

St. Bridget Church

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Sunday,
Feb 3,
2019

St. Patrick Church

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+Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

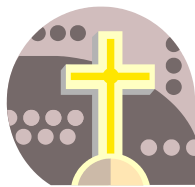
First Reading A sixth and seventh century prophet of Judah, Jeremiah detested the idolatry to which the people and their leaders would fall victim. In today's verses Jeremiah recounts how the Word of the Lord came to him and called him to be a prophet. Even before he was formed in the womb, the Lord chose him for this important role. Jeremiah would have to stand up to Judah's corrupt kings, princes, priests, and people. They would fight against Jeremiah and try to discredit the Word of the Lord he spoke, but the Lord would stand by him and deliver him.

Responsorial Psalm 71 Like many laments in the Psalter, Psalm 71 recounts the struggles the psalmist experienced throughout his life, but in the end turns to convey hope in the Lord. The hope and confidence of the psalmist in the face of affliction links to Jeremiah's perseverance in his prophetic call despite the push back he receives. We, too, sing of the Lord's salvation in the refrain taken from the latter half of the psalm.

Second Reading The triad of faith, hope, and love, which concludes the reading, is part of the early history of Christian communities and appears, for example, in 1 Thessalonians 1:3. All three will last, but love is the greatest. Would that the Corinthians bond together in love modeled on Christ's love for them, and we do the same in our communities of faith today.

Gospel The Gospel reading opens with a repetition of the closing verse from last Sunday, in which Jesus announces the fulfillment of the passage he read from Isaiah to the people in Nazareth's synagogue. People already begin to wonder about his identity, but their amazement at his "gracious words" quickly turns into fury as Jesus draws the connection between himself and the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Perhaps the people were not ready for Jesus' prophetic words and the extension of his ministry to the Gentiles. Prophets are not accepted in their place of origin, a reality of which Jesus is well aware.

Mass Schedule: Feb 4 - Feb 10, 2019



Mon. Feb 4	8:30 am (V) Margaret Ringler+
Tues Feb 5	5:00 pm (B) Evelyn Fetter+
	6:00 pm (V) Finance Council and Parish Council at 7pm
Wed. Feb 6	5:00 pm (V) Walter Pitt+
Thurs. Feb 7	8:30 am (B) Living Members of A & R
Sat. Feb 9	4:00 pm (V) Lorraine Irwin+
Sun. Feb 10	8:00 am (B) Sylvia VanErsvelde+
Sun. Feb 10	10:00 am (V) The People of St Bridget Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig
Bob Murtha
Margaret Goodrich
Diane Davidson
Katie Kriegel
Shirley Bair

Bev Wood
Marvin Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Wilfred Suchy
Dawson Klein

Carol Blomme
Joanna Green
Don VanNevel
Sharon Petersen
Marge McGrory

Janice Bringmann
Rev. Philip Ryan
Shirley Noyes
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Grace DeRycke

St. Bridget Catholic Church

Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	9	Derry & Leah Ann Gray
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	10	Paul Gensley Family

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	9	Lizzie Grier, Chelle Thys
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	10	AJ Gensley, Nicole Gensley

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	9	Pat Blomme
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	10	Marla VanDee

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	9	Jane Claeys, Tiffany Schafbuch, Ruth Beran
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	10	Angie Thys, Linda Gensley, Volunteer

<u>Funeral Committee:</u>	Feb	Denise Crow (319-631-9554), Linda Refer (685-4121)
<u>Money Counters:</u>	Feb 10	Chuck Baetsle, Kathy Baetsle, Jerry Sughroue

- Poinsettias- **ANYONE wanting a plant can take one home!** We will throw away after this weekend.
- Statements- Please pick up your end of year statements in the back of the church.
- ****NOTICE****- Remember when giving, to use your envelopes especially when giving cash. We have an "offertory" part of the collection, that is simply the loose cash that people donate. Your envelopes can be used for any amount of money, and then you will get credit for that donation on your statement. The loose money and the envelope money all go to the same place the General Bank account and is used to pay bills. Please use your envelopes when possible.

Blood Drive- The next blood drive will be Monday, Feb 4 from 1-6pm at the Victor Legion Hall.

Altar and Rosary Meeting- The next A & R meeting will be on Mon Feb 11th after the 8:30 Mass

Altar & Rosary Dues- Every woman of the parish is a member of A & R. Please use your budget envelopes to pay \$10. Your dues are needed to help the parish, some things that it pays for is wine, Eucharistic hosts, candles, vestments, linens, palms, flowers, and many other things.

Confessions will be heard every Saturday from Jan 26 to Mar 30 at St. Bridget from 3:15-3:45.

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: \$1,086.00	Offertory: \$154.00		
Renovation: \$50.00	Initial Offering: \$5.00	Total: \$1,295.00	

Happy Birthday!

Feb 4- Fr Corey Close, Jenna Rajtora
 Feb 7- Shirley Blomme
 Feb 8- Marge McGrory
 Feb 9- Violet PirkI

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 7- Allen & Audrey Waterbeck- 49 years

Save us, O Lord our
 God! And gather us
 from the nations to
 give thanks to your
 holy name, and make
 it our glory to praise
 you.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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8:00 AM	Sun.	Feb	10	Roger & Carol VanRenterghe

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

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8:00 AM	Sun.	Feb	10	Clair & Payton Manatt, Kaylee Lint

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

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8:00 AM	Sun.	Feb	10	Melissa Doty

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4:00 PM	Sat.	Feb	9	Mass at St. Bridget
8:00 AM	Sun.	Feb	10	Marcena Cline, Volunteers

Money Counters	Feb	10	Ron & Javerne Vercande, Janet Rhinehart
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\$0.00 loan

RENOVATION

Pledged to Pay

\$39,395.00

Improvement Acct

\$17,000.00

- **Poinsettias- ANYONE wanting a plant can take one home!**
- **"Souper" Bowl Weekend-** Our youth will be accepting items for our local food bank on Sunday, Feb 3 before and after the 8am Mass. They will have tables set up in the back of the church. Please check your expiration dates on all canned items before bringing them in. You may also give a monetary donation if you prefer! Thank You!
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- **Statements-** Please pick up your end of year statements in the back of the church.
- **Ruritan Breakfast-** The Ruritan Ministerial Assoc. will be hosting their annual breakfast at the MJM Center on Sunday, Feb. 3, 8am-1pm, omelets and pancakes and coffee and juice will be served.
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Feb 4- Fr Corey Close

Feb 7- Isabelle Austin

Feb 9- Rob Hanlon, Brian Manatt, Deb Rieder

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 4- Adam & Jamin Manatt- 13 years

Feb 8- George & Jane Cline- 44 years

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you have been staying warm during the polar vortex. It seems this week will be a more 'normal' winter experience, so hopefully it is all downhill from here. Just a reminder, it was two years ago we began our capital campaign for the renovation, and we are finally entering the 'final' phase, and I hope that both parishes by the end of the summer will be done. If everyone fulfills their pledges at this time, we can pay for these projects without taking a loan, which would be excellent! Thank you again for your support!

On a much more tragic note, these last couple weeks have had some tough news, especially as we learn that New York and now Virginia are looking at removing all restrictions on abortion, even up until the child is fully born. It is madness to say that killing a child is murder one minute, but literally a minute earlier was a 'choice' about a person's 'own body', but this is what evil does. The temptation given to Adam and Eve was to have the ability to declare what 'good' and 'evil' was, and that choice was very attractive to them. The fact that this has been trumpeted by a Catholic politician is all the more horrifying. Please keep our nation in prayer and please offer the sufferings of your daily life for our country. Pope Francis has called abortion akin to genocide and eugenics, and it is a sad world we live in that calls these things good.

God Bless,
Fr. Corey

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- **Loss of Loved One**-Iowa City Hospice is hosting a luncheon for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close to them the third Thursday of each month beginning Sept 20, 2018 at Gus' Food and Spirits, Coralville. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and you will be greeted by Iowa City Hospice staff or volunteers.
 - **Sharing the Hope Cancer support group**- will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Compass Memorial Healthcare Lobby, 300 West May St. Marengo. The group is open to all who have or are experiencing a cancer journey. This includes those going through cancer, caring for someone with cancer or having lost someone to cancer. Join us for conversation and cookies. For more information, contact Margaret Staman, Director of Hospital Fdtn and Volunteer Coordination at 319-642-8054.
 - **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
 - **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**- The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates Mar 8-10 @ LaCrosse, WI, Apr 12-14 @ Ankeny, May 3-5 @ Dubuque. For information, dates and to register go to: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.
 - **Child Sexual Abuse**- Please contact Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002, PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004 or vac@diodav.org

Website: stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

Office Hours: The office will be open daily from 2:00pm- 4:00pm. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. Thank You.

Confessions: There will be confessions heard every Saturday at the parish where Mass is held. So, from Jan 26 through March 30 confessions are now heard at St. Bridget Parish in Victor from 3:15-3:45.

Marriages: Please arrange with Fr. Close 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 Close for more information.

Newcomers: You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Close or the parish secretary, Linda Gensley. Church line is 319-647-2294 or Rectory is 319-647-2220.

Hall Rental: Anyone interested in renting out the hall please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100.00 must fill out our parish policy and check on the availability of dates.

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