

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)  
Aaron Furstenau, Tara Klostreich, Hunter & Taryn Denault Family; Ryan & Shelbie Goodoiien Family; Matt Byron; Aidyn Vondal-Rinde, Brad To-  
kach, Larry Omdahl, Michael Lewis, Madi Letzring, Marilyn Cuccia, Lukas Falk, Sean DuPre, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmnn, Rich-  
ard 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, Ber-  
nard/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: Don & Duane (Jul 20); Paul & Blanca (Jul 27). Reader: Al (Jul) Sanctuary Lamp: Leroy Daley (Jul 20); Mary Thoeke (July 27). Sacristan: Mary W (Jul 20); Mary T (Jul 27). Rosary: Mary T (Jul 20); Richard (Jul 27).

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: Allan & Randy (Jul 20); Larry & Kay (Jul 27). Readers: (Jul) Sat-Richard; Sun-Trevor. Rosary: Volunteer (Jun). Sanctuary Lamp: Wally & Linda Stevens (Jul 20); Barb Mahar (Jul 27). 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 Au-  
gust 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!

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. Pe-  
ter's Basilica and a special Jubilee exposition of the Shroud of Turin. October 28, 2025-November 6, 2025. Call 701-356-7900.

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 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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: 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.

Maryvale Fun Day: Saturday, August 16, 2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Fun day at Maryvale Retreat Center with 5k & 1m Trail Run, Yard Games, Dunk Tank, Bouncy Houses for Kids, Outdoor Live Music, Community Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Picnic-Style Food, and Vigil Mass with Bishop Folda. Call 701-845 2864

Sunday, August 17, 2025. Our Lady of the Prairies 69th Annual Pilgrimage. The 69th Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies with Guest Speaker, Rosary, Mass and a picnic. Call 701-640-2360



This week on **formed.org** learn about:  
St Mary Magdalene; St Sharbel; St James the Greater; Sts Joachim and Anne! Sign-up, it's **free** for you!



Please Note: The time for Mass this Monday, July 21, is 11:00 am instead of 5:15 pm.

Mon	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Jul 21	11:00 am	St Brigid	Isabel Hartje
Tues	St Mary Magdalene	Jul 22	8:00 am	St Patrick	Vernice & Cindy DeMars
Wed	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious	Jul 23	Noon	St Brigid	Patrick Cook
Thur	St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	Jul 24	8:00 am	St Patrick	Michael Law
Fri	St James, Apostle	Jul 25	Noon	St Brigid	Brian Puppe Family
Sat	Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary	Jul 26	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Everett DeMars
Sun	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 27	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Hunter & Taryn Denault

Stewardship: as of 7-13-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Weekly Total	1,595.00	730.00	St Patrick's Care Collection		925.00
YTD Total	39,150.00	19,479.00	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

Pastor: Fr. Charles LaCroix  
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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## St Brigid & St Patrick

July 20, 2025

Martha, Mary and Lazarus: Saints



As we read the Gospels and, by the way, it is always good whenever we read the Gospels to look for something. Otherwise, the odds are, we may perchance find something! If you re-read the Gospels, what do we find? During His visible stay on earth — and remember, it was visible, sensibly perceptible, to the eyes of His contemporaries, and now He is still indeed really, entirely, totally, completely, wholly present, in the Holy Eucharist. Ah, that is what faith is for.

Back to the Gospels. During His visible stay on earth, Christ wanted — and under-line “*wanted*” — Christ wanted those geared to Him to be always near to Him. Re-read the four Evangelists and you will be surprised at how this principle is so frequently and some-times dramatically manifest.

For example, John's Gospel, just before the resuscitation of her brother Lazarus, Martha had been engaged in conversation with Jesus, mildly but nevertheless in effect reprimanding the Savior; “*Lord, why didn't you come sooner?*” To quote the expression: “he has been dead for four days.”.

Then Christ told her that He was the *Resurrection and the Life* and in the very words that Peter had used in the Gospel of Matthew, Martha used, and told Him; “*I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God.*” Then, perhaps surprisingly, because John does not bring it out, but we can infer from what Martha then did. She walks away?

But she walks away from Jesus to talk to her sister, and, says John, she quietly went over to her sister Mary and told her - memorize this — said Martha; “*The Master is here and He is calling for you.*” It is a physical, geographic, bodily presence of Jesus and how-ever He manifested His desire, Martha drew the conclusion that Jesus wants Mary to be there too. During Christ's public ministry, how many times Jesus made sure that His disciples were near!

Again, re-read the Gospels, compare the way our Lord deals with the multitude, as we know on occasions, thousands, that's quite a crowd, then, we are told, He would call His disciples *to be near Him*, so that He might tell them what He had not told the multitude. Indeed, go back to the Gospel of St. Matthew, verify for yourself. The Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes were not given to the multitude. Of course they were intended for all of Christ's followers but their primary communication was to the disciples, so they in turn, as Christ told them right after He finished giving them the Beatitudes, told them; “*You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.*” They having received the Beatitudes, when they were physically close, near to the Master. There is far more here than symbolism. There is much more here than symbolism. There is much more here than even religious poetry.

We are touching on the mystery of God's love for man when we say, that God became man in order to be — *in such intelligible words as we can use* — in order to be nearer than He would have been had He never become Man. And having become Man, and, to keep repeating, and remaining as Man is the humanity of Jesus Christ, the *raison d'être* (the reason why) of the Real Presence. We are asking ourselves, why? He wants us to respond in kind in that He became Man in order to be nearer to us than humanly speaking He would have been had He not become Incarnate.

This is God. He wants us, then - *we must use the comparative degree* - to, be nearer to Him with the physical proximity of a body as the expression of the spiritual intimacy of the spirit. Don't we as human beings, someone who is near and dear to us, we want to be close, we want to be near, physically present, in person? All of this transferred by our being near Him, with Him, because that's why He is here in the Holy Eucharist.

(from: *The Real Presence Association*)

## Two “Faith, Family and Food” Events Coming Up!

Annual Knights of Columbus Cook-Out: It's here! Sunday, July 20th, 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, Basketballs, Frisbees, etc.

Annual St Brigid Salad Luncheon: Friday, August 1st, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the St Brigid Church base-ment. 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.