget Ann Marie was born on November 16th, 2022 to Cecilia and Anthony, at 26 weeks gestation. She weighed 2lbs 0oz and was 13in long. Her due date was February 21st meaning she was approximately 14 weeks early.

Bridget was immediately rushed to the St. Paul Children's Hospital NICU. Bridget has fought for her life from day one. She was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension and chronic lung disease early on. She was initially intubated, but was moved to CPAP, then BiPAP. Her respiratory state became worse, so she went back to being intubated for a month. During that time, she was on three machines, all at their highest settings, helping her to stay alive. There were many scary days where her family didn't know if Bridget was going to make it. Bridget eventually went back to CPAP, and, soon after, high-flow oxygen then low flow oxygen. She will slowly be weaned off of her oxygen over the next several months. Another major trial Bridget faced was a Grade 3 brain bleed. She was diagnosed with hydrocephalus and needed major brain surgery at only two months old to have a VP shunt placed. On top of all of this, Bridget also went through many different infections and illnesses. She received many doses of antibiotics, steroids, and medications and had multiple IV lines for various fluids and blood transfusions. She has had multiple MRIs, ultrasounds, X-rays, Echocardiograms, and Retinopathy of Prematurity exams. She had a heart murmur at birth, but, with time and medication, it closed up. She also went through a surgery to get a G-tube placed since she could not eat safely on her own. Bridget's parents and big sister were in and out of hotels, friend's houses, and Ronald McDonald rooms while she was in the hospital. Bridget's mom lived in her NICU room for several weeks while her dad and sister lived back home. After 122 days (4 months) in the hospital, Bridget is finally home! The family could not be happier to be together again!



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# Divine Mercy Area Faith Community

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May 13, 2023

Dear Parishioner and Friend of St. Mary's,

It's that time of year to ask you to purchase your *CALENDAR RAFFLE* ticket(s). This particular fundraiser generates approx. \$20,000.00 for St. Mary's Church and School.

We are so grateful to everyone who supported this fundraiser in the past and we appreciate you considering your first purchase of a ticket as well!

Each calendar is sold for \$25.00 with the following prizes:

Daily prize for 303 days: \$25.00

First day (July 1) and the last day (June 30): \$200.00 each

Christmas: \$125.00

Each Sunday: \$50.00

Last day of each month: \$100.00.

12 bonus prizes on special days: \$25.00 (in addition to the regular daily prize)

Every ticket stub drawn is put back in the raffle drum to allow you to win more than once. The total prize money for our Calendar Raffle is \$12,000.00. A limited amount of 1,500 tickets are available to sell.

We encourage you to support this fundraiser by returning the form below with payment before June 30th.

Thank you!

The Calendar Raffle Committee: Chris Heiderscheidt, Pat Hoffmann, Jim Fischer, Mike Helget, Matt Grausam

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**Number of Calendar(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$25 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **Provide names/addresses for extras if differ.**

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*Thank you!*

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*The Divine Mercy Area Faith Community is called to form disciples in the love of Christ  
by bringing others to His mercy through Word, Worship and Service.*