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+Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time+

Scripture Insights Peacemaker and reconciler—how often do we see ourselves in that role? Act in that capacity? Yet this is the message and the work we have been given, the “responsibility” we have for one another.

Note that the directive is given in today’s Gospel reading regarding a brother (or sister) in the Church. (The Greek word for Church, ekklesia, occurs twice in Matthew’s account of the Gospel—16:18 and 18:17—and is etymologically related to the verb kaleo or call.) The church is the new people of God, called by and gathered around Jesus. “Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50)—and brothers and sisters of one another. Harmonious relationships with these brothers and sisters are likewise treated in Matthew 5:22-24.

The phrase “against you,” in the first of our reading, is not found in some of the oldest manuscripts of this passage. This alters the meaning significantly, for then the subject is not so much a personal offense, but rather, any sin. Brothers and sisters are responsible for the conversion of one another. (But note the caveat in Matthew 7:3-5 about the possible beam in one’s own eye!).

The “how” of exercising this work of conversion and reconciliation is set forth in the first lines of the Gospel reading and tempered by the Second Reading, which reminds us that love of neighbor must be the basis of any reconciliation work.

Today’s Scriptures call us to self-examination, for we are both sinners in need of our own conversion and called to be “prophets” and reconcilers for one another. Let us listen to God’s voice whenever and through whomever God speaks, and harden not our hearts.

Mass Schedule: Sep 7 - Sep 13, 2020



Mon.	Sep	7	8:30 am	(V) Maribeth DeNeve+
Tues	Sep	8	10:30 am	(B) Funeral Jim Scandridge
Wed.	Sep	9	5:00 pm	(V) Margaret Ringler+
Thur.	Sep	10	8:30 am	(B) Judy Calderwood+
Sat.	Sep	12	4:00 pm	(B) Mollie Tibbetts+
Sat	Sep	12	6:00 pm	(V) The People of St Bridget Parish
Sun.	Sep	13	8:00 am	(B) The People of St Patrick Parish
Sun.	Sep	13	10:00 am	(V) Wanda Baetsle+

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	12	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	13	None

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	12	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	13	None

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	12	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	13	None

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6:00 PM	Sat	Sep	12	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Sep	13	None

Funeral Committee: Sep Joan Doran (647-3475 or 319-330-4837) Ruth Ann Thys (647-2748)
Money Counters: Sep 13 Dan & Julie Cavin, Jim & Jeannine Scandridge

- **Prayers-** Please remember in our prayers Jim Scandridge. Jim passed away on Wed. Sept 2 and his funeral will be on Tues Sept 8 at 10:30am. Jim is the husband of Jeannine and the brother of Dan Scandridge. May God grant Jim eternal peace and rest. Amen.+
- **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

K C Meeting- The next KC Meeting will be on Tues Sept 8 at 7pm at the KC Hall.

Religious Ed News - First Night of Religious Education classes for K-6 on Wed. Sept 9 from 6:30-7:30pm, Junior High - Seniors first night 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 on Sept 12/13. Please mark your donations accordingly and give to this collection. Thank you

Confessions Will be heard on Sep 12 at St. Bridget in Victor from 5:15-5:45pm

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: \$1827.00	Offertory: \$145.00	
Catholic University: \$20.00	Holy Assumption: \$10.00	Total: \$2,002.00

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Happy Birthday!

Sep 9- Logan Timm, Gerald VanDee
 Sep 11- Bonnie Barker, Jean Murtha
 Sep 13- Joanna Green

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 8- John & Jean Gryp- 58 years
 Sep 8- Dustin & Megan Tharp- 13 years
 Sep 9- Gary & Joan Schafbuch- 59 years
 Sep 10- Curtis & Margie McWilliams- 37 years

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality:

4:00 PM	Sat.	Sep	12	None
8:00 AM	Sun.	Sep	13	None

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM	Sat.	Sep	12	None
8:00 AM	Sun.	Sep	13	None

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat.	Sep	12	None
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Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4:00 PM	Tues	Sep	12	None
8:00 AM	Wed	Sep	13	None

Money Counters

Sep 13 Mike Kleitsch, Ron & Javerne Vercande

Like the deer that
yearns for running
streams, so my soul
is yearning for you,
my God; my soul is
thirsting for God,
the living God.

- **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 12 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: \$1,243.00
Improvement: \$500.00

Offertory: \$238.00

Assumption: \$5.00
Total: \$1,986.00

Happy Birthday!

Sep 7- Roseanne Kriegel
Sep 8- Joan Brubaker, John Kriegel
Sep 9- Dave Faas
Sep 10- Tom VanErsvelde
Sep 11- Kaitlyn Hildebrand
Sep 12- LexAnn Alig, Don Nicklas

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 8- Daryl & Melissa Doty- 13 years
Sep 11- Marco & Ofelia Hernandez- 24 years

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray all is well with you!

I apologize that, a few weeks ago, I wrote a bulletin blurb that was not in concert with the Church's teaching on faithful citizenship and may have contributed to the growing polarizing we are experiencing in this country. I am sorry; I never wish to knowingly go against what our Church teaches, and it was a mistake on my part to sow confusion on this topic.

As the election comes closer, it is critically important that we pray and discern who and what to vote for. This is a special privilege we have as Americans, in that we have a direct connection with our government in a way that has been exceptionally rare in human history. We, as Catholics, have a special duty to live out our faith in the public square in a way that is faithful to the teachings of the Church, as well as the dictates of our own informed conscience. There are many issues at stake in our country today, whether it be abortion, immigration, healthcare, religious liberty, criminal justice reform, the economy, the environment and many others.

The Bishops have published an extensive work on this subject called: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" (<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title>). They also have produced five short videos that address particular important issues (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL18AF7577177E12D9>). I strongly encourage everyone to read this document and watch these videos as they are critical guides in helping us form our consciences.

We live in a country that is becoming more and more divided and polarized. As Catholics, we must work together to unite the country. Many times, those who seem to have counter viewpoints are coming at problems from a different perspective, and it helps no one when we write them off or fail to try to understand their concerns. Oftentimes people have an insight into the truth, regardless of how far off they may seem at first. This is why it is critical that we do not demonize the opposition, both in small matters and in large ones. As Catholics, we have a duty to love our neighbor and work with them for building up this world. Even if at first glance they may have very different opinions than we do, we can, with time, learn their concerns, see their perspectives, and perhaps even change our own views.

I hope and pray that we all work together this election season, and into the future, to build a country that is more united and at peace. God Bless, Fr. Corey

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