

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)
Hunter & Taryn Denault Family; Ryan & Shelbie Goodoiien Family; 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 Scharmnn, Marlene Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Carol Scholler, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Patricia Rodvold, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Well-man, 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; Erik Finney

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. June Cleaners: Dan & Deidre/Tom & Linda. Collection: Sherry & Kari (Jun 8); Don & Duane (Jun 15). Reader: Nick (Jun) Sanctuary Lamp: Lyle Currie (Jun 8); Don, Keith Dusek (Jun 15). Sacristan: Mary T (Jun 8); Mary W (Jun 15). Rosary: Richard (Jun 8); Mary T (Jun 15).

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. Jun Cleaners: S-W. Collection: Scott & Mary Ellen (Jun 8); Lynette & Cathy (Jun 15). Readers: Sat-Loren (Jun); Sun-Randy (Jun). Rosary: Volunteer (Jun). Sanctuary Lamp: Butch Indridson; Barb Mahar (Jun 8); Scholler Family (Jun 15). Food Basket: please: food items/donations for food box. Prayer Groups-St Brigid: after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary! Annual Salad Luncheon! Blessings to Tara Hartje and Kelly Vaughn who will be coordinating this great event this year! Reach out to either one of them if you can help out!

St Patrick Women Book Study! The “*See Yourself Through God’s Eyes*” book study was completed; see you in September!

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: “*I believe that were it not for the Holy Mass, as of this moment the world would be in the abyss.*” Saint 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! 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. The **North Dakota State Supreme Court** will render a decision any day now, regarding our state’s laws to protect life. Please come and pray.

Holy Hour for Fallen-Away Catholics: Every second-Sunday of the Month (this Sunday!), from 3-4 pm (Divine Mercy) @ St Brigid. The next holy for this is 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: The Blessed Mother of the Church; St Barnabas; St Anthony of Padua; ! Sign-up, it’s **free** for you!



Mon	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Jun 9	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Roben and Stacy Trosen
Tues		Jun 10	8:00 am	St Patrick	Lawrence and Jean Charbonneau
Wed	St Barnabas, Apostle	Jun 11	Noon	St Brigid	Sean and Andrea DuPre
Thur		Jun 12	8:00 am	St Patrick	Pope Leo
Fri	St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Jun 13	Noon	St Brigid	Linda Merrill
Sat		Jun 14	9:00 am	St Patrick	Robert O’Toole
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
Sun	The Most Holy Trinity	Jun 15	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Mike Olason

Stewardship: as of 6-1-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Weekly Total	1,540.00	1,005.00	St Patrick’s Care Collection		925.00
YTD Total	31,098.00	15,882.00	Gods Gift Appeal:	8,730.00	3,988.00
Building Fund YTD	1,635.00	3,825.00	Cemetery:	5,735.00	5,381.69

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Pentecost

St Brigid & St Patrick
June 8, 2025

On the way to His ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit on His followers. He told the disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to “wait there for what the Father had promised.” He reminded them: “It is what you have heard me speak about. John baptized with water, but you, not many days from now, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then still more clearly, He predicted what the Holy Spirit would do in their lives. “You will receive power,” Christ assured them, “when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses, not only in Jerusalem, but throughout

Judea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1)

In the original inspired text of the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus promised the disciples that they would be “My martyrs.” If there was ever an age in Christian history when the followers of Christ would need the strength of martyrdom, it is today. Those who are martyrs are witnesses to Christ. They testify, if need be, with their blood, that what they believe is true because they have known Christ. Not all the faithful who suffer for Christ also die for Christ. Opposition to the Christian faith and way of life does not always end in violent death for the persecuted victims, but a bloodless martyrdom can sometimes be more painful to endure.

Any person in our world today who wishes to sincerely and fully live up to his Catholic commitment, finds countless obstacles in his way and experiences innumerable difficulties that accumulatively demand heroic fortitude to overcome and withstand. That is why the Sacrament of Confirmation cannot be more clearly identified than to call it the “*Sacrament of Martyrdom.*”

Only the Holy Spirit whom we received on our Pentecost Sunday can sustain us in our witness to Jesus Christ. Only heroic bishops and heroic priests, heroic religious, heroic fathers and mothers, heroic faithful, will survive the massive persecution of the Catholic Church in our day. The only “*liberty*” that is given freedom is the liberty to do your own will (and not God’s will). We still have one more type of martyrdom to reflect on, and it is, in a way, the most pervasive of all be cause no follower of Christ can escape it. This is the martyrdom of witness.

What do we mean by martyrdom of witness? It is: the one who believes in all of the Church’s teachings; the convinced pastor who insists on sound doctrine to his flock; the teenagers who want to preserve their chastity; the firm parents who are concerned about the moral training of their children; the persons will not cower to active criticism and open opposition.

But they must especially be ready to live in an atmosphere of coldness to their deepest beliefs. It means giving testimony to our deep religious convictions although all around us others are giving their own example to the contrary. If we would know the power of this martyrdom of witness, we have only to read the annals of the early Church: the handful of believers who received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost were as a drop in the immense culture surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. Yet see what happened. This small group of convinced faithful were able, in less than 300 hundred years, to turn the tide of paganism in the Roman Empire.

But their patience, meekness and perseverance finally prevailed. Yes, but only because it was supported by unbounded courage, born not of their own strength, but of the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ promised to give those who would witness to His name. This promise is just as true today. All that we need is to trust in the Spirit whom we possess, and never grow weary in giving testimony to the grace we received.
(from: *The Real Presence Association*)

Be a Witness, Be a Martyr for Christ this June 22nd, the Feast of Corpus Christi!

There may be a million reasons why you cannot make it to the Corpus Christ Eucharistic Procession, but here are some reasons to re-consider, and participate on that day:

1. Jesus is giving you an opportunity to be a witness for Him to the world (He will reward you for it).
2. You want to publicly proclaim that Jesus is your King.
3. Graces will come to you and your loved ones for participating.
4. People need to know that Jesus is still on Earth in the Holy Eucharist.
5. The world needs the graces and blessings that this Pro-cession will bring.
6. We will be joined by the other Catholics in our area.
7. Because Jesus gave His life for you.
8. We will be stronger after the Procession to live our faith.
9. To thank God for all His blessings.
- 10.“*Whoever acknowledges Me before men; I will acknowledge before My Father in Heaven.*” (Mt 10:32)

