

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)
Aidyn Vondal-Rinde, Brad Tokach, Larry Omdahl, Michael/Bonnie Lewis, Madi Letzring, Marilyn Cuccia, Lukas Falk, Sean DuPre, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmn, Marlene Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Carol Scholler, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Patricia Rodvold, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Wellman, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Sherry McDonald, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O’Toole, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Bernard/Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Rick Kilichowski, Gary Olson, Joan Kerian, Robert Winkler ; Samuel Heck

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. Apr Cleaners: Wieler/Goodoien. Collection: Sherry & Kari (Apr 27); Clay & Al (May 4). Reader: Maynard (May) Sanctuary Lamp: Jim/Melissa Young Family (Apr 27); Dean Rinde (May 4). Sacristan: Mary T (Apr 27); Mary W (May 4). Rosary: Mary W (Apr 27); Mary T (May 4). April Brunch is moved to the 4th Sunday for April (the 27th).
ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS
Pray the Rosary: Sat @ 4:30 pm, Sun @ 10 am. Adoration with Confessions: Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; More Confessions: Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 4:45-5:15 pm. Apr Cleaners: G-K. Collection: Doug & Gary (Apr 27); Trevor & Scott (May 4). Readers: Sat-Mike; Sun-Larry. Rosary: Volunteer (Apr). Sanctuary Lamp: Cindi Schill (Apr 27); Bill Lage; Melissa Scheer Chadwick (May 4). Food Basket: please: food items/donations for food box. Prayer Groups-St Brigid: after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary!

St Patrick Women Book Study! “*See Yourself Through God’s Eyes,*” **every 3rd Saturday (10 am)** of month

St Brigid Women Book Study! Thanks to all who participated in the Women’s Book Study “*Fig Leaves Are Not Enough*”!

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: “*Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain.*” – Saint John Vianney

Catholic End-of-Life forms available: Truly Catholic Advanced-Directive Healthcare Forms are available in the church lobby.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy : Join Bishop Folda on a Jubilee Year pilgrimage that will take us through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and a special Jubilee exposition of the Shroud of Turin. October 28, 2025-November 6, 2025. Call 701-356-7900.

Family Faith Formation! Our classes (Grades 1-8, and High School) concluded last week with Movie Night! But, looking ahead, save the date: our **Catholic Vacation Bible School** are coming up—JULY 14—17, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm each evening!!! Sign-up your students, and/or sign-up yourself to help at this webpage: <https://www.myvbs.org/stbrigidcatholicchurch/>

Tuesday Evenings: Confessions and **Silent** prayer time with Jesus in the Monstrance on the Altar at St Brigid from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Help the Pro-Life movement in our state and country. Come for a minute, the whole hour, or somewhere in between.

Holy Hour for Fallen-Away Catholics: Every second-Sunday of the Month (this Sunday!), from 3-4 pm (Divine Mercy) @ St Brigid.

Annual Salad Luncheon! We need a coordinator for this awesome annual event. Danielle Olason did a fantastic job the last seven years (even though she only sign-up to do the job for five years)!!! And now it’s time to pass the baton on to the next person. If you (or a group of you) want to give it a try, just let Fr Charles know. This annual event is always a time of fellowship and enjoyment.



As we continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, we can also pray a Novena for the Lord to send us a holy Pope to be the successor. Here’s a link to a Novena for this purpose: <https://guadalupeshrine.org/journal/conclave-novena/>

This week on **formed.org** learn about: St Catherine of Siena; St Joseph; Sts Philip and James, Apostles! Sign-up, it’s **free** for you!



Mon	St Peter Chanel, Martyr; St Louis de Montfort, Priest	Apr 28	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Special Intention: For a holy Pope
Tues	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Apr 29	8:00 am	St Patrick	King Thaelke Family
Wed	St Pius V, Pope	Apr 30	Noon	St Brigid	Lawrence & Jean Charbonneau
Thur	St Joseph, the Worker (and foster-father of Jesus)	May 1	8:00 am	St Patrick	Larry Puppe Family
Fri	St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	May 2	Noon	St Brigid	Dolores, Arni, Dirk Johnson
Sat	Sts Philip and James, Apostles	May 3	9:00 am	St Patrick	Joe and Katherine Salwei
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
Sun	Third Sunday of Easter	May 4	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Bret Letzring

Stewardship: as of 4-20-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Weekly Total</i>	2,183.00	767.00	<i>St Patrick’s Care Collection</i>		925.00
<i>YTD Total</i>	23,940.00	11,710.00	Gods Gift Appeal:	8,730.00	3,988.00
<i>Building Fund YTD</i>	1,635.00	3,825.00	Cemetery:	5,735.00	5,381.69

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Second Sunday of Easter

St Brigid & St Patrick

April 27, 2025

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more clear. Jesus Christ is our Lord and our God.

Faith in the fact that Christ is totally present in the Holy Eucharist is the key that unlocks the treasures of His Sacred Heart. And, in that Most Sacred Heart is the unfathomable Divine Mercy. If there is one divine attribute that we spontaneously associate with Christ and Christianity it is the attribute of mercy. Mercy, we may safely say, is the distinctive quality of being a Christian: The spirit of Christianity is the spirit of mercy.

Mercy is the disposition to be kind and forgiving. Founded on compassion, mercy differs from compassion or the feeling of sympathy in putting this feeling into practice with a readiness to assist. It is therefore the ready willingness to help anyone in need, especially in need of pardon or reconciliation.

DIVINE MERCY. The love of God beyond what humankind deserves. In one sense, every manifestation of God's love is an expression of mercy. But more properly, mercy is the exercise of divine charity toward those who have sinned. Mercy, then, is God's continued love of humans although they have sinned, His forgiving love that invites them to be reconciled with the God against whom they have sinned, His condoning love that mitigates and is even willing to remove all the punishment due to sin, and his superabundant love that mysteriously blesses the repentant sinners beyond what they might have received from God before the sin.

What is mercy? It comes in two stages. First stage. Mercy is love shown not only to those who are in need, but also to those who are in want. “Need” expresses the real objective absence or lack in someone. “Want” is rather the subjective, the psychological desire to get whatever a person wants. Can people need what they don’t want? Yes. Can people want things what they don’t need? Yes. Mercy is meeting people’s needs; it is also meeting people’s subjective wants. Did the Mother of Mercy practice the love shown to those who are in want? We would hardly say that there was an objective need at the marriage feast in Cana.

Second stage. And here, we must understand our faith clearly in order to live it properly. Mercy is love shown not only to those in need or love shown not only to those who are in want, but mercy is love shown to those who are not lovable. Are there lovable people in need? Are all people in need lovable? Mercy is love shown to those who do not deserve to be loved, they don’t have a claim on my love, in fact maybe just the opposite. What they deserve from me is rejection.

Mercy is love shown to those who do not love—that is as far as we can tell. Mercy is love shown to those who have rejected our love. We’ve tried three times or thirty times. Remember Peter’s question to Christ? “How often shall I forgive my brother? Seven times?” Christ using an Aramaic figure, said, “As often as he has wronged you.” Mercy is loving rejected love. No one in their right mind or heart, apart from the grace of God, can do this. It is impossible naturally to love people who have rejected our love of them.

Mercy is love shown to those who have been unjust to the one who now is supposed to love them. Mercy is shown not only to those who fail in love but to those who fail in justice, those who cheat us, those who steal from us, etc. “Blessed are the merciful; they shall reach Heaven.” No one else will.
(excerpts from: The Real Presence Association)



Divine Mercy Sunday

A Plenary Indulgence is offered to the faithful on Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 27) who: take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of *Divine Mercy* in a church. To accomplish this, we will have a *Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration* (with Confessions) on this day, **3:00-4:00 pm** (St Brigid). Other conditions apply (these three conditions must be done within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday): *Holy Communion, Confession, prayers* for the intentions (compiled before his death) of the Pope (an “Our Father” and a “Hail Mary”). Final condition: have complete interior detachment to all sin, even venial sin.