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Bridge



ST. BRIDGET
CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Message from Monsignor Carr

For the last few years many talented and dedicated parishioners have helped organize and “put on” a Parish Lenten Retreat. It is exciting to see the devotion and focus that goes into our Parish Retreat. Each year a theme is chosen and the parish works, prays, celebrates and sacrifices to realize this theme and become stronger in their faith. This year’s theme is “Come Unto Me” Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your souls. - *Matthew 11:28-29*

The Retreat is the perfect way to prepare for Easter and reinforce the message of Lent. Sacrifice for others, sacrifice to be closer to Christ and grow in our faith. I invite everyone to participate in the Retreat. Each year is a step along the path in our faith journey to be a better disciple and to genuinely experience Christ’s love and the gift of everlasting life.

I pray many parishioners will make the time to open their hearts to this reaffirming week of prayer, faith and fellowship. Come Unto Me... and you will find rest for your souls.

Lenten Blessing – Monsignor Carr

For more information on the Parish Lenten retreat please go to the back page of this Bridge for a complete schedule of the week!



COME UNTO ME
Saint Bridget Parish Lenten Retreat



March 5 -11

The Triduum: Please Join Us

Holy Thursday – March 24th

7:30 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday – March 25th

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross.

7:30 pm: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion.

Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday – March 26th

7:30 pm: Solemn Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of the Lord – March 27th

7:30 am: Church, **9:00 am:** MPH and Church, **11:00 am:** MPH and Church, **5:00 pm:** Church.

Please note there is no 8:00 am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

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Saint Bridget

(Saint Brigid of Ireland, the Abbess of Kildare)

Human Concerns Spotlight: CrossOver Ministries

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry is a charitable Clinic that provides healthcare to low income individuals in our community who do not have health insurance in the name of Jesus Christ. CrossOver transforms the lives of our patients by providing compassionate care to each individual: Mind, Body, and Spirit. The number of individuals in our community who need CrossOver services continues to grow, and we need YOUR help to meet the need. In 2016, CrossOver has big plans to provide comprehensive and quality care to those who need healthcare. Currently, they are turning away people who need their help because they don't have enough resources to serve them. They are asking you to partner with them to help spread the word about the need in our community and opportunities for missions, right here in Richmond. You can help them in so many ways:

Prayer. Please pray for CrossOver's ministry and all their patients who need compassionate care.

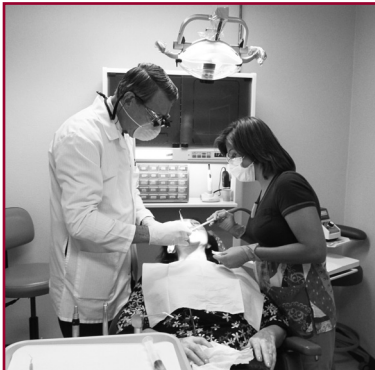
Donate. St. Bridget will host speakers at all the Masses and have a second collection the weekend of April 17.

Volunteer. Over 60% of care at CrossOver is a direct result of volunteerism. Increasing their volunteer pool allows them to increase their capacity to serve patients. As a ministry, they want to partner with those in the faith community to make that possible.

Spread the word. Getting the word out about their services and volunteer opportunities can make such a huge difference!

Lack of access to healthcare is a huge problem in our state.

The CrossOver clinic by Regency Square pulls in people from the Northern Neck, Louisa, Petersburg and on out East to the coast. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and mission opportunities right here in Richmond, please call 804-422-2600 or e-mail the info@crossoverministry.org or contact our own Pat Seitz at 784-3696.



The 2016 CrossOver Challenge

The 2016 CrossOver Challenge is right around the corner, Saturday, April 30th. CrossOver Healthcare Ministry provides free healthcare to Richmond's uninsured and working poor. You can help raise funds to support these patients by participating in The Challenge. There is something for everyone: a 15K race for the dedicated runner/athlete; a 5K race/walk for those looking to get a little bit of exercise; and a 1 mile kids fun run for the little ones. To register for the race or to volunteer your time, please go to www.crossoverministry.org. All proceeds will benefit CrossOver Healthcare Ministry.

Religious Education Parent Resource Room

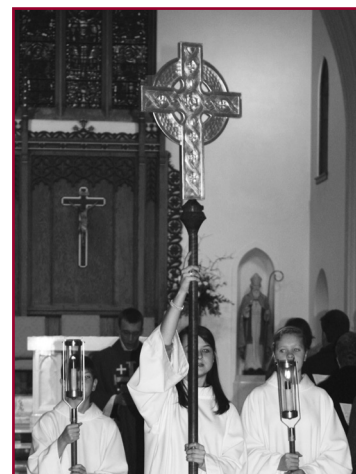


Faith formation is a life-long process and parents are the primary educators of their children. In order to help support parents in this important role, the Office of Religious Education hosts a monthly resource room for the parents of our students. The room is open during the children's class time. Materials are provided to help the parents reinforce at home what their children learn in Religious Ed. Also included are resources to help parents grow in their own faith life and understanding of the Catholic Church. Participants are invited to enjoy refreshments and browse through the materials. Reflections are provided for those who would like to spend quiet time in the church. The topics vary from month to month, in February the theme was observing Lent as a family. Upcoming topics include the Triduum/Easter and teaching your child about Mass. For more information on the resources provided, contact Michelle Sesny at mseyny@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Congratulations Altar Servers of St. Bridget!

Congratulations to the following parishioners who have completed altar server training and were commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 21, 2016.

Claire Arnett	Owen Fox	Catherine Keightley
Riley Bell	John Garbett	Camille Marshall
Henry Berling	Matthew Gasperini	Jace Nguyen
Brooks Bower	Kate Harrison	Meghan Rotter
Emily Carver	Cate Haymore	Beverly Ann Siewers
Lucas Chuidian	Liza Haymore	Ann Marie Smith
Lucas Cosby	Colin Irvin	Ben Swider
Anthony Douglas	Claire Kehoe	Genevieve Travers
	Mary Kehoe	Kate Turnbull



Also at this Mass, we commend with much gratitude, these Altar Servers who are receiving their 5 year recognition.

Alexandra Barrett	Christopher Gilliam	Megan Pellei
Kathy Bruckner	Thomas Kehoe	Jordan Smith
Joshua Coombs	Joseph Kerner	Scott Smith
	Julia Palumbo	Samuel Stivers

Special thanks are also sent to these outstanding altar servers. Their service and dedication to their ministry is extraordinary.

6 YEARS

Patrick Corbett
Karl Hardrick
Gene Kastelberg
Patty Richnafsky

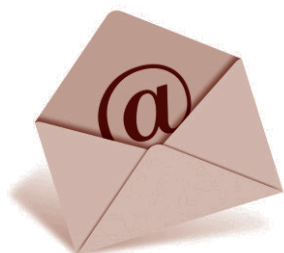
7 YEARS

*Clayton Ashley
*Grace Gemmell
*Bridget Kastelberg (8 Years)
*Patrick Kerner
*Peyton Lynch
Harrison Strickler * Graduating Seniors



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A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Rita Albright	Meghan Kelly
Sarah Kathryn Atkinson	Michele Kessler, child: Kyla
Chelsea Anne Bell	Gregory and Amber Redmond
Matthew & Mara Brennan,	children: Haddie and Grady
children: Lena, Joseph	Joey and Lauren Shutt
Mary Ashby Brown	Drew Stahling
Chris and Megan Collins	Michelle Stakem
Mackenzie Farmer, child: Isabella	Dr. Brian Suddarth & Rachel
Stephanie Fitzgerald	Suddarth, children: Ian, Nathan
Steven Florczyk	Alex and Ida Vaclavik,
Shane Frick	child: Elizabeth
Earle & Meta Hale	Steven and Ashley Vavorsky,
John Hamilton	child: Josephine
Chet Herbert and Elizabeth	Catherine Volgyi, child: McKenna
Muldowney, child: William	Eric & Lisa Yost,
JiJean Jang	children: David, Jason, Caleb,
Andrew and Carrie Jernigan,	Joshua
child: Madelyn	

chwc news!

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Thank you for coming out and making the Spaghetti dinner a fun and relaxing evening. Personally, I love seeing the little kids up by the stage dancing, the 5:30 p.m. ushers sharing a meal together, the families enjoying an evening and the teens serving and welcoming their fellow parishioners. With over 520 guests it was a fun and successful night. A huge thanks to Tom Giannasi, Steve Lang and Jerry Kloecker for their many hours over a hot stove to make a wonderful dinner for all of us, to Kent Alley for the amazing music and to all the teen

and adult campers for working hard and having a great attitude.

Save the date for the annual Mother's Day Cake Sale on May 9th and 10th after all the Masses. Bring home a home made dessert for Mom or donate a cake to the Little Sister's of the Poor. We will deliver your donations to Little Sisters. All pastries and cakes will sell for \$15.

St. Bridget will be hosting a CHWC camp again this summer. We are in the process of putting together the service projects for the 250 plus campers

who will be in Richmond from June 26 through July 2. There are many ways to get involved and help out. We will have volunteers helping with food prep for breakfast and dinner, cleaning and preparing the school both before and after the camp, nurses in the mornings and afternoons and adult volunteers to help at the worksites themselves. If you have contracting, painting or other special skills, please let us know if you can help. However, we also need adults to be on teams. NO special experience or skills are needed. We will have sign ups after Masses this spring. For further information or questions, contact Anne-Marie Condlin at 426-5298.

Confirmation Retreat 2016!



Saint Bridget sent over 70 teens and chaperones to Jamestown for an overnight retreat on the river- it was an incredible experience! The teens listened to talks on the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and spent time in prayer and reflection throughout the day before a fun afternoon with field games, archery and team building relay races. The retreat focused two particular relationships, the personal relationship they have with God and the relationship they have with each other and the community around them. The teens were challenged to strengthen both of these relationships with the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit that they receive in Confirmation. To illustrate the fire and power of the Holy Spirit (and to provide

a memorable evening) we incorporated old Christmas Trees into our evening bonfire - 25 foot flames are quite a sight! For teens today life is generally packed with lots of activities, stresses and endless opportunities for distraction. This weekend away gave them a much needed opportunity to unplug, spend some time in nature and grow closer to God in prayer and sacrament. Special thanks to all the adults and chaperones that enabled the retreat to happen and

congratulations to Fr. George who joined us for Confessions on Saturday evening and celebrated his 10th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, January 17th. To view a 60 second video of the Confirmation retreat, visit www.saintbridgetchurch.org/youth or the Saint Bridget Facebook page. Pray for us!



Consider leaving a Legacy Gift to St. Bridget Catholic Church.

Leaving a legacy gift to St. Bridget Catholic Church can be tax efficient and beneficial to your heirs. Your legacy gift will lay the firm foundation to benefit our children and future generations to ensure that St. Bridget parish continues to flourish. Prospective donors are urged to consult their personal tax and financial advisors concerning the specific consequences of making gifts to the parish. Your attorney, financial planner or tax consultant will help you determine a giving plan that can be tailored to your needs, desires and capabilities. Some of the gift arrangements are revocable and others cannot be changed once established. Some work better with cash and others with appreciated assets. Regardless of the method or the amount, we are grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift in your will or living trust and of your commitment to the future well-being of St. Bridget Catholic Church. St. Bridget parish is most grateful for the generous bequest from the estate of Mr. John Tighe, Jr.

Contact Kimberly Lapkin, Director of Stewardship, for more information on making a legacy gift to St. Bridget Catholic Church at (804) 525-7888.

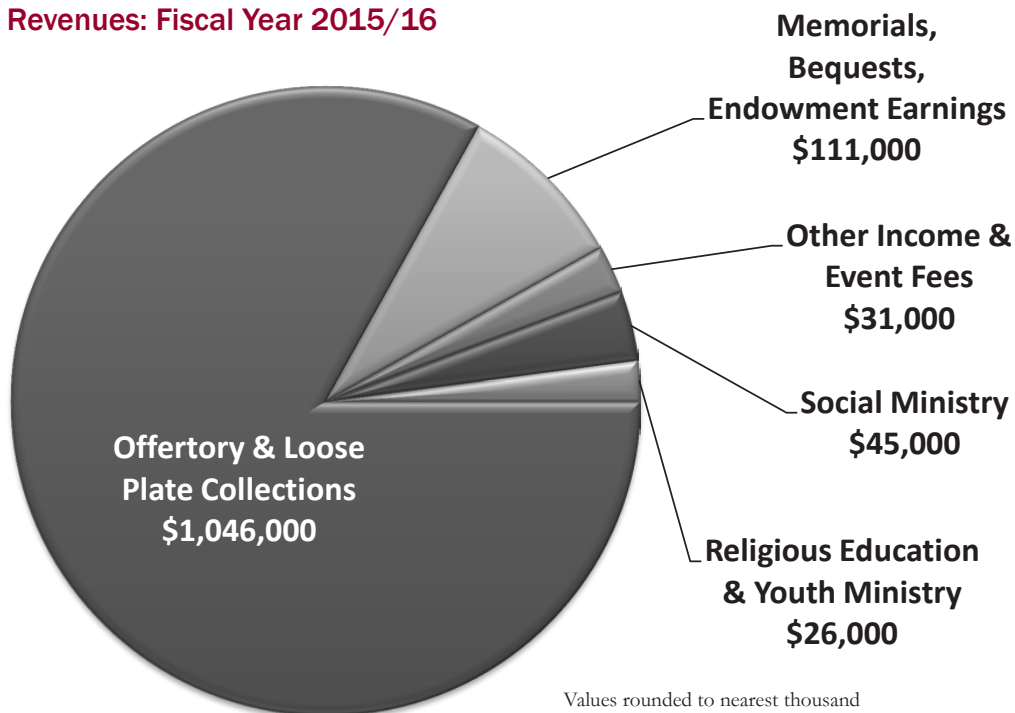
Serve One Another: 2016 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to every parishioner who has taken the time to fill out a pledge card in support of our stewardship campaign. The parish is so grateful for the support and every pledge no matter the size is meaningful and appreciated. If you have not made your pledge please pick up a pledge card in the parish office or go to our website to fill out an online pledge.

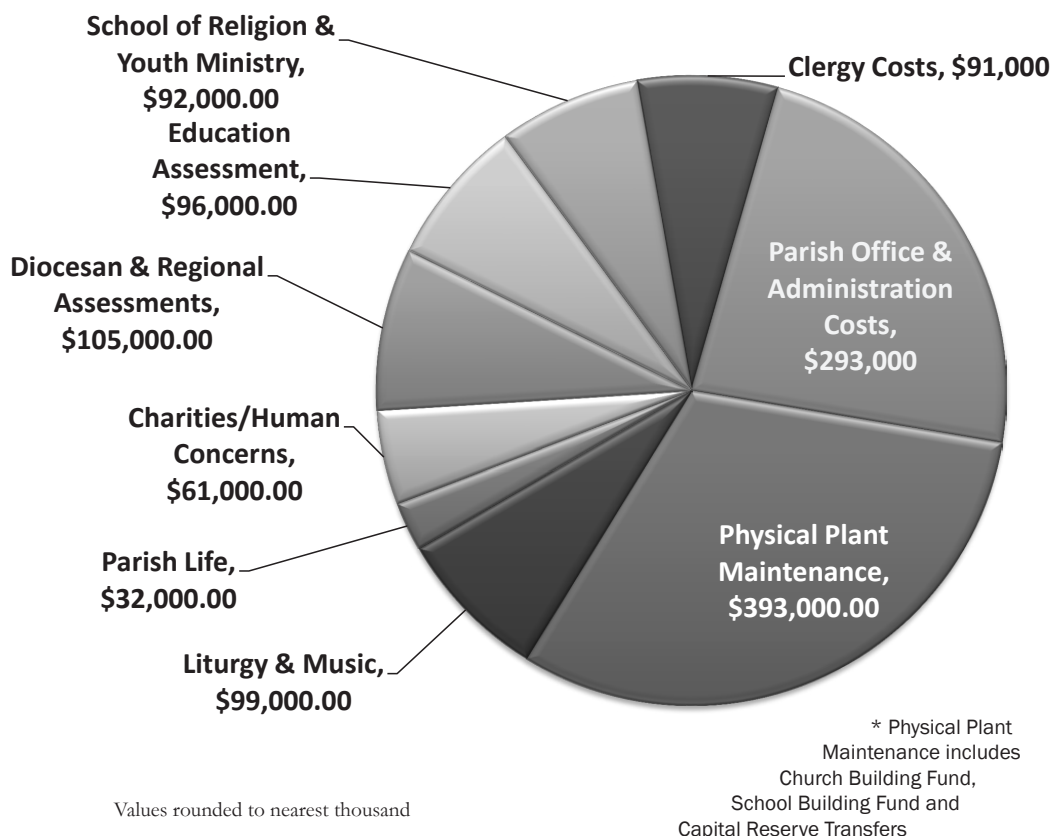
Again thank you!

Summary Church Operating Fund Report: July 31, 2015 through January 31, 2016

Revenues: Fiscal Year 2015/16



Expenses: Fiscal Year 2015/16



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Parish Announcements

Vacation Bible School 2016 – Volunteers Needed!

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School which will be held this summer during the week of June 20-24th. We are currently seeking volunteers to help run Arts & Crafts, Music, Recreation, Stage Decorating and lead classes for students PreK through 4th Grade.

Without the help of volunteers, we will be unable to offer this great program. If you would

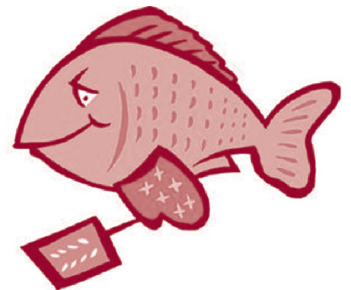
like to help or are interested in more information, please contact Michelle Sesny at msesny@saintbridgetchurch.org as soon as possible!



E-Giving and Your Stewardship Pledge: Join the 400 families that contribute to St. Bridget parish by using E-Giving. E-Giving is a convenient way to make your secure donations to Saint Bridget parish online. You may use debit cards, credit cards or electronic funds transfer for your contributions to fulfill your stewardship pledge and make donations to the various funds and special collections. To get started, simply click on the E-Giving link found on our website at saintbridgetchurch.org. Contact Kimberly Lapkin at 525-7888 or kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org with any E-Giving questions.

St. Bridget Parish Annual Lenten Fish Fry– March 11th - Get Your Tickets Now!

An evening of food, fellowship, and fun brought to you by the Knights of Columbus. You will enjoy a tasty dinner of fried or baked fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, potato salad, corn, roll and dessert. Local craft brews and good wine will be available to quench your thirst! Proceeds will support the Knight's Catholic High School Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$10/dinner for adults; \$5 for children under 12. Friday, March 11th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm in Mother Presentation Hall. Please buy your tickets soon to hold your place. Tickets will be sold after Mass over the coming weekends, online via E-Giving, and through the Parish Office.



Help send some great kids to Camp - Benedictine Summer Basketball Camp.

The camp exposes boys who might otherwise not have the opportunity to the coaches, to the cadets and to boys from other schools. It is so beneficial for them to experience a different environment, and find that they can be comfortable and successful in it AND have fun and learn! The cost this year for a week of Benedictine Basketball Camp is \$ 225. Any amount that you can give will be so appreciated. You can make out your check to St. Bridget Church and mark it for Blackwell BB Camp and send it to: Paul Amrhein at St. Bridget Church, 6006 Three Chopt Rd. Richmond, VA 23226. When donating funds for this camp you really are making a difference in many boys' lives and in their families too. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity. May God bless you and yours, just as you have blessed so many of His.

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Baptisms

Lorenzo Firuz Aliberti
Desmond Thomas Allen
Stone Scott Barger
Loren Noelle Barnes
Hannah Grace Berling
Lucy Dixon Bodenheimer
Zoe Grace Bodenheimer
Joseph Patrick Brennan
Blithe Eleanor Byers
Theodore Elias David Delatorre-
Martinez
Benedict Bruce Delatorre-Martinez
Madison Ann Erpelding
Tess Alexandra Fanelli
Wyatt Lincoln Fisher

Benjamin Hayes Framme, Jr.
Charlotte Alice Friedman
Anne Henrietta Jean Gee
Keira Michelle Haladay
Natalie Sophia Haladay
William Lawrence Hamnett IV
Charlotte Olivia Markowitz
Virginia Marie Noonan
Winston Williams Owings
Roland Francis Rudegeair
Bennett Thomas Smith
Denver Belle Smith
Elizabeth Blackburn Snow
Zella Marguerite Speakman
Patton Alexander White

Marriages

Kristen Darby and Michael Batalo

Deaths

Ian Ballard
Thomas K. Barrett
Violet Corigliano
Wesley Hamner
Vilma Leverth
Timothy Edward McCarthy

Mary Shindel
John Louis Tighe
Marguerite K. Webb
Louis Zanzola

Speaker Series: Women of Mercy 2016

Topic: "Relationships"

Friday May 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Wine & Cheese in St. Bridget Church Commons

Speaker: Debbie Stollery

RSVP: Kim Hulcher dkhulcher@yahoo.com

Child Care Available

Save this date as a Mother's Day Gift to yourself.

Not a mother? That's ok too. All are welcome.

Bring a friend & come spend an evening with other women of faith
exploring the Holy Spirit in the midst of our relationships.

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- Matthew 11:28-29

Join Us for the Saint Bridget Parish Lenten Retreat to respond to this invitation of Christ.

Schedule of Events

We are excited to welcome Fr. John Durbin, Pastor of All Saints Church in Hampstead, NC! Fr. Durbin has a Licentiate in Spirituality from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has been a parish priest for 36 years and has led many retreats for parishes and religious.

Each day includes morning and evening events. Special thanks to our Parish Life Groups and Committees who will host Fellowship throughout the week.

Day	Events	Day	Events
Saturday – March 5	8:00 am: Mass, 8:30 am: Holy Hour 8:30 - 11:00 am: First Annual St. Bridget School and Parish Family Day of Service. St. Bridget families will begin their day with prayer and doughnuts followed by a wide variety of service projects in the Church, school and out in the community. 5:30 pm Mass: celebrated by Fr. John Durbin - reception to follow Mass	Wednesday – March 9	<i>(continued)</i> Evening Session 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Fellowship in the Commons 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Healing Service including remarks by Megan Bean on her healing at Lourdes. The 9:00 am Mass and 7:00 pm evening service will be dedicated to prayers and petitions for the sick.
Sunday – March 6	Fr. John Durbin will preach at all Masses. Fellowship (including coffee and doughnuts) to follow each Mass.	Thursday – March 10	Morning Session 8:00 am: Daily Mass 8:30 - 9:00 am: Fellowship in the Commons 9:00 - 10:30 am: Adoration and Reconciliation – Fr. George Prado will explain Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity to honor and worship the Real Presence of Christ among us in the Holy Eucharist. Adoration and individual Reconciliation will be offered. Evening Session 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Fellowship in the Commons 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation – Fr. George Prado will explain Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity to honor and worship the Real Presence of Christ among us in the Holy Eucharist. Adoration and individual Reconciliation will be offered.
Monday – March 7	Morning Session 8:00 am: Daily Mass celebrated by Father Durbin 8:30 - 9:00 am: Fellowship in the Commons 9:00 - 10:30 am: Incarnational Spirituality: How God Continues to Be Born in the World of Today and Guided Meditation Led by Fr. Durbin (Church Hall) Evening Session 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Fellowship in the Commons 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Incarnational Spirituality: How God Continues to Be Born in the World of Today and Guided Meditation Led by Fr. Durbin (Church Hall)	Friday – March 11	Morning Session 8:00 am: Daily Mass 8:30 - 9:00 am: Fellowship in the Commons 9:00 am - 10:30 am: Stations Of The Cross and Exposition and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist. Evening Session 5:00 - 8:00 pm: 3rd Annual Parish Lenten Fish Fry, brought to you by the Knights of Columbus. Join us in Mother Presentation Hall for great fish, a great meal, music, raffles, and fun! Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Scholarships for St. Bridget graduates attending Catholic High School. 6:30 - 7:30 pm: Stations Of The Cross and Exposition and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist.
Tuesday – March 8	Morning Session 8:00 am: Daily Mass celebrated by Father Durbin 8:30 - 9:00 am: Fellowship in the Commons 9:00 - 10:30 am: Spirituality: The Lived Christian Life Followed by Centering Prayer Experience led by Fr. Durbin (Church Hall) Evening Session 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Fellowship in the Commons 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Spirituality: The Lived Christian Life Followed by Centering Prayer Experience led by Fr. Durbin (Church Hall)	Please note: Childcare will be provided Monday - Thursday evening.	
Wednesday – March 9	Morning Session 8:00 am: Daily Mass 9:00 am*: Healing Mass. Following the Healing Mass, a brunch will be served with remarks by Megan Bean about how she was healed of a life-limiting ailment after a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Her healing has led her to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and service to others. *Please note 9:00 am start time. Brunch in Commons.		