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The Feast of St. Bride

**We Welcome
Archbishop Blase J. Cupich**

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

Ms. Laura L. Zbella,

Administrative Manager

Mr. Terry Rose, Youth Minister

Mr. Tommy Slay, Facilities Manager

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with
the Parish House to have the Sacraments
brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should

take place early in any

illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed,
by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact
the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at
the Activity Table in the Church or call the
Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us!

Please be sure to sign our guest book.

**The Fourth Sunday of the Church Year
February 1, 2015**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Fourth Sunday of the Church Year:

The Feast of St. Bride

For the Intention of Isabelle Rice

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Sue King

For the Intention of Arline Clavey

For the Intention of Rosemary Roll

For the Intention of

Mickey and Christopher Schreiber

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Wednesday: Weekday

Thursday: St. Agatha

Friday: St. Paul Miki and companions

Saturday: Weekday

The Fifth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Cathy Pencek - Get Well

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of Ralph Maiorano

For the Intention of the Thomas Wilczak Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Wake Up



At a certain low point in the story of the now-destitute prodigal son, he **wakes up** to his situation. The text reads: "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father'" (Luke 15:17-18)

In the Sacrament of Penance, we ask God for forgiveness that he gladly and generously gives to us. A very first step, however, is waking up to our situation and realizing how much we need God's mercy. The habits of sin may dull our minds and hearts. We may be sluggish in reflecting on our lives. Whatever numbs us must dissipate. We do need to wake up, and then with the prodigal son we can get up and go to our father.

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Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry continues its work and our shelves are literally BARE! We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program each week, September to June! We serve over 150 families a month. We have more than 400 families now registered for the program. We need more assistance than ever in these troubled times. We also accept clothing for our clothes pantry and gently used small household goods; dishes, silverware, glasses, linens, etc.

Upcoming Dates and Events 2015

February 8, 2015 – SACRED JOURNEYS – Lourdes. Fr. Jim Clavey presents his reflections on his work at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

February 15th - Mardi Gras Party:

After Mass in the Church Hall

February 17th – St. Bride Revival Night:

Dinner at 5:30 PM

Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

February 18th – Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8 AM and Noon

March 15th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph

May 17th – Annual Spring Luncheon

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP BLASE J. CUPICH TO ST. BRIDE!

Please pray for us, Archbishop, as we pray for you each day!

AUTHORITY FROM GOD

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic—truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for *Oleum Infirmarum*), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistry in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.

Invitation to Return Last Year's Palm Sunday Palms

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. In preparation for Lent, we are collecting last year's palm strips. You are invited to return your old palm between now and Sunday, February 15th.

St. Bride Parish Presents

A Faith Filled and Fun February 2015

February 8, 2015 – SACRED JOURNEYS – Lourdes. Fr. Jim Clavey presents his reflections on his work at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. Father Jim has worked at the shrine several times. Included will be a viewing of the episode *SACRED JOURNEYS – Lourdes*, recently seen on Public Television. Program host Bruce Feiler embeds with a group of active duty and retired US military, wounded in Afghanistan, Iraq and other American wars, as they travel to the Catholic shrine of Lourdes in Southwest France in search of healing. More than five million pilgrims from around the world visit this shrine to the Virgin Mary every year to drink and bathe in the waters of a spring that has miraculous powers. This presentation follows the 10 AM Mass. Your bakery donations will be appreciated!

February 15, 2015 – Our Annual Mardi Gras Party. Great food and drink, raffles and the Cake Walk! Donations of gifts for the Cake Walk are needed. Cakes, wine, etc. Tickets on sale now!

February 17, 2015 – Our Annual Revival Night Dinner and Mass. Dinner at 5:30 PM followed by Mass at 7 PM. Ashes will be distributed! Free will offering for the dinner!

February 18, 2015 – Ash Wednesday. Masses in the Church at 8 AM and Noon!

February 22, 2015 – The First Sunday of Lent 2015. Mass at 10 AM

February 27-28, 2015 – Festival of Forgiveness. Throughout the Archdiocese there will be special times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation over two days. Included are some churches that will be open 24 hours. More details to follow.

St. Bride Church – The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago – February 1, 2015 – The Feast of St. Bride