

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)  
Matt Byron; 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, 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. May Cleaners: Loren & Karen/Burrell/Paul & Sherry. Collection: Don & Duane (May 11); Paul & Blanca (May 18). Reader: Maynard (May) Sanctuary Lamp: Dumas Family (May 11); Joe/Katherine Salwei (May 18). Sacristan: Duane (May 11); Mary T (May 18). Rosary: Richard (May 11 & 18). Blessings to Julianne Flaten, who on Sunday (April 27) joined the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, and received the sacred Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Blessed be the Lord!

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. May Cleaners: L-R. Collection: Kevin & Mitch (May 11); Mike & Val (May 18). Readers: Sat-Mike; Sun-Larry. Rosary: Volunteer (May). Sanctuary Lamp: Colton/Kali Keller Family (May 11) Brian Puppe; Barb Mahar (May 18). Food Basket: please: food items/donations for food box. Prayer Groups-St Brigid: after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary! Blessings to Hattie Johnson, daughter of Tanner and Madison, who was baptized Sunday (April 27), and is now infused with Sanctifying Grace, the Grace that Jesus died and rose to give her, Grace that allows her to enter into Heaven one day!

St Patrick Women Book Study! “*See Yourself Through God’s Eyes*,” every 3rd Saturday of the 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: “*Why do you not hasten to the churches to hear as many Masses as you can? Why do you not imitate the angels, who, when a Holy Mass is celebrated, come down in myriads from Paradise and take their stations about our altars in adoration to intercede for us?*” — St Leonard of Port Maurice

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! Looking ahead, save the date: our **Catholic Vacation Bible School** is 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. This weekend, May 11th!!!

Note Mass Time Change on Wednesday below: 10:00 am instead of Noon.

Annual Salad Luncheon! We need a coordinator for this awesome annual event. Danielle Olason and Cathy Helgoe did a fantastic job the last seven years (even though they only signed-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 always provides for a great time of fellowship, food and community.

This week on **formed.org** learn about: Our Lady of Fatima; St Isidore! Sign-up, it’s **free** for you!

Mon	Sts Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras, Martyrs	May 12	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Rosemary Hornung
Tues	Our Lady of Fatima	May 13	8:00 am	St Patrick	Peggy Johnson
<b>Wed</b>	<b>St Matthias, Apostle</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St Brigid</b>	<b>Funeral for Bonnie Lewis</b>
Thur	St Isidore	May 15	8:00 am	St Patrick	Lawrence McMerty
Fri		May 16	Noon	St Brigid	Karsen Yelle
Sat		May 17	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Brian Puppe Family
Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 18	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Erik Chadwick Family

Stewardship: as of 5-4-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Weekly Total</i>	1,698.00	1,926.00	<i>St Patrick’s Care Collection</i>		925.00
<i>YTD Total</i>	25,638.00	13,636.00	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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Already during Christ’s public ministry, many of His disciples left Him because they would not accept His teaching. Remember what St. John described in the sixth chapter of his Gospel? Jesus had just told the people that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood. Otherwise they would not preserve the life of the soul, without which no one can enter heaven. Many of His closest followers said to themselves, “This is impossible language. Who can believe it?”

One reason why the apostle John was spared until the end of the first century was that he might defend Christ’s teaching which already then was being questioned and denied by those who called themselves Christians. With the close of the apostolic age, errors among professed Christians multiplied and heretical ideas began to penetrate the Church founded by Christ.

Now, like the early Christians, we have a responsibility to re-Christianize our own beloved country. We call the early defenders of the true faith “Fathers of the Church.” This is not surprising since they were the ones who preserved the Church from the devastating errors that plagued Christianity from apostolic times. There are over one hundred Fathers of the Church, whose principal qualities were orthodoxy (right teaching), sanctity, and approval by the Church. These three qualities are the formula for our own times. But there is one major difference between the conditions in the early Church and the situation in our day. There were heresies since the dawn of Christianity. But there was nothing of what we are now experiencing in countries like the United States.

America has to be re-evangelized because it has become de-Christianized. This is not even an opinion. It is a provable fact. Our next question is, “what does re-evangelization mean?” It means re-conversion. It means bringing people back to the Faith whose ancestry was Christian; who may even have been baptized; who may even have been professed Catholics, but who no longer believe in the basic truths revealed by Christ and taught by the Church for 2000 years. Re-evangelization means more than converting people from a life of sin. It means converting people’s minds to accept, on divine authority, what God has revealed. It means bringing unbelievers, who had abandoned their Christian faith, to become believers.

The very term, "re-evangelization," is new to our vocabulary. And the reason is not hard to find. Our century is witnessing the most widespread and devastating loss of faith among Christians – including Catholics – in the history of Christianity. We must make sure we know what we are saying. In the Western world, there has been a massive abandonment of Christian belief, and a corresponding abandonment of Christian morality. We return to our question: "What does re-evangelization mean?" And we repeat: re-evangelization means restoring the Christian faith to millions in our country who no longer believe:

- \*That God became man in the person of Jesus Christ.
- \*That Christ died on the Cross for the redemption of the human race.
- \*That Christ rose from the dead.
- \*That Christ founded a Church, gave it divine authority to **teach revealed truth** and command obedience in His name.
- \*That Christ instituted **the Sacraments** which confer the grace they signify including the Eucharist which is Jesus Christ really present in the Blessed Sacrament.
- \*That there is a Heaven and a Hell, consequently, eternal life for the saved and eternal death for the lost.

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. On the last day we shall be judged on how selfless we were in giving to those in need. And the deepest need of our fellow Americans is to recover their lost Christian faith. (from: *The Real Presence Association*)

Author of the St Brigid Women’s Lenten Book Study Writes a Letter to the Women of the Parish!!!

The author of the book “Fig Leaves Are Not Enough,” was given the news that the women of St Brigid used his book for their Catholic book study classes. He wrote back to the women of St Brigid!!! Here is his letter:

*“Dear Women of St Brigid Church, Cavalier ND, Dr Peter Kwasniewski kindly forwarded to me your very kind letter informing me of the study group in your parish on my book “Fig Leaves Are Not Enough.” Thank you sincerely for taking this issue seriously and giving it consideration. It gives me great joy and satisfaction to know that my little efforts are touching souls around the world and actually having a real effect on lives.*

*May Mary Immaculate continue to guide and inspire you to become the salt of the earth through the witness of your lives and dress.*

*Please pray for me and my community here in Tasmania. Blessings to all!”*

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

## St Brigid & St Patrick

### May 11, 2025

What We Can Learn from Our Early Church Fathers

There is one thing that we Catholics today need to learn from the faithful Catholics in the early Church: defend the Faith. We speak of the Church in the early centuries as the Church of Martyrs. However, it was also the Church of Defenders of the Faith.

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