

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)
Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmnn, William Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Jack Salwei, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Elaine Kalis, Carol Scholler, Gwen Scheer; Mary Sandison, Mary Salwei, Isabelle Ridley, Greg Zidon, Fred Thaelke, Stacey Rinde, Marlene Stremick, Mason Palmise-no, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDona-ld, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O’Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. ***Adoration with Confessions:*** Sat at 8:00 am. ***More Confessions:*** Sun 8:00 am. ***Aug Cleaners:*** Mary, Nick & Molly Wild; Marilyn Olafson. ***Collection:*** Don & Duane (Aug 14); Paul & Blanca (Aug 21). ***Reader:*** Burrells (Aug). ***Sanctuary Lamp:*** Tom/Linda O’Toole (Aug 14); Pat O’Toole (Aug 21). ***Sacristan:*** Duane (Aug 14); Scott (Aug 21). ***Rosary:*** Mary T (Aug 14); Mary S (Aug 21).

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. ***Adoration with Confessions:*** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; ***More Confessions:*** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 4:45-5:15 pm. ***Aug Church cleaners:*** G-K. ***Collection:*** Michael & Val (Aug 14); Allan & Randy (Aug 21). ***Readers*** (Aug) Sat-Brian; Sun-Loren. ***Rosary:*** Larry C (Aug). ***Sanctuary Lamp:*** Pat Mahar Family (Aug 14); Melissa Scheer-Chadwick & Floyd/Cathy Helgoe (Aug 21). ***Note:*** Please remember: our ***Food Basket*** for those in need.

Sacred Heart Enthronement! ***Aug 14:*** from the Clair and Sue Longtin home to the Guy/Kari Phelps home. Team: Gary & Trevor Ordinarily, the team will come to the first home at around 2:00 pm, and arrive at the second home around 2:45 pm. ***Remember:*** the home keeps the traveling *Image of the Sacred Heart* for one week. ***Aug 21:*** from the Guy/Kari Phelps home to the Maynard/Lucy Rieger home. ***Team:*** Nick W & Isaac B

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15th, since it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God’s Goodness and asked Our Lord “How can I thank you?” Our Lord replied, ***“ATTEND ONE MASS.”***

Women’s Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux: Oct. 7-9, 2022. Ashley Njaa will lead women on a 3 day retreat using the spirituality and teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux. Ashley completed her Master’s Thesis on St. Therese and has traveled to Lisieux, France. She will be joined by Fr. Jayson Miller who will be the spiritual director. The retreat will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center, 102 6th St SE, Hankinson, ND.



This week on “Formed”
Learn more about ***The Assumption*** (Aug 15); ***St Bernard*** (Aug 20)

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Masses: Fr. Charles will fulfill the Mass intentions (below) for Mon-Fri. Fr. McDermott will fulfill the weekend Mass intentions.

Mon	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Aug 15			Makensie Miller
Tue	St Stephen of Hungary	Aug 16			Josh Arens
Wed		Aug 17			Abby Leininger
Thur		Aug 18			Landon Alexx
Fri	St John Eudes, Priest	Aug 19			John Scholler
Sat	St Bernard, Abbot/Doctor of the Church	Aug 20			Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Delores, Arni, Dirk Johnson
Sun	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Aug 21	8:30 am	St Patrick	Nick Zaharia
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick

Stewardship (as of 7-24-22)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Adult Envelope</i>	1350.00	715.00	<i>St Patrick’s Care Collection (Jun)</i>		185.00
<i>Plate</i>	196.00	54.00	Cemetery		4,415.00 4,931.69
<i>Weekly Total</i>	1546.00	769.00	St Anthony Cemetery	1,605	
<i>YTD Total</i>	49,762.45	23,668.11	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal:	24,000	8730.00
<i>Building Fund YTD</i>	765.00	1440.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal:	9,200	3,988.00
<i>Ascension</i>	250.00	10.00	St Helen Cemetery	2,575	
<i>St Patrick Sidewalk Final Cost: 18,000</i>	Collected so far	18,000!	St Bernard Cemetery	362	

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who make the retreat reflect on the fall of the angels. Why is it imperative that we believe in and reflect on the fall of the angels if we want to live a heroic Christian life in our day? Why is the fall of the angels such a powerful lesson for all of us?

There are a series of reasons. The angels sinned but they were not redeemed. Over the centuries the Church’s great minds have reflected on the angels, having sinned and not redeemed. The best reason they can find is that because the angels were not repentant. Why not? Because unlike us, who have to think things through and reach a conclusion; the angels, with their supreme intellect, once some had made a choice to not obey God and submit to His will, they were unrepentant. After willfully having sinned, they were naturally unrepentant. Unlike the angels, we can be forgiven, and hear it, at the heart of forgiveness on the part of God is repentance on our part. No wonder St. Benedict, and this is of the essence of Benedictine spirituality, they take a vow of daily conversion. They reflect on past sins, daily repent and grow in obtaining God’s mercy.

What is another lesson for us on the fall of the angels? We can thank God for having become man and dying on the cross as man, in order that we might avoid punishment which the devils experienced when they fell. How can we ever forget the verses in Matthew’s 25th chapter, “On the last day, the angels will call those back to their conscious bodily lives and then Christ as a supreme judge, will tell those on the right, I have prepared the kingdom for you from the foundation of the world, and those on his left, depart from me.” Then the concluding verse: “The just will enter eternal happiness but the lost will join the devil in everlasting punishment.” Thank God for His mercy in redeeming us.

What is another lesson? The fall of the angels and its consequence teaches us that the fall of the angels are punished twice over. First, they lost the title to God’s friendship, otherwise known as their incurred guilt. How stupidly, how inaccurately, our world speaks about guilt and does not understand it. People are told by psychiatrists to get over their guilt feelings. The essence of guilt is the loss of God’s grace. And that is what the angels lost when they sinned, the friendship of God. But there is a second consequence of sin, and that is suffering. Because the angels sinned they incurred the eternal penalty. It takes deep faith to believe this, that a creature can offend God and can suffer eternally for having incurred the just punishment of an offended God.

What is the next lesson? It applies to us personally. We also have sinned. Only God knows how deeply we have sinned. How St. Ignatius tells us that when we are speaking with a group of people, to think that one in the group has at some time, some where, sinned mortally and that they deserve eternal punishment. How we deserve the punishment which the disobedient angels received for having offended God’s majesty and how we too deserve the everlasting punishment. We can be forgiven. God has been so merciful to us. How grateful we should be, grateful that we may be restored to God’s friendship and save ourselves from everlasting estrangement from our Creator.

Inherent in these lessons is the meaning of suffering. Of all the religions in the world, there is only one religion in the world that teaches the meaning of suffering – suffering is the consequence of sin, suffering is real. Why is it real? Suffering is real because sin is real. We cannot only repent for our sins, but we can actually, hear it, we can become holy after we have overcome sin. God in His infinite wisdom and goodness gives us the grace not to give in to the temptation to sin. But if we unfortunately do sin, He gives us the grace to repent and be free, free to be holy.

St. Paul is clear: “Where sin has abounded, there grace will more abound.” But let’s be clear. Where sin has abounded, there grace will more abound – but grace is a gift, an invitation. We have to accept this gift, a blessing from God. What is this great blessing? The opportunity to love God more than we would have had we not realized how merciful he is to us.

What is the grace? It is to never run away from your Cross. The Cross is a grace providing us with the opportunity to not just atone for our past sins, but by embracing the Cross we can become more holy than we could humanly have done without the Cross. And, it is not just that having sinned we can therefore atone for our past misdeeds; we can also obtain expiation in God’s mercy for the sins of others!
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Brigid & St Patrick
August 14, 2022

A Lesson To Be Learned
(Part Six in a series on Angels and Demons)