

## St. Bridget Church

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**Sunday,  
July 21,  
2024**

## St. Patrick Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

#### +Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time+

**Scripture Insights** The prophet Jeremiah's cry, "Woe to the shepherds," is a judgment on Israel's leaders for misleading and scattering the sheep (the people of Israel) in their care. In Jeremiah and Psalm 23, God is the Good Shepherd who feeds his people, protects them, and does not lose one of them. Jeremiah points forward to Christ through his promise that God will "raise up a righteous shoot to David," a king who will govern with wisdom and justice.

When Jesus views the people as "sheep without a shepherd," he likewise condemns Israel's leaders for failing to care for, guide, and protect the people (Mark 6:34; cf. Jeremiah 50:6; Numbers 27:17; 2 Chronicles 18:16). The disciples have just returned from their mission to proclaim the Gospel and to heal. They have attracted so much attention that they don't even have time to eat, so Jesus tells them to come away to a quiet place to rest ("in verdant pastures he gives me repose"). The crowd discovers where the group has planned to retreat and arrives at their destination first. When Jesus sees the people, he is "moved with pity." The Greek word here means "to be deeply moved," for one's insides to churn with emotion. Rather than escape the crowds, Jesus takes up the role of their shepherd and teaches them.

In Ephesians, Paul tells of how Christ has united the Israelites, who were heirs of the covenant, with the Gentiles, who were not. In the verse that precedes today's reading, Paul reminds his Gentile congregation in Ephesus that they once were "strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). They have now been brought near to God through Christ, whose death destroyed the barrier between Jew and Gentile and created one new humanity, at peace with God.

#### Mass Schedule: July 22- July 28, 2024



<b>Tues. July 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Barbara Frye+</b>
<b>Wed. July 24</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(M) Leroy &amp; Dorothy Bral+</b>
<b>Thurs. July 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Joan &amp; Harry Morphy+</b>
<b>Fri. July 26</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>(M) Stanley Hauser+</b>
<b>Sat. July 27</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Annie Morin+</b>
<b>Sat. July 27</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>(M) People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. July 28</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(M) Della Welsh+</b>
<b>Sun. July 28</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(V) People of the Parish</b>

#### 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  
Janice Campbell  
Verabeth Bricker  
Ed & Joan Doran

## St. Bridget Catholic Church

### Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM Sat July 27 Mass in Marengo  
10:00 AM Sun July 28 Cooper Hoey, Keelan Hoey

### Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM Sat July 27 Mass in Marengo  
10:00 AM Sun July 28 Bill Lynch

Funeral Committee: July Deb Michalek (319-521-4163)

Money Counters: July 28 Terry Damisch, Tom & Jean Thys

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:\$173.00

Offertory:\$855.00

Cemetery:\$

Weekly Online Giving:\$ 80.00

Improvement:\$40.00

- 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:\$1,272.00

The Lord, the  
gracious, the  
merciful, has made  
a memorial of his  
wonders; he gives  
food to those who  
fear him.

### **Happy Birthday!**

July 23– Morgan Rhinehart, Ashlyn Rhinehart  
July 24– Val VanOtegham, Ella VanThournout  
July 25– Denise Sughroue  
July 26– Dave Doran  
July 27– Pat Bott

### **Happy Anniversary!**

July 23– Jeff & Cathy Verdeck– 48 years  
July 26– Matt & Stacia Weisskopf– 21 years  
July 28– Barbara & Harold Murtha–35 years

## Announcements

- **Missionary Priest** visiting July 21– Fr. Narcis Katambe on behalf of Bukoba Catholic Diocese
  - **Vacation Bible School**– Marengo Parish is offering VBS for children PreK-6th grade. It will be held Aug 6 from 4-7pm at the St. Patrick parish center. This is free to attend, but please register your kid(s) with Angie Carney at 319-560-8476.
  - **Need Teachers**– We are in need of two teachers for this upcoming year, for 3rd/4th grade. If you are interested in teaching this Fall, please call Evan at 319-721-6000.
  - **FOUND PICTURE**– There is a picture of Fr. Hoenig with a little boy at his First Communion. We found the picture in the Sacristy and have been trying to identify the boy, so that we can give the picture to the family. Father was here from 1979-1990. Please take a look and see if you recognize him, the picture is behind the glass case in the Vestibule. Thanks.
  - **Cemetery Donations**– Please consider giving a donation to the cemetery fund. The mowing is expensive and there is not a lot of money in this account. Thank you in advance!
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- **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](http://www.dvpiowa.org)
  - **Married Couples**: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance, and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming dates are Sept 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.
  - **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

Behold, I stand at  
the door and  
knock, says the  
Lord. If anyone  
hears my voice and  
open the door to  
me, I will enter his  
house.

Fr. Narcis Katambe is a parochial vicar of St. Joseph in Marseills and St. Patrick in Seneca of Peoria Catholic Diocese of Illinois. He will be visiting our parish on July 21 for Mission Appeals on behalf of Bukoba Catholic Diocese. The success of mission appeals depends very much on your generosity in making a contribution. Your contribution will be very much appreciated in the formation of priests. Thank You!

## Important Information for Both Parishes:

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

- Website:** [stpatrick-stbridget.org](http://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.