

ST. BRIDE



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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.



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The Twentieth Sunday of the Church Year
August 14, 2016



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Twentieth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Chester Wilk

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of Mark Dedowicz

For the Intention of Robert and Norine Fridlund

Monday: The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 8 AM in the Church

Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Wednesday: Weekday

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: St. John Eudes

Saturday: St. Bernard

The Twenty-first Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Marge Machay

For the Intention of Mary Jo Kerke

For the Intention of Marge Cmarik

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;
Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-
36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2;
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or family member 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. You can schedule Masses by email or on Give Central; See the far left column of our web page at www.st-bride.org.

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week. **No clothing please in the month of August!** Pantry reopens for the new season on September 8th.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

RESOLVE

Once the mercy of God really and truly takes hold in our lives, we know clearly what we must do. We resolve to live now in light of that mercy. We cannot carry on as before, when we did not fully know or grasp the dimensions of God's mercy.

"Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."
(Luke 19:8)



ONE WORD
AT A TIME

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Upcoming Dates and Events 2016 - 2017

September 11th - Parish Picnic after Mass
In the Parish Yard

October 16th - Oktoberfest
After Mass in the Church Hall

November 19th - Thanksgiving Outreach
Luncheon to the Community

November 27th - First Sunday of Advent
December 4th - Breakfast with Santa

immediately following Mass

December 8th - The Immaculate Conception
Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 24th - Christmas Family Mass at 4 PM

December 25th - Christmas Morning Mass
at 10 AM

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February 26th - Mardi Gras Party

February 28th - Annual Revival Night

March 1st - Ash Wednesday

March 19th - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Dinner

April 9th - Palm Sunday *The start of Holy Week*

April 16th - Easter Sunday

GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may
give it back to the centuries.

— Peter Chrysologus



THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

August 14, 2016

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Jubilee Year of Mercy bids us share our own experience of Jesus' mercy with those on what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries"--people who feel marginalized, even unwelcome--inviting them to come home. But with all this mercy, why today's mayhem? "Do you think I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). Jesus "breaks down" those "breakups" in painful detail--parents, children, even in-laws. "Against" appears eight times in five verses. Jeremiah faced death for bearing witness (Jeremiah 38:4). Can't we bear at least a small share of the sometimes merciless cost of sharing mercy?

The Letter to the Hebrews warns us, keep your "eyes fixed on Jesus" and "so great a cloud of witnesses," lest we "grow weary and lose heart" as we run "the race that lies before us" (Hebrews 12:1-3). After all, "for the sake of the joy that lay before him," Jesus "endured the cross" (12:2). Can't we endure our small crosses for the sake of sharing mercy?

