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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

AUGUST 13

R1, 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R2, Rom 9:1-5

Gospel, Mt 14:22-33

Blessed Michael J. McGivney

AUGUST 14

R1, Dt 10:12-22

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Gospel, Mt 17:22-27

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

AUGUST 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

R1, RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R2, 1 COR 15:20-27

Gospel, LK 1:39-56

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 16

R1, Dt 34:1-12

Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

Gospel, Mt 18:15-20

Saint Stephen of Hungary

AUGUST 17

R1, Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel, Mt 18:21-19:1

Saint Joan of the Cross

AUGUST 18

R1, Jos 24:1-13

Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24

Gospel, Mt 19:3-12

Saint Louis of Toulouse

AUGUST 19

R1, Jos 24:14-29

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

Gospel, Mt 19:13-15

Saint John Eudes

AUGUST 20

R1, Is 56:1, 6-7

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R2, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel, Mt 15:21-28

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

This coming **Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day which obliges Catholics to attend Mass. We will celebrate this great solemnity with **Mass at 6:30 pm**. Please plan to attend. The late Trappist Fr. Basil Pennington describes the Assumption in this way:



"Mary was given the singular privileges of being conceived without sin, conceiving, and bearing the Incarnate God, and being assumed bodily into heaven. We know that in God's wise plan, every great gift he gives always comes with a great responsibility, and Mary was no exception. She is a vessel of God's overflowing and particular love for each man and woman. God gave her each of these graces so that she could become a universal Mother to all those who are joined to her Son."

As we celebrate this great feast of God's love, let us also give thanks for our friends and neighbors at **Assumption Parish**. Perhaps our newer parishioners don't know that St. Bridget's was formed in 1968 out of the boundaries of Assumption which this October will celebrate its 100th anniversary as a parish. Over the years we have joined together in the sponsorship of Assumption-St. Bridget's School, and a joint conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. So, a very happy feast day to Fr. Oliver and all our brothers and sisters at Assumption Parish!

Every celebration of Mary reminds us that she is the first saint of the Christian tradition and a role model of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This Sunday, August 13, we recognize another role model of Christian life as we celebrate the retirement of **Luanne Johnson**. On behalf of all members of our community, I want to thank Luanne for her faithful and generous service to our parish. Please join in a celebration for this special lady following our 9:30 am Mass this Sunday. We are very fortunate that she will be remaining a member of St. Bridget's, and continuing her gracious hospitality overseeing our coffee hours and receptions. Her retirement gives us the opportunity to invite other members of our parish to step forward in volunteer service in areas that Luanne has managed. Stay tuned for more information on how you can contribute to parish life.

Holy Mary, Mother of God...pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!

Fr. William Heric

Fr. William Heric, Pastor



*Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Mass - 6:30 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - ASSUMPTION ST. BRIDGET CONFERENCE

This is our SVDP report for the month of July. We appreciate the great support that we receive from both parishes and ASB School. Our outreach efforts are on done on your behalf as we strive to be good stewards of your donations and support.

With your kind support and generosity, we have provided the following assistance:

Financial Assistance (donations that we have received from you)

6 families (including children)/individuals helped with rent value \$921
29 families/individuals helped with Safeway food cards value \$375
2 families/individuals with utility assistance value \$100
1 organizations/individuals help with other value \$500
1 family/individual helped with gas card value \$25
2 families/individuals helped with bus tickets value \$11
3 families/individuals helped with household needs value \$25

Total value of financial assistance \$1967

In Kind Assistance (food and household items that you have donated)

32 families/individuals (includes bags of food to food bank) helped with food value \$930
25 families/individuals helped with hygiene items value \$190

Total value of in-kind assistance \$1120

Total value of assistance in June \$3087

15 home visits and 7 phone contacts were made by our SVDP conference members.

Thank you for the incredible response to our pleas for financial assistance and food. The requests for rental assistance continue to increase but with your help we have been able to keep many families in their homes. Since January 2023 we have assisted with over \$60,000 in rental assistance. We continue to receive many requests for financial assistance. We are in need of more cash donations so that we can continue to assist those in need with rental assistance, beds, food gift cards and utilities. Please consider donating to our mission. Our SVDP conference is so thankful for all that our communities do to help those in need. Because of your support many in need have received assistance!

How you can help:

If you are interested in joining SVdP, email Tracy Read at tread20@comcast.net

To donate please go to our giving site <https://osvhub.com/stbridgetchurch/funds>

Donate once or to set up a recurring gift. Checks can be made out to Assumption or St. Bridget and note St. Vincent in the memo line. Drop into the offertory basket at Mass or to the parish office anytime.

If you or anyone you know needs help with basic needs like rent, food, utilities, and clothing, you can call the SVdP of Seattle/King County Helpline at 206-767-6449 from 8:00am-3:00 pm M-F.



FALL KICK-OFF EVENT

Join us on **Sunday, September 10** following our 9:30 am Mass to kick off the fall season! Enjoy lite bites, and festive beverages while learning about vast opportunities to be involved in parish life. More details to follow.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Children going in to 4th grade or older are eligible to become an altar server. Please contact Sarah Chopyak for more information. sarah@stbridgetchurch.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF AUGUST 14 - 20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AUGUST 14	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:00pm - 10:00pm Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 6:30pm Mass - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 5:30pm OCIA Meeting 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 9:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass 10:30am Coffee and Donut Hour

+Live-streamed

IN HONOR OF ST. PHOEBE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

By Mary Kay Beeby

The most inspiring woman in my life is my Aunt, Sister Charles Marie (affectionately called Sr. Charlie) Part of a big family that survived the depression and the Dust Bowl in Hays Kansas, she entered the convent at age 18.

Sister taught in schools in Kansas, Missouri and Montana for over 30 years. She was Principal at Sacred Heart School, St. Patrick's School, and North Central Junior High School, Butte, MT. She began her ministry in healthcare and social services in 1988. Sister Charles Marie was the Director of Pastoral Care at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center, Grand Junction, CO, Administrator/Coordinator at Ross Hall, Leavenworth, KS and worked tirelessly at Mercy Housing, Kansas City, KS. Later, she became the Mission Director for Seton Center, Kansas City, MO. Upon retiring in 2012, Sister could be found basking in volunteer work wherever she was needed.

She was the center of our family, our gravity, our glue. With family members spread all over the country and sometimes all over the world, we depended on Sister to keep us connected. She was Facebook before PCs or cell phones even existed.

She had the uncanny sense to know exactly when each of us needed her. You'd be going through a crisis and magically you'd get the call from Sister. "Hi, dearie! How ya doin'?" She was the best counselor you could have. When I was struggling with the guilt of leaving a very unhappy marriage, she called almost daily to

support my leaving. She said, "You know there is only one Savior and you're not it." I don't think I could have made it without her.

Sister was well known in the Kansas City area. She worked to connect grocery stores with food banks.

She had connections in the trucking community so if there were 100 frozen chickens that a store wanted to donate, she'd call her buddies and those chickens would get delivered to Mercy Housing. She would leave her car unlocked so anyone could load her trunk with clothes, toys or food. She organized holiday drives for Mercy residents and managed their Christmas party festivities. She was God's love in action!

When I work with our own Mercy Housing at Magnuson Park through St. Vincent de Paul, I feel like I'm honoring her legacy. When she passed, we had a magnet made for each member of the family with her picture and the words "What would Sister do?"



PARISH INFORMATION

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

Classes will continue on **August 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. All are welcome! For information please contact Alex Chopyak at RCIA@Stbridgetchurch.org

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The patients in Seattle

Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	August	14	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	August	15	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	August	16	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	August	17	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	August	18	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	August	19	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	August	20	9:30am	Sunday Mass	For the Parish

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A Journey of Dedication: Decades of Service at St. Bridget's Parish

In the heart of St. Bridget's Parish, a sense of community and dedication has thrived for decades. For many, the journey of faith isn't just about attending Sunday Mass, but actively contributing to the growth and well-being of the parish. Meet Luanne Johnson, a steadfast parishioner whose commitment to St. Bridget's dates back to 1979. Today, we celebrate Luanne's journey to retirement, from becoming a parishioner to taking on various roles within the church, and her favorite memories along the way.



The year was 1979 when Luanne and her husband Rod, became parishioners of St. Bridget's. Little did she know, this would mark the beginning of a lifelong connection with the parish. Over the years, St. Bridget's would become more than just a place of worship – it would become a family.

Luanne didn't just attend services; she actively engaged in the life of the parish. In 2000, she took the step from volunteering to joining the staff, marking a significant turning point in her journey. Her dedication led her to hold various positions, each contributing to the vibrant tapestry of the church's activities.

Initially, Luanne took on the role of coordinating the church school – a position that has since evolved into Children's Church. She also contributed to Vacation Bible School (VBS), fostering a sense of joyful learning and connection among young parishioners. Her contributions extended further as she took on responsibilities as Ministry Coordinator, Office Assistant, Sacristan, and Special Events Organizer. With each role, Luanne became an integral part of the parish's daily life.



When asked about her favorite memory or part of working for the church, Luanne paused to reflect. "It's really hard to say what my favorite part about working here at the church is," she shared. "St. Bridget is my family! I feel so close to everyone here." A sense of warmth and camaraderie emanated from her words.

Continued on back...

Undoubtedly, one of Luanne's cherished aspects of her involvement is being with the children. The innocence and laughter of the young ones remind them of the joy and vitality of life. Yet, it's not just the children – the entire parish holds a special place in her heart. "Especially being with everyone at Mass," Luanne continued, "I've met so many great people here at St. Bridget's. I'm so blessed to work with Fr. Heric and the greatest staff."



Luanne's deep-rooted connection to St. Bridget's Parish is evident. For decades, she has been a living embodiment of dedication, actively contributing to the parish's growth and fostering a sense of unity within the community. From the early days of becoming a parishioner to assuming various roles within the church, Luanne's journey is a testament to the power of faith, community, and service.

In the heart of St. Bridget's Church, a journey of faith, service, and love unfolds through the experiences of Luanne. From becoming a parishioner in 1979 to taking on a range of roles that shaped the church's vibrant community life, her story is a testament to the profound impact that individuals can have on their religious community. Through laughter with the children and moments of devotion during Mass, Luanne has etched their legacy into the very fabric of St. Bridget's, forever remaining a cherished and admired member of the family.



We thank you, Luanne, for making St. Bridget's Parish more than just a place of worship; it's a place where individuals have found a second home, a place where they have shared their time, talents, and love. As the years continue to unfold, Luanne's story reminds us that the heart of any faith community lies in the dedication and contributions of its members. We wish you all the best in your retirement!