

## St. Bridget Church

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**Sunday,  
July 28,  
2024**

## St. Patrick Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

#### +Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time+

**Scripture Insights** The theme of today's texts is apparent in the refrain from the responsorial psalm: "the hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

In the reading from the Second Book of Kings, the prophet Elisha uses twenty barley loaves to feed a hundred people, despite the doubts of his servant. The prophet knows that it will be more than enough: "For thus says the LORD, " They shall eat and there shall be some left over." Against this background, we read from John of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. This is one of the few miracles all four evangelists record in the Gospels.

The disciples Philip and Andrew, like Elisha's servant, are doubtful that the meager amount will be enough. Elisha had twenty loaves they only have five. Still, after everyone eats and is satisfied, twelve baskets are filled with the leftovers. The number twelve signifies the fullness of Israel: God has enough—more than enough—to satisfy the desires of all his people. The miraculous loaves also point beyond themselves to the true bread: Jesus, the bread from heaven, who feeds his people with his body.

Several numbers are prominent in the accounts of the miraculous meals (twenty, five, five thousand, twelve), but only the number one is noted in the Letter to the Ephesians. We read of one body of Christ, one Spirit, one hope, Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. The oneness of the saints points to the Bread of Life: the Body of Christ is Jesus' flesh and blood, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and the united Christians who partake of the bread. The Ephesians have been called to "the riches of (God's) glory in his inheritance among the holy ones" (1:18), and the apostle Paul urges them to be worthy of that calling through bearing patiently with one another in love.

#### Mass Schedule: July 29– Aug 4, 2024



<b>Tues. July 30</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Joy Harrington+</b>
	<b>6:00 pm (V) Finance Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wed. July 31</b>	<b>8:30 am (M) Deceased Frimml Family</b>
<b>Thurs. Aug 1</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Fr. Martin Diamond+</b>
<b>Fri. Aug 2</b>	<b>8:30am (M) Deceased Family of Wilkening/Kerber</b>
	<b>5:00 pm (V) Vocations</b>
<b>Sat. Aug 3</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Pat Seyer+</b>
<b>Sat. Aug 3</b>	<b>4:00 pm (M) People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. Aug 4</b>	<b>8:00 am (M) Joe Quinlan+</b>
<b>Sun. Aug 4</b>	<b>10:00 am (V) Lance Connor+</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 Aug 3 Mass in Marengo  
10:00 AM Sun Aug 4 Nicole Gensley

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM Sat Aug 3 Mass in Marengo  
10:00 AM Sun Aug 4 Susan Wilgenbusch

Funeral Committee: Aug Joah Schafbuch 319-558-6306  
Kathy Baetsle 515-430-8935

Money Counters: Aug 4 Dan & Julie Cavin, Duke & Susan Wilgenbusch

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:\$ 455.00                      Offertory:\$568.00                      Cemetery:\$0.00

Weekly Online Giving:\$ 150.00                      Improvement:\$0.00

Mission Appeal:\$ 752.00

- 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
- We sent \$4,495.00 to St. John church in Greenfield for the Tornado victims!  
Thank You to all that donated to this little community!

Bless the Lord, O my  
soul, and never  
forget all his  
benefits.

## **Happy Birthday!**

July 29– Diane Wentland

Aug 1– Connie Blomme, Jamie Claeys,  
Barb Murtha

Aug 2– Diane DeGeeter, Colleen DeMeulenaere,  
Keelan Hoey, Jill Stevens, Mindy Waterbeck

## **Happy Anniversary!**

July 30– Jim & Brenda VanOtegham– 41 years

July 31– Adam & Angie Thys– 14 years

Aug 3– Kurt & Roxanne Pierce– 33 years

## Announcements

- **Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday at 6pm in the basement. Will be going over budget papers. Thanks
  - **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

Blessed are the  
merciful, for they  
shall receive  
mercy. Blessed are  
the clean of heart,  
for they shall see  
God.

## 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.