

## St. Bridget Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Corey Close

#### +First Sunday of Lent +

**First Reading** When the ancient Israelites talked about God, they recounted what God had done for them. They told about God’s call to their ancestor Abraham and of their deliverance from Egypt. Both signified God’s grace, power, and covenant faithfulness. The Israelites reminded themselves of God’s presence by giving offerings and regularly reciting God’s mighty deed in history. The harvest ritual described in this passage bridges the border between the Hebrews’ experience in the wilderness and their experience as a settled people.

**Responsorial Psalm 91** It is easier to enter new territory or situations when we know God is with us. The psalmist intimately knows God’s saving presence. God is the one who saves, protects, and rescues.

**Second Reading** The early Church found itself entering unexpected territory. Some Jews and a large number of Gentiles were willing to follow Jesus as God’s Christ. If all of the early converts were Jews, it would have been simple to welcome them into the community.

**Gospel** The story of Jesus’ temptations in the wilderness is always told on this First Sunday of Lent. This year is Luke’s turn to tell the story. Luke’s temptation story follows Jesus’ baptism. Jesus goes into the wilderness led by the Spirit, whom Jesus experienced so vividly in his baptism. Jesus experiences trials like those his ancestors faced in their forty years in the wilderness. They, too, struggled to remain faithful to God when faced with hunger, the gods of other nations, and risky situations. It is important to recognize the temptations as real options that Jesus could reasonably have accepted. The devil tempts Jesus with good things. Jesus had the resources to meet these temptations with integrity and confidence. He refuses to doubt or test his relationship with God, refuses to bypass the Cross.

#### Mass Schedule: Mar 11 - Mar 17, 2019



<b>Mon. Mar 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(V) Mark Sypherd+</b>
<b>Tues Mar 12</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>(B) Esther Kline+</b>
<b>Wed. Mar 13</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>(V) Special Intention Ed Doran</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>(B) Communal Penance at St. Patrick</b>
<b>Thurs. Mar 14</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(B) Living Members of A &amp; R</b>
<b>Fri. Mar 15</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>(B) Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat. Mar 16</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>(V) the People of St Bridget Parish</b>
<b>Sun. Mar 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(B) Samantha Kriegel+</b>
<b>Sun. Mar 17</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Merle &amp; Margaret Pope+</b>

#### 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	Mar	16	Volunteers
10:00 AM	Sun	Mar	17	John & Jean Gryp

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

4:00 PM	Sat	Mar	16	Devon Weisskopf, Cael Weisskopf
10:00 AM	Sun	Mar	17	Lizzie Grier, Jenna Rajtora

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat	Mar	16	Deb Michalek
10:00 AM	Sun	Mar	17	Susan Wilgenbusch

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM	Sat	Mar	16	Connie Blomme, Kelli Hoey, Jane Claeys
10:00 AM	Sun	Mar	17	Wendy Damisch, Terry Damisch, Deanna Roe

## Funeral Committee:

Mar Susan Wilgenbusch (647-3727), Jean Gryp (647-3481)

## Money Counters:

Mar 17 Chuck and Kathy Baetsle, Terry Damisch

- **Catholic Messenger**-Each Week The Catholic Messenger reflects the life of the church throughout the world. The Messenger is a real value at \$29 for 50 issues, print and/or e-edition. Each parish will be billed a minimum of 50% of the declared number of parish families we have. We owe \$2,268.00 We have collected: \$1,223.00

**Thank You**- Thanks to everyone that helped in the World Day of Prayer, either with a salad or clean up or doing a reading. It was all appreciated very much. Thank you!

**Stations of the Cross**- Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm. We will be alternating between the two parishes. Victor 3/8, 3/22, and 4/5

**Confirmation**- We have 15 candidates from St. Patrick and 4 candidates from St. Bridget church that will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 20 at 7pm at St Bridget Church. Please try to come and see the Bishop and support our youth!! .

**Needed Kitchen Help**- There will be a reception after Confirmation on March 20. If anyone could please help out in the kitchen, please contact Steph Thys at 319-350-2974. Thanks!

**We are going to try having a "Childrens Liturgy"** during the Sunday Morning Masses starting on April 7. If anyone is willing to help with this please call Steph Thys. We need two people to lead it every week. It can be different people every week, you are not committed to do it every Sun. (For kids ages 4-7yrs)

**KC MEETING**- Next Meeting Tues, March 12th, at 7pm at the KC Hall.

**Confessions** will be heard every Saturday, from Mar 9 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: \$1,839.00

Offertory: \$191.00

Renovation: \$1,135.00

Total: \$3,165.00

## **Happy Birthday!**

Mar 11- Brianna King

Mar 12- Shae Francois, Dan Scandridge

Mar 14- Laura Blomme

Mar 15- Steph Thys

Mar 16- Jon Wood

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Mar 11 - Mar 17

One does not live by  
bread alone, but by  
every word that comes  
forth from the mouth  
of God.



## Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray that you all have had a good beginning to the season of Lent! I also hope that we finally get some warmer weather!

As we enter Lent, I hope and pray that we all take the time to grow in the three pillars of the spiritual life: fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. Hopefully we do these throughout the year, but Lent is a special time to rededicate ourselves to these three pillars and to seek to grow in them.

Fasting is the pillar that fights our inclination to turn inward. By denying ourselves, we learn how to be more generous with our lives, and learn to live with imperfection. We usually think of Lent as the time to fast, but it is a key component of the spiritual life for the whole year, but Lent is a good time to do it particularly. Rather than just give up desserts or something, try to give up something that is actively in your way of your spiritual growth, something that distracts you from God. It may be harder, but will be much more rewarding, and open you up to prayer.

Alms-giving is the pillar that teaches us generosity. God will never be outdone in generosity, so if we are generous to others, God will be generous with us. This opens us up to the gracious God who wishes to give us. Scripture teaches us that, at a minimum, we should be 'tithing', which means giving 10% of our income to charity. Whether we are doing this or not, Lent is a great time to either work towards this goal, or to give a little extra.

Prayer is the last and most important pillar, and represents our willingness to spend time with God and his love for us. Prayer is what feeds us and makes us whole. Lent is a great time to add a little more prayer to our life. Whether it is a rosary, a divine mercy chaplet, driving with the radio off and praying, or spending some more time before the blessed sacrament after Mass, prayer needs to be our lifeblood.

I pray and hope we all have a fruitful, spirit-filled Lent!

Fr. Corey

\*\*\*Communal penance will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm in Brooklyn,  
and will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm in Victor.

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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 Fdn 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

**Website:** [stpatrick-stbridget.org](http://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 Mar 9 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](mailto:stbridget@netins.net)