PLEASE PRAY FOR

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Aaron Furstenau, Tara Klostreich, Hunter & Taryn Denault Family; Ryan & Shelbie Goodoien Family; Matt Byron; Aidyn Vondal-Rinde, Brad Tokach, Larry Omdahl, Michael Lewis, Madi Letzring, Marilyn Cuccia, Lukas Falk, Sean DuPre, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmnn, 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; 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. Jul Cleaners: Brian & Sara/Frank & Alli. Collection: Sherry & Kari (Jul 6); Clay & Al (Jul 13). Reader: Al (Jul) Sanctuary Lamp: Harrison Young Family (Jul 6); Salwei Family (Jul 13). Sacristan: Mary T (Jul 6); Duane (Jul 13). Rosary: Mary T (Jul 6); Richard (Jul 13).

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. Jul Cleaners: A-F. Collection: Kevin & Mitch (Jul 6); Mike & Val (Jul 13). Readers: (Jul) Sat-Richard; Sun-Trevor. Rosary: Volunteer (Jun). Sanctuary Lamp: Herman Schwartz (Jul 6); Brian/Alli Puppe, Dolores/Arni Johnson (Jul 13). 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 coordinate this great event this year! It is set for August 1st, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm! A Sign-up sheet to help out is in the lobby of the church! August 1st is approaching!

<u>Mass Intentions</u>: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass." – Saint Padre Pio

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

<u>Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy</u>: 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.

<u>Family Faith Formation!</u> Catholic Vacation Bible School meeting is this Monday, July 14th at 6:30 pm in the basement of St Brigid church. All are welcome.

<u>Tuesday Evenings</u>: Confessions and <u>Silent</u> 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 <u>North Dakota State Supreme Court</u> will decide soon on 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 July 13th!!!

Meals on Wheels: It is our turn to transport the Meals on Wheels, from Monday, June 23 to Friday, July 18. Please sign-up in lobby!

Middle School Catholic Camp: @ Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. July 13-17. Call 701-356-7902

<u>Rachel's Vineyard Retreat</u>: Healing from an abortion decision. Join us from *August 8-10, 2025*, for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. Contact: Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email rvregister@yahoo.com.



This week on **formed.org** learn about: St Kateri; St Bonaventure; Our Lady of Mt Carmel; St Camillus de Lellis Sign-up, it's **free** for you!

Mon	St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	Jul 14	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Rosemary Hornung	
Tues	St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jul 15	8:00 am	St Patrick	Robert Flanagan	
Wed	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Jul 16	Noon	St Brigid	Floyd Johnson	
Thur		Jul 17	8:00 am	St Patrick	Charbonneau Family	
Fri	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest	Jul 18	Noon	St Brigid	Megan Puppe	
Sat		Jul 19	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick	
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Ann and Garrett Horsley	
Sun	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 20	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick	
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Sharon Moran	

Stewardship: as of 7-6-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Weekly Total	1,670.00	1,045.00	St Patrick's Care Collection		925.00
YTD Total	38,555.00	18,749.00	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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St Brigid & St Patrick July 13, 2025

The Good Samaritan

Already in the Pentateuch, as you know the first five books of the Old Testament, the Israelites were told, "You must not exact vengeance nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh." (Leviticus 19:18). However, throughout the Old Testament, one's neighbor was understood to mean a fellow Israelite, but never, never a Gentile! So true was this that Rabbinic literature, the learned commentaries

on the Old Testament, shows that it was only after the second century before Christ that the Rabbis even began to recommend love for other people than the Israelites.

It is only against this background that the parable of the Good Samaritan takes on it's full meaning. In his conversation with Jesus, a Jewish lawyer tried to outwit the Savior by posing the following question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Christ shrewdly answered with another question. "What is written in the law?" When the lawyer quoted from Deuteronomy and Leviticus about loving God and one's neighbor, he was told by Christ, do this and life is yours. Providentially the lawyer pressed his question. He asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Good lawyer: thanks for pushing Christ. The lawyer knew well enough that a standard Jewish understanding of neighbor, was a fellow Israelite. The lawyer also knew that Christ was teaching something more. Then came the parable of the Jew who fell into the hands of brigands. And after they robbed him and beat him up, he lay helpless on the side of the road. That's the setting.

The main lesson that Christ wished to teach was: who is neighbor. So Christ tells this parable that has changed the history of the world! As Christ told it, a Jewish priest, then a Levite saw the man, the Jewish man lying there and passed by. But a Samaritan came along and he took care of this Jew. Even to providing for his lodging at a friendly Inn. Then came Christ's question back to the lawyer. Which of these three, do you think proved himself a neighbor to the man who fell into the brigands hands?

Are we clear?! The whole point of the parable was to bring out in sharp outline that whatever neighbor meant in the Old Law, it has a very different meaning in the New. Christ asked him, which of these three proved neighbor to the Jew lying beaten up and robbed on the road? The lawyer had no chance. What else could he say? It must be the one who took pity on him. The Savior's closing statement summed up the contrast between a restricted love of others under the Old Law, and universal love under the New. Given this reservation, the practice of charity in the Old Testament, was not only prescribed, but made a condition for receiving blessings from Yahweh in return. Throughout the Torah, the practice of charity is described in great detail. In fact this virtue is identified with justice or righteousness implying the duty to give to those in need.

What are we being told? Can we honestly say that the two Jews who passed by this beaten, bleeding Samaritan were following the law? No! Charity too was prescribed in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament.

- 1. Proverbs 25:21 "If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink."
- 2. Exodus 23:4-5 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray, you shall bring it back to him. If you see the ass of one who hates you lying under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it, you shall help him to lift it up."
- 3. Job 31:29 "Do not rejoice at the ruin of him that hated you, or exult when evil overtook him."
- 4. Proverbs 24:17 "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles."

The Samaritans were strangers to the Jews. But before God, no one is a stranger. And God puts "strangers" into our lives. Christ tells us, "Do good to those who hate you." What is He saying, repay the harm they do to you by doing good to them? Oh no, that is impossible! You are right, it cannot be done! You're right. But that is a definition of divine grace. Divine grace is the power we receive from God to do the humanly impossible.

(from: *The Real Presence Association*)

Two "Faith and Food" Events Coming Up!

<u>Annual Knights of Columbus Cook-Out</u>: Sunday, <u>July 20th</u>, right after the 10:30 am Mass, at the Cavalier Park. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Side Dishes, and those ("*I am not coming unless they're there*") famous Trevor fries. All are welcome (both parishes). Bring lawn games, Frisbees, etc.

Annual St Brigid Salad Luncheon: Friday, August 1st, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the St Brigid Church basement. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and great food. All are welcome. If you can help out and/or provide a dish, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of St Brigid church. Or, you can talk to Tara Hartje and/or Kelly Vaughn for more information.