

## St. Bridget Church

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Sunday,  
May 21,  
2023

## St. Patrick Church

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### Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster

#### +The Ascension of the Lord+

**Scripture Insights** The rest of Jesus' prayer in John 17 gives reasons for the need for God's protection and for Christian unity. The former is needed because Christ's followers may face hostility in "the world" (17:14-16), and the latter because it functions as an essential Christian witness (17:23). There also is a close connection between God's protection and the Christian unity that John emphasizes. Christian unity is itself a form of divine protection (see Jn 13). This is, in a sense, what the disciples are doing in Acts 1 when they huddle together in prayer in the upper room. After Jesus' ascension, they may be feeling a sense of loss again; however, they are able to take up the mission of the Church through unity and mutual support.

First Peter gives a similar message. Written metaphorically to "aliens" and sojourners" (1:1, 17; 2:11) who have left the lawless ways of their Gentile ancestors and neighbors (1:18, 4:1-4), they have become vulnerable, troubled, and unsettled, as the verses we read today show. The letter begins and closes, however, by affirming that they, as strangers in their land and oppressed by kings and governors (2:13-14, 17), have found a new family with each other and anyone who has chosen to follow Jesus (1:1, 3-5; 5:9, 12-13). With the love and support of each other, they too can express confidence in God's protection in the midst of trials and fear.

#### Mass Schedule: May 22 - May 28, 2023



<b>Tues. May 23</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Fr. David Hitch+</b>
<b>Wed. May 24</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) Jim Collum+</b>
<b>Thurs. May 25</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Della Welsh+</b>
<b>Fri. May 26</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) Helen Ermak+</b>
<b>Sat. May 27</b>	<b>8:00 am (V) Patricia Seye+</b>
<b>Sat. May 27</b>	<b>4:00 pm (B) People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. May 28</b>	<b>8:00 am (B) Bob Dunn+</b>
<b>Sun. May 28</b>	<b>10:00 am (V) People of the Parish</b>

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

Lex Ann Alig  
Diane Davidson  
Vivian Kalambaheti  
Rose Refer  
Larry Bricker  
Duke Wilgenbusch

Gale & Bev Wood  
Marvin & Shirlee 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

# St. Bridget Catholic Church

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

4:00 PM Sat May 27 Mass at St. Patrick's  
10:00 AM Sun May 28 Nicole Gensley

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM Sat May 27 Mass at St. Patrick's  
10:00 AM Sun May 28 Laura Blomme

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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

Funeral Committee: May Janet VanErsvelde (641-891-2015), Jane Bazyn (647-2768)  
Money Counters: May 28 Jerry Sughroue, Tom & Jean Thys

- Upon This Rock– Thank you for your support of “Upon This Rock” Campaign. We’ll keep you updated each week on our parish’s progress in the campaign. Thank you to all who have made gifts! Our latest tally as of May 17, we have gifts and pledges totaling \$27,500.00. That’s 17.4% toward our goal of \$158,073.00. Go to [davenportdiocese.org/campaign](http://davenportdiocese.org/campaign) to view the campaign video, explore the Frequently Asked Questions and learn much more.
- AIR CONDITIONER FUND- Many are asking how close are we to getting the A/C unit paid for. As of today, with any amounts given this week. Please consider a donation! Thanks!  
The balance in our account is:\$23,803.20. The projected cost will be: \$61,612.00
- Confessions– Confessions can be heard one hour before all Masses.

Behold, I am with  
you always, even to  
the end of the age,  
alleluia.

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:\$800.00      Offertory:\$118.00      Weekly Online Giving:\$50.00  
Fix Air Conditioner:\$840.00      Cemetery:\$25.00

## **Happy Birthday!**

May 25– Kelli Hoey  
May 26– Ken Blomme, Doug Michalek  
May 27– LuAnn Green

## **Happy Anniversary!**

May 26– Luke & Alyssa Blood– 11 years  
May 28– Darrel & Jill Stevens– 19 years

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4:00 PM	Sat.	May	27	Sam Bos, Sara Bos
8:00 AM	Sun.	May	28	Julie Klein

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat.	May	27	Kylie Arment, Cara Arment
8:00 AM	Sun.	May	28	Mary Jo Upah

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

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

## Money Counters

May 28 Jim & Elsie Foels, Ron & Javerne Vercande

Father, I pray that  
they may be one  
as we also are  
one, alleluia.

- **Upon This Rock**– Thank you for your support of “Upon This Rock” Campaign. We’ll keep you updated each week on our parish’s progress in the campaign. Thank you to all who have made gifts! Our latest tally as of May 17, we have gifts and pledges totaling \$28,260.00. That’s 20.4% toward our goal of \$138,391.00. Go to [davenportdiocese.org/campaign](http://davenportdiocese.org/campaign) to view the campaign video, explore the Frequently Asked Questions and learn much more.
- **Prayers**– Please remember in your prayers Joan Brubaker. Joan is the wife of Billy. Joan passed away unexpected on March 18. Her celebration of life ceremony is May 19 from 4-7pm and the funeral will be Sat. May 20 at 10:30am at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck, IA. May God grant Joan eternal peace & rest. Amen.+
- **Calvary Cemetary**– They will have their annual meeting on June 4 at 1pm in the basement of the church.
- **Confessions**– Confessions can be heard one hour before all Masses.

**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: **\$796.00**      Offertory: **\$154.00**      Weekly Online Giving : **\$288.50**  
Improvement: **\$200.00**      Church in Latin America: **\$20.00**

## **Happy Birthday!**

May 23- Beckett Rhoads  
May 24– Thomas Teumer  
May 26– Kari Klein  
May 28– Katelyn Cadden, Mary Ann Faas

## **Happy Anniversary!**

May 22– Merle & Patty Hall– 30 years  
May 22– George & Lori Hiner– 42 years  
May 28– Ted & Tammy Kriegel– 35 years

## Important Information for Both Parishes:

- **'Upon This Rock' Campaign picking up steam**

We hope you have now received your *Upon This Rock* campaign mailing or will soon. Our parishes public campaign kicked off last weekend, and your packet of information will offer much more information. Once you have read over the information, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the effort. In the meantime, here are a few Frequently Asked Questions. A compilation of all the FAQ's, the campaign video and other information are available throughout the campaign at [davenportdiocese.org/campaign](http://davenportdiocese.org/campaign).

- **FAQ**

- **Does a campaign commitment result in tax benefits?**

There are potential tax advantages to a charitable gift. For example, if you are age 72 or older and have certain retirement accounts, consider the use of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). However, you should consult your attorney or financial adviser for answers to specific questions about your tax situation.

- **Are cash pledges the only kind of gifts?**

No. Trust, estate and other planned gifts, such as gifts of real estate or life insurance, are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the diocese's chief financial officer, Tom Tallman, at 563-888-4365 to discuss the options available.

- **Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three years of the campaign?**

Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the diocese.

- **Why do you emphasize making a pledge?**

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than might be possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners often are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the diocese through incremental giving. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

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**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**– A Worldwide marriage encounter is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is you can sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). The next weekend is Sept 22-24 in Dubuque. For more information call (563)920-9419

**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](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: [stbridget@netins.net](mailto:stbridget@netins.net)

**Online giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church. Please visit our website and get started at: [www.stpatrick-stbridget.org](http://www.stpatrick-stbridget.org) Thank-You!**