

St. Bridget Church

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**Sunday,
Apr 28,
2024**

St. Patrick Church

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Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

+Fifth Sunday of Easter+

Scripture Insights Today's first reading appears near the end of chapter 9 of Acts. The opening verses of this chapter recount Saul's request for letters of approval from temple officials. These letters would acknowledge Saul's authority once he reached Damascus, where he intended to persecute followers of Jesus. In verse 3 of this chapter, the first of three accounts of Saul's conversion begins. (Two other recordings of this experience are found in Acts 22:3-16 and 26:4-23.) Thus, it is no wonder that in today's periscope, beginning in verse 26, we hear that the disciples were reticent to believe that Saul had become a follower of Jesus. In a few words, the text details how Barnabas intervened and how the Apostles accepted Saul as one who had seen the Lord. Immediately, Saul began to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

The reading from the First Letter of John reminds us that love expresses itself most perfectly in action. While words are important, the lived expression of our words speaks a truth more strongly. Belief in Jesus is identified by our actions, our love for one another.

The Gospel of John presents us with the metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus identifies himself as the true vine and speaks of his relationship to the Father. Earlier texts that referred to Israel as the vine, primarily prophetic texts, quite obviously did not speak of the Father. Here, Jesus identifies his Father as the vine grower, or vine dresser, the one who carefully tends to the vine so that it will bear fruit.

Mass Schedule: Apr 29 - May 5, 2024



Tues. Apr 30	8:00 am	(V) Barbara & Ethan Frye+
Wed. May 1	8:30 am	(M) Mrs. Frankie Honn+
Thurs. May 2	8:00 am	(V) Alpha Fulton+
Fri. May 3	8:30am	(M) Leroy & Dorothy Bral+
	5:00 pm	(V) Vocations
Sat. May 4	8:00 am	(V) Pat Seye+
Sat. May 4	4:00 pm	(V) People of the Parish
Sun. May 5	8:00 am	(M) Joyce Watson+
Sun. May 5	10:00 am	(V) People of the Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Vivian Kalambaheti
Rose Refer
Larry Bricker
Doris Kurth
Shirley Blomme
Jennifer Russell & Fam

Gale & Bev Wood
Marvin & Shirlee Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Jim McGrory
Bonnie Barker
Lori Asberry

Joanna Green
John & Darla Doud
Collette Seda
Julian Boudonck
Chris Jahlas
Michael Green

Rev. Philip Ryan
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Janice Campbell
Verabeth Bricker
Ed & Joan Doran

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Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM Sat May 4 Jackson Rajtora, Jude Grismer
10:00 AM Sun May 5 Laney Blomme, Ruthie Blomme

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM Sat May 4 Dan Scandridge
10:00 AM Sun May 5 Laura Blomme

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are NOT having Eucharistic Ministers at this time for any of the Masses.

Funeral Committee: May Janet VanErsvelde (641-891-2015), Jane Bazyn (641-891-3614)

Money Counters: May 5 Chuck & Kathy Baetsle, Jeannine Scandridge

- **SATURDAY MASSES WILL BE MOVED TO MARENGO STARTING MAY 25.**– We will again be sharing our Saturday evening Masses with our sister parish. Starting on Saturday May 25 through September, Saturday 4pm Mass will be in Marengo.
3 representatives needed– We need 3 volunteers to go to represent our parish for the next year with the intent of identifying areas of need regarding ministry to families and youth and develop a parish action plan to address those needs. Contact Fr Scott if interested. See the insert for more information. Thank You!
Cemetery Donation–The Knights of Columbus donated \$500, from their breakfast fundraiser, to the cemetery fund. Thank You Knights!

Cemetery Mowing– We have found someone to mow the Calvary Cemetery. The cemetery pays \$550.00 every time it is mowed. We currently have \$11,400.00 in that account, it will not take long to use up all those funds. Please consider giving a donation to the cemetery fund. We want to keep it looking beautiful all summer long! Thank You!

Take a Lily– If you would like a Lily, please take one!! We are tossing after this weekend!

Breakfast Potluck– Sunday, April 28 after 10am Mass. Please bring a breakfast casserole, fruit, rolls, or donuts, etc. to share. A & R will supply drinks, plates and utensils. Hope to see you there.

Fr Ryan Birthday– Father Phil has his 93rd birthday coming up, April 28, and we are asking that you PLEASE DO NOT SEND HIM MONEY. If you would like to give him something, please consider having a Mass Intention done for him or his family OR send a donation to his favorite charity: Medical Mission

Financial Overview : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes:\$645.00 Offertory:\$91.11 Weekly Online Giving:\$430.00

Improvement:\$50.00 Catholic Home Mission:\$10.00

Happy Birthday!

May 1– Lucas Blood

May 2– Carole DeCoster, John Doud

May 4– Connor Timm

May 5– Gerry McGarry, Blake VanOtegham

Happy Anniversary!

May 1– Tom & Jean Thys– 48 years

May 3– Richard & Diane DeGeeter– 55 years

O sing a new song to
the Lord, for he has
worked wonders; in
the sight of the
nations he has
shown his
deliverance, alleluia

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Ushers

8:00 AM Sun.

Money Counters

8:00AM

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) – This year at St. Patrick our goal is **\$13,790.00**. As of April 24, we have had 41 parish families donate to the ADA. Thank you to those families! There are envelopes in the entrance of the church. Please continue to turn in your ADA pledges/donations. We are still over \$1,400.00 short of reaching our goal. Please turn in your pledge as soon as possible. **We have collected: \$12,324.00**

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St. Patrick Parish is going to start printing their own bulletins beginning April 7th.

Catholic Messenger– The Catholic Messenger subscriptions are due. The Catholic Messenger is \$30 for a yearly subscription. Our parish pays for those that have not paid their yearly subscription. Currently the parish will owe over \$1104.00. Please see that you get your subscription paid. If you are receiving the Messenger and do not wish to receive it, please write a (signed) note stating this and either put it in the collection basket or send it to: The Catholic Messenger, 780 West Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA 52801.

I am the true vine
and you are the
branches, says the
Lord. Whoever
remains in me, and
I in him, bears fruit
in plenty, alleluia

April Birthdays!

Elaine Behounek, Kael Miller, Ryan Becker,
Jackie Conrad, Curt Rheingans, Debra Henry,
Daryl Kriegel, Aidan Quinlan, Verabeth Bricker,
Ava Jo Miller, Carrie Rheingans, Father Lemaster

St. Patrick Dates to Remember

5/5 Food Pantry Sunday

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Catholic Messenger Subscriptions– Please pay for your Catholic Messenger Subscription. It is \$30.00 for a year. The church is billed for this expense. This year we owe:\$ 2,296.00 We have collected:\$1,092.00

Nine Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe to be prayed each day until December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe **O Virgin Mother of God**, we fly to Thy protection and beg Thine intercession against the darkness and sin which every more envelop the world and menace the Church. Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave Thee to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent Thee, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through Thine apparitions on Tepeyac and Thine abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of Thy messenger, saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in Thy Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to Thee, we humbly implore Thine intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to Thine Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with Thine, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to Thee, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to Thy Divine Son in Whose name we pray.
Amen.

His Eminence Leo Cardinal Burke

Domestic Violence– Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 www.dvpiowa.org

Married Couples: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is call now! Weekend dates are Sept 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at www.wmme.org

Child Sexual Abuse– Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002.

- Website:** stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!
- Office Hours:** The **St. Bridget office** will be open most afternoons. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. **St. Patrick Office** hours vary. Any questions, please call Julie Howe at 319-361-7393 or the office at 319-642-5438 and leave a message.
- Confessions:** There will be confessions heard before all Masses at the parish where Mass is held.
- Marriages:** Please arrange with Fr. Lemaster at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.
- Baptisms:** There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Lemaster for more information 319-647-2220.
- Newcomers:** You may register in **St. Bridget Parish** by calling the office at 319-647-2294. To register at **St. Patrick Parish**, please pick up a registration form from the book rack at the entrance of the church and return to the office or by calling 319-642-5438.
- Hall Rental:** Anyone interested in renting out **St. Bridget hall** please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100. To rent **St. Patrick parish center** please call the office at 319-642-5438. The fee is \$150 for parishioners plus \$200 deposit (returned if cleaned and no damages). Non-parishioners and Commercial rates are also available. For rental of either parish hall the lessee must fill out our parish agreement and check on the availability of dates. Proof of insurance required.
- Bulletin:** Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: stbridget@netins.net or srcjuliehowe@gmail.com