

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: Paul & Blanca (May 18); Deidre & Dianne (May 25). Reader: Maynard (May) Sanctuary Lamp: Joe/Katherine Salwei (May 18); Kevin O'Toole (May 25). Sacristan: Mary T (May 18); Mary W (May 25). Rosary: Richard (May 18); Mary T (May 25).

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: Mike & Val (May 18); Allan & Randy (May 25). Readers: Sat-Mike; Sun-Larry. Rosary: Volunteer (May). Sanctuary Lamp: Brian Puppe; Barb Mahar (May 18); Alli Puppe; August Puppe (May 25). Food Basket: please: food items/donations for food box. Prayer Groups-St Brigid: after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary! Annual Salad Luncheon! We need a coordinator for this awesome annual event (see Fr Charles)!

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

St Brigid Women Book Study! Fr Pius Mary Noonan, OSB prior@notredamemonastery.org or www.notredamemonastery.org

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: “*No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted; virtue and merit increase; and the devil’s schemes are frustrated.*” – Saint Lawrence Justinian

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, June 8th!!!

Marriage Retreat: The program is designed to reach couples across the spectrum – from happy and highly motivated to struggling and highly stressed. June 20-22, 2025 @ Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. Call 701-356-7903.

Middle School Catholic Camp: @ Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. Two Camps: June 15-19 or July 13-17. Call 701-356-7902

Fr Christensen Catholic Youth Camps: in Minto, ND, ages 13-17. Boys-June 9-16; Girls-June 17-24. Call 701-248-3020



This week on **formed.org** learn about: St Bernardine of Siena; St Christopher Magallanes; St Rita of Cascia! Sign-up, it's **free** for you!



Mon		May 19	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Baxter Yelle
Tues	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest	May 20	8:00 am	St Patrick	Carol Lewis
Wed	St Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs	May 21	Noon	St Brigid	Brian Puppe Family
Thur	St Rita of Cascia, Religious	May 22	8:00 am	St Patrick	Dawson Kraft
Fri		May 23	Noon	St Brigid	Brian Puppe Family
Sat		May 24	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Pauline Salwei
Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 25	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Brain Puppe Family

Stewardship: as of 5-11-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Weekly Total</i>	1,455.00	626.00	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection</i>		925.00
<i>YTD Total</i>	27,093.00	14,262.00	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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Brigid & St Patrick

May 18, 2025

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The Essence of Catholicism: Loving the Unlovable



We are living in the most convulsive age in human history. We are living in an age, the last century, where there have been more martyrs for Christ than all the nineteen hundred years from Calvary put together.

We must be orthodox believers. We must believe that Christ is the living God who became Man. We must believe that His mother is the Mother of God. We must believe that Jesus Christ is on Earth in the Holy Eucharist. We must believe how the Bishop of Rome is the Vicar of Christ. We call that orthodoxy. But, we must be very clear: orthodoxy is not enough. A very important phrase to keep in mind is: “*orthodoxy without charity is not Christianity*”.

Orthodoxy is not enough. It must be faith joined with selfless charity. And, that is what will convert a paganized nation, whether it never was Christian or needs to become so again.

Once Christian nations, millions have lost their faith in Jesus Christ. But if we’re going to retrieve these lost Christians, some sadly, members of our own family, people who are nearest and dearest to us, we must not only believe strongly, we must love selflessly, and of the very ones who don’t love us. It is then faith combined with Christ-like charity that will convert. And how our country needs re-conversion, beginning the major cities, which are capitals of paganism in our nation.

Jesus said to his disciples, “*You have heard the commandment: You shall love your countryman but hate your enemy. My command to you is: love your enemies; pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are sons of your heavenly Father. For his sun rises on the bad and the good, he rains on the just and the unjust. If you love those who love you, what merit is there in that? Do not tax collectors do as much? And if you greet your brothers only, what is so praiseworthy about that? Do not pagans do as much? In a word you must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*”

In the Old Testament, the Jews were told to love their neighbor. What the neighbor meant was one of their own fellow Israelites. What the neighbor meant was someone who was related to you by kinship of blood, or the neighbor is one who was close to you; relatable with you. But Christ’s teaching is super-humanly higher.

This, in one sentence, is the heart of Christian morality. *We are told to love unlovable people.* Say that again. We are told by Christ to love unlovable people.

Who are unlovable people? Oh, that’s easy: those who don’t love us, those who are not kind to us, not thoughtful of us. Who are unlovable people? Those who offend us. Those who speak unkindly to us and about us. Who are the unlovable people? All those people who, except for God becoming man and dying on the cross and meriting for us the grace to do the humanly impossible, we could not love. They are the unlovable people. But that in one declarative sentence is the essence of Christianity – *loving the unlovable.*

Saint John wrote toward the end of the first century by which time could be seen in stark contrast the difference that Christianity made in the character of human society. Try to remember the next sentence into the years to come. *The followers of Christ loved not only one another, but even their worst enemies with an affection that could only be explained by the influence of more than human power at work in human hearts.*

Left to it’s own devices, the human heart is selfish. Left to itself the human heart is cruel. The principle moral miracle that God came into the world to work is the miracle of melting human hearts. And enabling them to love.

Of course this love must be based on the truth. It is not emotion or sentiment, but an operation of the human will enlightened by faith. The follower of Christ sees in every person who enters his life, including the drunk waking me up by calling at two in the morning, to the persons whom God uses, hear it; whom God uses to hurt us. So that by patiently enduring their pain we not only say, but mean, “*dear God it hurts, but my God I love you.*” And love is shown by the patient endurance of pain.

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