

St. Bridget Church

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**Sunday,
Sept 13,
2020**

St. Patrick Church

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Pastor—Rev. Corey Close

+Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time+

Scripture Insights Earlier in the Gospel according to Matthew, when Jesus taught the Our Father, he emphasized forgiveness, saying, “If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions” (Matthew 6:15). These are strong words, which imply that our own forgiveness is dependent on our willingness to forgive others.

Today’s parable of the unmerciful servant illustrates this point with a story of someone who refused to forgive, and his forgiveness was taken away. Clearly this is an analogy in which the master represents God, and the servants represent people like us, who are supposed to treat each other the way God treats us—with forgiveness. The First Reading puts it well: “Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?” God has forgiven us of so much, and God is willing to keep on forgiving us—but if we will not forgive others we are throwing God’s gift of forgiveness back in his face. The refusal to forgive is itself a sin that needs forgiveness. When we refuse to forgive, we cut ourselves off from God’s forgiveness.

When we are hurt by someone, we may need a little time to take stock of our feelings, but ultimately it is most helpful to take a position of humility—a position that refuses to judge, refuses to adopt a self-righteous attitude, and refuses to hold a grudge. A grudge is like toxic waste; it only hurts the one who holds it. So how many times should we forgive the person who wrongs us? When Jesus says seventy-seven times, he really means stop counting. Forgive as many times as it takes.

Mass Schedule: Sep 14 - Sep 20, 2020



Mon.	Sep	14	8:30 am	(V) JoAnn Cole+
Tues	Sep	15	5:00 pm	(B) Tom Collum+
Wed.	Sep	16	5:00 pm	(V) Carol Blomme+
Thur.	Sep	17	8:30 am	(B) Germaine Purdum+
Sat.	Sep	19	4:00 pm	(B) Helen Wauters+
Sat	Sep	19	6:00 pm	(V) The People of St Bridget Parish
Sun.	Sep	20	8:00 am	(B) The People of St Patrick Parish
Sun.	Sep	20	10:00 am	(V) Jim Scandridge+

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig
Bob Murtha
Diane Davidson
Vivian Kalamaheti
Rose Refer

Bev Wood
Marvin Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Wilfred Suchy
Dawson Klein

Joanna Green
Sharon Petersen
Marjorie VanHamme
Ray Gensley
John Doud

Janice Bringmann
Rev. Philip Ryan
Shirley Noyes
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Mary Bernhart

St. Bridget Catholic Church

Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	19	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	20	None

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	19	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	20	None

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	19	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	20	None

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	19	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	20	None

Funeral Committee:

Sep

Joan Doran (647-3475 or 319-330-4837) Ruth Ann Thys (647-2748)

Money Counters:

Sep 20

Chuck & Kathy Baetsle, Duke & Susan Wilgenbusch

- The following children will make their First Communion this Saturday at Mass at 6pm. Belle Weisskopf, daughter of Matt and Stacia Weisskopf; Owen Rhinhart, son of Mark and Melissa Rhinehart; and Keelan Hoey, son of Jason and Kelli Hoey. Congratulations to all our young children as they receive this special Sacrament.
- ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE- Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to your church. Please visit our website and get started at www.stpatrick-stbridget.org

Religious Ed News - First Night of Religious Ed classes for the Junior High - Seniors will be on Sept 23 at 6:30pm until 8pm. **NO CLASSES SEPT 30**. First Communion will be Saturday, Sept 12 at the 6pm Mass. Any questions call Steph Thys at 319-350-2974. Thanks

GOOD FRIDAY Collection- This year due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living here in the Land of Jesus. Pope Francis has decided that this collection will be taken up There is an extra basket for these donations. Please make a donation to this collection. Thank you
Confessions Will be heard on Sep 19 at St. Bridget in Victor from 5:15-5:45pm

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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: \$1053.00 Offertory:\$62.00
Total:\$1,115.00

Happy Birthday!

Sep 17- Finn Riffel

Sep 20- Cindy DeBrower, Josie Hall

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 18- Jerry & Denise Sughroue- 28 years

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality:

4:00 PM	Sat.	Sep	19	None
8:00 AM	Sun.	Sep	20	None

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Money Counters

Sep	20	Francis Kriegel, John & Jane Fetter
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How precious is your
mercy, O God: The
children of men
seek shelter in the
shadow of your
wings.

- **Bible Study**- There will be bible study every Tuesday night in the church hall after the 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are currently discussing "The Book of Maccabees 1". Thanks
- **RELIGION CLASSES**- RE classes will begin for grades 7-12th on Sept 9 at 7pm and elementary classes begin after Sunday morning Mass on Sept 13th. Hope to see you all there!
- **ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE**- Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to your church. Please visit our website and get started at www.stpatrick-stbridget.org
- **Cemetery News**- After extensive negotiations between the Diocese, the Parish, and the Calvary Cemetery Board, it has been decided that the Calvary Cemetery is now its own, independent, non-Catholic entity. It will no longer be under the auspices of the Catholic Church.
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- **Confessions** there will be confessions heard on Sep 19 at St Patrick, Brooklyn from 3:15-3:45pm

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: \$983.00

Offertory: \$93.00

Improvement: \$105.00

Total: \$1,181.00

Happy Birthday!

Sep 19- Javerne Vercande

Sep 20- Don Brau, Emily Cadden

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 16- Lynn & Christine Hammes- 31 years

Sep 16- Scott & Brenda Strong- 31 years

Sep 20- James & Agnes Crabtree- 34 years

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray all is well with you as we experience the first taste of Fall this week. I hope the rain has helped rather than hindered anything.

In my work as a spiritual director and a counselor, one theme I've seen pop up again and again is the idea that our own lives are particular unlucky or messed up, and the lives of those around us have things relatively in order. This can lead to a sense of alienation from one's own life, hyper-focus on the things that are off in our lives, and a deep envy of those around us who seem to have what we lack. I can assure you that these are all lies, and in many ways in the chief attack of Satan. After all, he convinced Eve that God was withholding from her her birthright of being a God, and she needed to take it on her own power. This attack worked with our first parents, and thus works with us. It is a lie. God is abundantly good to us, even those who know him not, and this line of thinking blinds us to that truth. We all have struggles, yes, but God is close to us in them, even if we don't realize it. The 9th and 10th commandments are to not be envious of what others have, and for good reason. Our Lord provides for each one of us what we need given the place we are in life, and a fantasy image of what other people have blocks us from seeing that. I hope and pray we all see the abundant goodness God has given each one of us, and thank him for these things daily. After all, while petitionary pray is good (praying for what we need from God), thanksgiving prayer is even better, because it not only praises God for what we have been given, but by doing so, is in fact asking for more blessing as well.

God Bless, Father Corey

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- is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends Nov 6-8 @ Coralville. 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 Monday through Thursday 2:30pm- 4:30pm. 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.

They will be 45 minutes prior to the Mass at both parishes.

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: stbridgt@netins.net