

St. Bridget Church

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**Sunday,
Feb 11,
2024**

St. Patrick Church

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Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

+Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time+

Scripture Insights Today's readings from the Book of Leviticus and the Gospel of Mark give attention to a disease identified as leprosy. A bit of background can be quite helpful in understanding these texts.

First, what the Scriptures refer to as "leprosy" (*tzaraat* in the Old Testament and *lepra* in the New Testament) should not be understood as synonymous with the illness of this name today. The word leprosy seems to have been a generic term used to refer to a variety of skin conditions, one of which might have been leprosy (Hansen's disease). Second, specific laws were designated for the purpose of restricting the spread of communicable illnesses, with skin diseases being among them. While these law may sound harsh to us today, they are best understood as safeguarding the well-being of the community. Third, in addition to making a person unclean, which resulted in isolation from the community, leprosy was often associated with sin.

In our passage from Mark, we hear that a leper approached Jesus and said: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus wasted no time in responding. He touched the man! This was unheard of! He touched a leper! Jesus then said to the leper, "I do will it. Be made clean." And immediately the leprosy left the man. Jesus then instructs the man to follow the prescriptions of the Law. Interestingly, within the next thirty-four verses of Mark, in five episodes, some consider Jesus as one who does not uphold the Law but violates it.

Mass Schedule: Feb 12 - Feb 18, 2024

	Tues. Feb 13	8:00 am (V) Marcia Shults+ 6:00 pm (V) Finance & Parish Council Mtg for both churches
	Wed. Feb 14	8:00 am (M) Ash Wed.— Hersh & Dorothy Freshour+ 6:00 pm (V) Ash Wed. —The Unborn
	Thurs. Feb 15	8:00 am (V) Joseph & Verna Carney+
	Fri. Feb 16	8:30 am (M) Tom Davidson+ 5:00 pm (V) Stations of the Cross
	Sat. Feb 17	8:00 am (V) People of the Parish
	Sat. Feb 17	4:00 pm (V) Ed Healey+
	Sun. Feb 18	8:00 am (M) George Frimml+
	Sun. Feb 18	10:00 am (V) People of the Parish

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

Joanna Green
John & Darla Doud
Collette Seda
Julian Boudonck
Chris Jahlas
Michael Green

Rev. Philip Ryan
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Janice Campbell
Verabeth Bricker
Ed & Joan Doran

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Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	17	Laney Blomme, Ruthie Blomme
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	18	Gabriel Grismer, Jude Grismer

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	17	Laura Blomme
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	18	Maria Grismer

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are NOT having Eucharistic Ministers at this time for any of the Masses.

<u>Funeral Committee:</u>	Feb	Denise Crow (319-631-9554), Linda Refer (319-560-5895)
<u>Money Counters:</u>	Feb 18	Duke & Susan W., Jeannine Scandridge

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**– Father will be saying the Stations at 5pm on Fridays after Ash Wednesday. He will alternate between parishes. 2/16 in Victor, 2/23 Marengo, 3/1 Victor, 3/8 Marengo, 3/15 Victor, and 3/22 Marengo.
Parish & Finance Council Meetings will be Tues. Feb 13 at 6pm in the church basement
Altar & Rosary Meeting– the next meeting will be Tues. Feb 13th after 8am Mass.
KC Meeting– The next KC meeting is Tues., Feb. 13 at 7pm at the KC Hall.
Altar & Rosary Dues– The yearly dues are due. They are \$10.00, and every woman of the parish is considered a member. There is an envelope in your budget envelope or put in the collection baskets.
Catholic Messenger Subscriptions– Please pay for your Catholic Messenger Subscription. It is \$30.00 for a year. The church is billed for this expense.

Fasting & Abstinence– Ash Wed. and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence (avoiding eating meat) for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are a day of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, to prepare ourselves to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) – WE HAVE MADE OUR GOAL!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED! Our parish goal was \$16,472.00. We have collected: \$18,686.00 we are at 113%

Upon This Rock Campaign– Our Parish Pledged \$100,629.70, to date \$62,831.55 has been paid, we will get 20% of what has been paid. So, we are to receive \$12,366.00, back to the Parish. THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!!

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:\$1,725.00

Offertory:\$129.00

Weekly Online Giving:\$265.00

Pay for Air Conditioner:\$75.00

Catholic Messenger:\$210.00

Easter:\$1000.00

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only
Begotten Son, that all
who believe in him
may not perish, but
may have eternal life.

Happy Birthday!

Feb 14– Colleen Riedel

Feb 16– Adam Thys

Feb 18– Oliver Pirkel, Deanna Roe, Halle Sauter

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 18– Brian & Erica VanThournout– 16 years

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Ushers 8:00 AM Sun. Feb 18 Mark Plotz & Volunteer

Money Counters 8:00AM Feb 18 Patrick Fleming, Pat Ritchie

They ate and had
their fill, and what
they craved the
Lord gave them;
they were not
disappointed in
what they craved.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) - This year at St. Patrick our goal is **\$13,790.00**. As of February 1, we are still short \$3,166.00. We have always made our goal in the past, so let's keep going! There are envelopes in the entrance of the church. Please continue to turn in your ADA pledges/donations. If we do not reach our goal, our church will be responsible for the balance. **We have collected: \$10,624.00**

- **Sunday, February 11** - will be St. Patrick's Mardi Gras celebration. Due to the "Big Game" that evening we are going to have a Mardi Gras Breakfast after Mass. Public is invited-serving from 9am-10:30am so invite your friends and family. Free Will Offering to go towards the building fund. We will have some homemade breakfast casseroles, breakfast punch, and of course King Cake! Religious Education students will also have their annual Mardi Gras parade. We hope to see you there!
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The Rosary- The Rosary is being said after Mass on Sundays as well as week days. Please consider staying to pray the Rosary.
First Presbyterian Church- Winter Warm-up Soup Lunch will be held Thursday, Feb 22 serving from 11-1pm. Soups include: chicken noodle, potato, minestrone w/sausage. There will also be rolls, relishes, desserts and a beverage. Free will donation for dine in. Carry outs are available for \$7.00/meal.
Movie showing- The movie "Jesus Revolution" based on a true story. Will be showing at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Feb. 25 at 3pm it is rated PG13, children must be with an adult. Popcorn and water will be provided.
Building Fund- Please consider giving generously to the building fund. We have several rather large projects that we need to complete in the near future. The steeple is needing some repair and we still need to replace our air units in the church.
Contribution Statements- The 2023 contribution statements and your box of envelopes is in the back of the church.

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33 Adult Envelopes: **\$1,561.00**

Offertory: **\$115.00**

Initial Offering: **\$ 4.00**

4 Children Envelopes: **\$15.00**

February Birthdays!

Matt Stewart, Rick Bral, Sharon Schulte, Angie Carney, Matt Cahoy, Ashley Prusha, Pat Ritchie, Matt Ryan, Kristen Bral, Amelia Billups, Charlie Billups, Elam Tiedt

St. Patrick Dates to Remember

2/11 Mardi Gras Breakfast

2/14 Ash Wed. 8am at Marengo, 6pm Victor

2/23 Stations of the Cross at 5pm

Important Information for Both Parishes:

FORMED– Formed has a Daily Reflection that would be a good Lent daily practice. **Sign up for FORMED today!** www.formed.org, pick “sign up as a parishioner”, enter 52361 as the zip code, St. Mary coordinates the subscription

Surround, Support, Strengthen Diocesan Special Collection– February 10/11, 2024

The mission of the Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa is to prepare disciples for the Church and the world. Preparing disciples involves preparing faith-filled leaders who will impact their future families, parishes, workplaces, and our diocesan communities. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Newman Center through the special collection authorized by the Diocese of Davenport. For more information about the center ways that you can support, please visit www.iowacatholic.org. Or, to see videos featuring students sharing their Newman experiences, visit their You Tube channel found on YouTube@IowaCatholic.

Shrines of France Pilgrimage– Come along Nov 4-14, 2024 to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great churches and cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 4th St. N. Humboldt, IA 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!

HOW TO REACH ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIDGET STAFF:

SP DRE– Angie Carney 319-560-8476,

SB DRE– Evan Van Otegham 319-721-6000

SP SECRETARY– Julie Howe 319-361-7393

SB– Linda Gensley 319-647-2294

SP A & R PRESIDENT– Julie Alexander 319-202-0542

SB– Joan Schafbuch 319-558-6306

SP PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT– Theresa Ryan 319-642-7061

SP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT– Jay Ritter 319-530-5581 **SB**– Tom Thys 319-647-3638

SP PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS– Mert Goodrich 319-642-3430 or Kathy Hauser 319-642-7255

SP PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS–Theresa Ryan, Angie Carney, Julie Alexander, Jay Ritter, Sarah Ritter, Jim Honn, Mark Swift

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– Couples....want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419. Upcoming weekends are being held February 16-18 in Marshalltown, April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth, and Sept 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque.

Child Sexual Abuse– 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.

Website: 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.

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 or srcjuliehowe@gmail.com