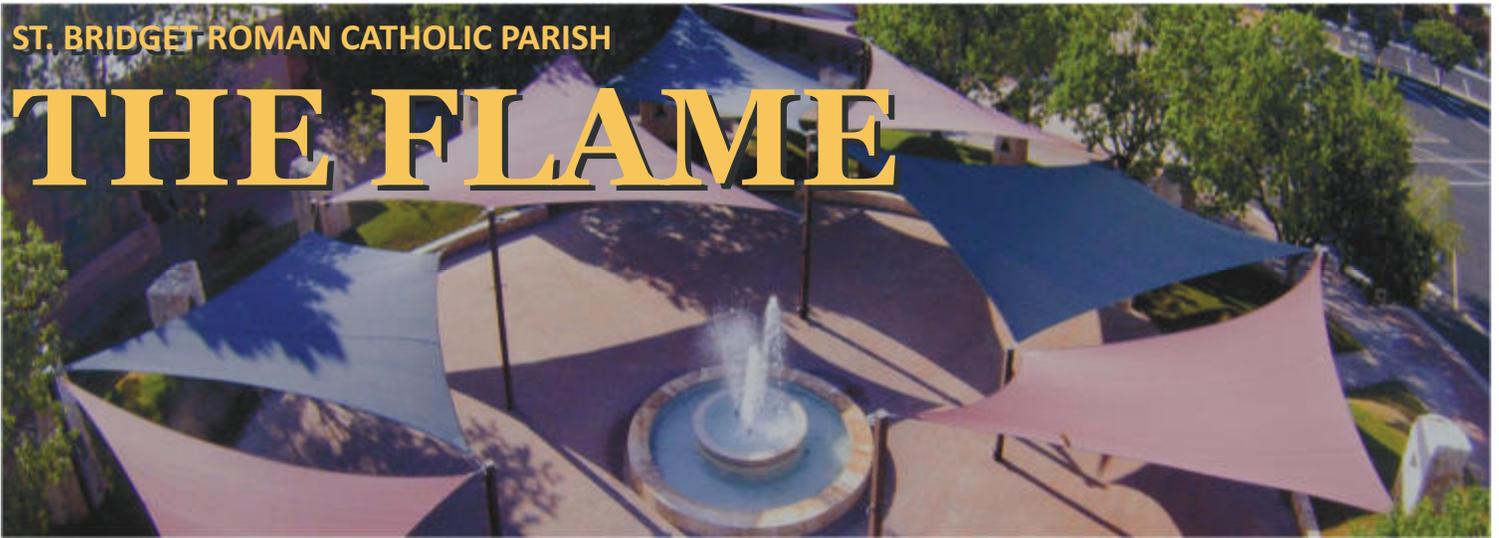


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Aug 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacramental Life

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Contact Parish Office.
Formation Session Required.

ANointing OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month
3:30-4pm or by appointment.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.



Our Mission

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.



OFFICE ON LIMITED HOURS

Due to limited hours, please email staff with any questions. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Liturgy and Prayer

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4:30
Sunday 9:15 am

On-line Sun 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon-Wed-Fri 8am

CENTERING PRAYER -CANCELED

Wednesdays
9:00am Spirituality Center
6:30pm chapel
Centering prayer is contemplative prayer that is centered entirely on the presence of God.



Week at a glance...

Monday 8:00am Mass, church

Thursday

Tuesday

Friday 8:00am Mass, church

Wednesday 8:00am Mass, church

Saturday 4:30 Mass, church

Dear parishioners,

Modern psychology has given us a lot of language that helps us understand the range of human experience with more precision and greater accuracy. One of the most common difficulties from which people suffer today has been named “low self-image.” That is, a significant percentage of people have a very negative opinion about their own self-worth. They draw the conclusion that, because they experience struggles or conflicts or failures or oppression of sin in their lives, they have little or no personal worth.

Basically, the complete answer about the value of human nature is provided by the gospel. Crippled by the impact of sin in human history, men and women are rescued and transformed by the death and rising of Jesus Christ. The result: Jesus Christ does not remove the struggles of human experience by offers the possibility of deriving support, guidance, and the easing of our anxieties. We are most anxious, whether we realize it or not, when we as Christians are not patterning our lives on Christ. When I surrender to being the human God intends me to be, a human who lives seeking to do God’s will-which is always love-then my anxious nature, low self image, and hardness of heart ease.

Our prayers for our children are so important as they return to learning this month. Learning is not just head knowledge. For Catholics it is a life long transformation into people of holiness, wisdom, and compassion. May God’s grace shine in our children’s minds and hearts. Keep them safe, Lord, and inspire them to be people who help bring healing and peace to suffering humanity.

Pax Christi,



JUST A REMINDER

If you receive an e-mail or text that says it is from Fr. Scott requesting some sort of help, not from Fr. Scott.

Let us pray for those in our parish in need of healing and strength.



God our Healer, support for our human weakness, look with compassion on those suffering; relieve the pain of the sick and bring them to full recovery; give strength to all caregivers and medical personnel who care for them; and comfort their families during this time of deep stress. Welcome into the peace of your kingdom those who have died, and console the loved ones of those who we have lost. Give us wisdom and help us all to persevere in faith throughout this time of tribulation.

Keep us all in your merciful love.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Laudato Si' – Global Solidarity

Catholic Social Teaching is rich with references to solidarity. In addition to Pope Francis' writing in *Laudato Si'*, Pope St John Paul II also wrote on the importance of the solidarity which binds all people of the world together as members of a common family.

“Interdependence must be transformed into *solidarity*, based upon the principle that the goods of creation are meant for all. That which human industry produces through the processing of raw materials, with the contribution of work, must serve equally for the good of all.” (Pope St. John Paul II, *On Social Concern* [[Sollicitudo rei Socialis](#)], no. 39) Here in the United States, we benefit from the goods created by our global brothers and sisters. Following are America's top 10 import purchases during 2019.

1. Machinery including computers: US\$379 billion (14.8% of total imports)
2. Electrical machinery, equipment: \$352.3 billion (13.7%)
3. Vehicles: \$310.1 billion (12.1%)
4. Mineral fuels including oil: \$210.1 billion (8.2%)
5. Pharmaceuticals: \$128.2 billion (5%)
6. Optical, technical, medical apparatus: \$96.9 billion (3.8%)
7. Furniture, bedding, lighting, signs, prefab buildings: \$67.2 billion (2.6%)
8. Plastics, plastic articles: \$60.6 billion (2.4%)
9. Gems, precious metals: \$58.1 billion (2.3%)
10. Organic chemicals: \$54.5 billion (2.1%)

“In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of COMMON GOOD immediately becomes logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters.” (Laudato Si no 158)

As Catholics, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.

“People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens”
(*Evangelii Gaudium*, no 220).



The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life” (nos 1913-1915).

Throughout this election season, St Bridget Common Good Ministry will provide important dates, on-line resources and the Catholic Church's teachings on being faithful citizens.

Mon, Oct 5th – Last day to register for the General Election
Wed, Oct 7th - Early voting begins. General Election ballots mailed.
Tues, Nov 3rd - Election Day! All ballots must be received by 7pm.

Best website for Statewide Election Information: <https://azsos.gov/elections>

Best website for Maricopa County election information: <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/>

To register to vote and to vote by mail: <https://servicearizona.com/content.jsp?docName=SAZHomeEZVoter1>

For election information in Maricopa County and to track your mailed-in ballot:
<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/beballotready>

Lead with Love

st. bridget children's faith formation 2020 - 2021

**Faith Formation Registration & Payment
For classes begins online Monday, Aug 10**

www.stbridget.org

**Classes will be offered online until
it is deemed safe to gather in public.**

Please check our website for a video message about our online faith formation program and our safety procedures for on campus faith formation.

If you have questions please email Diana Rosales at faithformation@stbridget.org



**High School Teen Ministry
Online Registration begins August 14th
\$10—tee shirt fee**

**We invite all high school students 9th-12th grade
to join us twice a month for
fun, spirituality and friendship!**

Check social media:

@stbteens (Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram)

@StBridgetTeens (Facebook)

Teen Minister: Thomas Rosales



St. Bridget Spirituality Center

**Making a Pilgrimage to the beautiful environs
of St. Bridget.**

These times are offering opportunities for Christians as faith communities to be creative and to explore our roots to find old practices that might be relevant and accessible for these times.

The cathedrals of Europe were built with the idea in mind for people to come from afar and do pilgrimage. The interior of the buildings added 'ambulatories', walkways around the nave, "the place of assembly". This allowed people to walk and circle the church stopping at side chapels to pray and see relics while mass was going on.

We are fortunate with our plaza to have a beautiful walkway that surrounds it. We hope you come for a prayer walk while enjoying the gardens, the health of the being outdoors, the prayer and peace of our place, memories of times gathered and growing hope for times to come. All wonderful ways to stay nourished and connected to our parish community during these challenging times.

**A SINGLE
ACT OF LOVE
MAKES THE SOUL
RETURN TO LIFE.**

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

BAPTISMS—baptism@stbridget.org

Looking forward:
We are now accepting registrations
for infant Baptism.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING (SET)

Annual online renewal numbers: As of last Sunday, 48 volunteers had already completed renewal. Thank you.

The Renewal class for 2020-2021 appears under *Required Trainings*. It will *only* appear for those who completed either a foundation or renewal class in 2019-2020.

If you did NOT take last year's renewal OR you started the renewal or a foundation class but didn't finish it – your records were archived (made *inactive*) at the end of January 2020.

New Rules: All Volunteers and Staff are responsible for complying with SET requirements *annually* – it is NOT optional. Per the diocese: moving forward, if you do not complete safe environment renewal training by December 31 (September 30 for staff), you will be archived (made inactive) and will not be able to continue volunteering. Reinstatement will require completing **foundation** class/application/background check.

A One-Time Exception: (Remember, safe environment calendar runs from July 1 to June 30.)

This year: 2020-2021 Last year: 2019-2020
Prior year: 2018-2019 – If *this* is the last renewal class you completed, *you can still renew this year (this is a GIFT), BUT* there are special instructions. You need to contact me for them.

Questions/Problems: Jean McCarthy,
Safe@stbridget.org OR 602-300-8293 cell, 9-9 daily

Knights of Columbus Council #9800



Men of St. Bridget's Parish, are you interested in supporting our priests, our parish and your family, as well as all of our community?

The K.O.C. and their families have been doing just that since 1882, and *you can be part of it all*. Come join the largest Lay Catholic Men's organization in the world and see how fantastic it is to be with your fellow Catholic men serving our parish and our community.

Just stop and ask any Brother Knight about the benefits and the fraternity available to *you and your family* or **contact: GK Paul Saliba at psaleb@aol.com or call me at 480-330-6676.**

Meetings are held in Collins Hall the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Additional information about who the Knights are what they do including joining the Knights can be found at KofC.org.

Charity—Unity—Fraternity—Patriotism

Constant Contact e-mails from St. Bridget?

If you would like to receive Constant Contact emails from the parish, please be sure we have your updated Email address.

If you would like to be removed from the list, please let us know. Finance@stbridget.org



COMMON GOOD MINISTRY

I wish to call attention to the tens of thousands of children that emigrate alone, unaccompanied to escape violence and poverty. Such a humanitarian emergency demands as its first measure the urgent protection and properly taking in of these children.
Pope Francis

URGENT: We have recently learned that unaccompanied, immigrant children as young as one year old are being detained in hotels, from a few days to multiple weeks, before being deported to their home countries. This is happening right here in Phoenix in a clear violation of our laws, but more urgently, a human right violation. It is plain immoral and contrary to our Catholic values. It must stop.

TAKE ACTION: We know the emotional toll of separating families. We watched in horror as immigrant children were separated from their parents at the border just a couple of years ago. We ask that you contact your elected officials and ask that this humanitarian issue be addressed and newly come-to-light practice immediately stopped. Please write, email, and/or call our senators and representatives. We are not silent bystanders.

One thing that should never be debated are issues of human rights, *especially* children. We can all agree that all children should be protected. What if these were our children?

PARISH Support

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

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Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android phones.

AmazonSmile customers can now support St Bridget Roman Catholic Parish Mesa in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android phones. Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

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Spiritual

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!”

Are you or a family you know in need of food or rent/utility assistance? Please contact SVDP to confidentially discuss the situation.

Pantry Needs

At this time, our pantry could use the following: toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and other nonperishables. Please drop pantry items in the cart outside the SVDP office between 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Membership

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need. Membership in the St. Bridget Conference of the Society of the SVDP is open to individuals who seek to answer the call to service.

For more information please contact the office at 480-807-1493.



Readings for the week of August 10, 2020

- Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ Jn 12:24-26
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/ Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28.
- Next Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER CHAIN

During front office closure, prayer chain requests for the bulletin can be emailed to Char Prado char.prado@yahoo.com

BULLETIN DUE DATES:

Bulletin is due 9:00am on the Monday before publication date. (LPI guidelines)

Weekend of August 2, 2020
Financials will be available next weekend

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Tithely On-line	\$	0
ACH Checks	\$	0
Mail in	\$	0
	\$	0

POPE	\$	0
Summer Deficit Reduction	\$	0

We thank you for your continued generosity!

For your convenience we have installed a secured lock box by the elevator. The box is checked daily for any donations that are dropped off.

For more information about online giving, please contact Pat Shaneyfelt at finance@stbridget.org or call the office.



Aug 10 -Aug 16, 2020

Monday	8:00am	Pro Populo
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Friday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Saturday	4:30pm	Special Intentions
Sunday	7:30am	Special Intentions
	9:15am	Special Intentions
	11:00am	Special Intentions



Please pray for Tom Smith and his family and friends and all the deceased of our parish.



For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Catherine Smith & her family
- ◆ The Showalter family & friends
- ◆ Steve Raml & his family
- ◆ Rev Scott Ritchey & his wife Laura
- ◆ All caregivers,
- ◆ First Responders,
- ◆ Nurses, Doctors and all health personnel,
- ◆ All those who have lost their jobs

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