

## St. Bridget Church

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## St. Patrick Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

#### +Third Sunday in Ordinary Time+

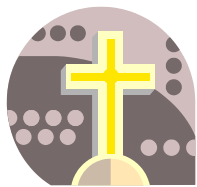
**Scripture Insights** The geographical references in today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew are highly significant. The lands of Zebulun and Naphtali were the territories of the northern most tribes of Israel. In 721 BC, the Assyrians invaded these regions and destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Later, in 587BC, the Babylonians destroyed the Southern Kingdom of Judah, sending the population into exile. Matthew uses these geographical allusions deliberately to teach that Jesus' public ministry inaugurates the restoration of God's kingdom where it was first extinguished. Jesus brings God's light and salvation into these areas of desolation, fulfilling the prophet Isaiah's hope: "The people who walked in darkness / have seen a great light: / upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom / a light has shone" (Is 9:1).

Jesus enters Galilee with the challenge: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 4:17). Unambiguously, Jesus proclaims his intention to inaugurate God's kingdom. He issues a call to enter a new relationship with God by undergoing a change of heart.

Jesus invites two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew and James and John, to follow him. His call comes amid their daily occupations. They respond promptly by abandoning their ordinary activities and redirecting their lives to a new way of service to the Lord and the establishment of his kingdom.

Jesus' call comes to each of us in our everyday activities. In baptism, we are called to recognize that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). In our daily lives, we experience Jesus' presence and witness that we are his followers.

#### Mass Schedule: Jan 23 - Jan 29, 2023



<b>Tues. Jan 24</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) No Mass</b>
<b>Wed. Jan 25</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) No Mass</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan 26</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) No Mass</b>
<b>Fri. Jan 27</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) No Mass</b>
<b>Sat. Jan 28</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) No Mass</b>
<b>Sat. Jan 28</b>	<b>4:00 pm (V) Julia Waterbeck &amp; Marie Posusta+</b>
<b>Sun. Jan 29</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) Barb VanErsvelde+</b>
<b>Sun. Jan 29</b>	<b>10:00 am (V) Special Intention of Teresa Wille</b>

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig  
Bob Murtha  
Diane Davidson  
Vivian Kalambaheti  
Rose Refer  
Alice VanQuekelberghe

Gale & Bev Wood  
Marvin Lynn  
Kyle McWilliams  
Dawson Klein  
Jim McGrory  
Bonnie Barker

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

Rev. Philip Ryan  
Ruth DeMeulenaere  
Mary Bernhart  
Verabeth Bricker  
Ed & Joan Doran  
Shirlee Lynn

# St. Bridget Catholic Church

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

8:00 AM	Sat	Jan	28	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	28	Volunteer, Jackson Rajtora
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	29	Cooper Hoey, Gracie Waterbeck

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

8:00 AM	Sat	Jan	28	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	28	Laurie Gerard
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	29	Jeannine Scandridge

## 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>	Jan	Marla VanDee (641-990-9162), Diane DeGeeter (319-930-1966)
<u>Money Counters:</u>	Jan 29	Dan & Julie Cavin, Jeannine Scandridge

- **A & R Meeting**– The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 after the 8am Mass.
  - **A & R Dues**– Ladies just a reminder that your A & R dues are due. They are \$10.00 per member and they will be collecting them Jan 21 & 22. Every woman of the parish is automatically a member of A & R. Altar and Rosary pays for all our altar supplies and provides many services to the parish. Please pay your dues. Thank you
  - **Catholic Messenger**– This weekend we kick off the 2023 subscription drive. To help encourage more people to subscribe, all households in the diocese will receive one free print edition of The Catholic Messenger on January 19 and free access to the e-edition from Jan 19-Feb 19. No other media, print or digital, covers the Catholic Church in our diocese with the expertise and integrity of The Catholic Messenger. It is a real value at **\$30 per year** for 50 issues.
- IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS**– As many of you know, our air conditioner compressor went out this summer. We will be getting a new system, the cost is over \$60,000. If anyone would like to give to this project, please write “improvement fund” on your checks. Thank You!!
- Confessions**– Confessions can be heard one hour before all Masses.

Look toward the  
Lord and be  
radiant; let your  
faces not be  
abashed.

**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: \$837.00

Offertory: \$148.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$80.00

Fix Air Conditioner: \$

## **Happy Birthday!**

Jan 27 – Tom Thys

Jan 28 – Sharon Kriegel, Janet VanErsvelde

Jan 29 – Gary Schafbuch, Joan Schafbuch,  
Jim VanErsvelde

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Jan 26 – Larry & Julie Grier – 49 years

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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.

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

4:00 PM Sat. Jan 28 at St. Bridget's  
8:00 AM Sun. Jan 29 Kylie Arment, Cara Arment

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

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8:00 AM Sun. Jan 29 Teresa Beck

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

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## Money Counters

Jan 29 Steve Alig, Dave & Mary Jo Collum

- **Cookbooks**– There are still cookbooks left. They are \$15.00 each. If anyone would like one they are available for sale at Brooklyn Grocery Store, S&S Appliance in Victor, Farm Bureau in Grinnell and the Flag Store in Brooklyn. All the proceeds go to the improvement fund at St. Patrick's. Thank you for all your support.
- **A & R Meeting**– The next A & R meeting will be Jan 25 at 6pm. There are A & R schedules in the back of the church. Be sure to pick one up!
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Envelopes: **\$962.00**      Offertory: **\$88.00**      Weekly Online Giving : **\$288.50**  
Improvement: **\$40.00**      First Offering: **\$10.00**

**Happy Birthday!**  
Jan 23– Chelse Beumer  
Jan 24– Cara Arment  
Jan 26– Rusty Clayton  
Jan 27– Brian Cadden  
Jan 29– Sandy Clayton

**Happy Anniversary!**  
Jan 23–Jan 29

## Important Information for Both Parishes:

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- **Year End Statements**- They should be available to pick up at your parish. Thank you for your contributions over the past year! Let me know if there is anything wrong. Thanks Linda
- **ADA Results**: Both parishes have made their goals!!  
St. Patrick is at 120% with \$17,861.00 and St. Bridget is at 136% with \$22,046.00
- **The Mustard Seed**– 532 North Dodge Street, Iowa City, IA—Stop by and relax on our sofa or rocking chair while you browse through our books and find just the right one to answer your questions about our Catholic faith. We have a room just for children's books too. Find gifts for baptism, first communion, confirmation, weddings, ordinations, birthdays and bereavement. Every occasion greeting cards and MORE. Open 11am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday

**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](http://www.dvpiowa.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**- Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you have been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call (563)920-9419 for more information, or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

**Child Sexual Abuse**- Please contact Iowa Dept. of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the case 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](mailto:vac@diodav.org)

**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 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 an hour 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.

**Newcomers:** You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Lemaster 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](mailto:stbridgt@netins.net)

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