



# ST. BRIDE



## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Welcome to the United States,  
Pope Francis!

### 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Church Year**

**September 20, 2015**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert*  
*For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich*  
*For the Intention of Julie D'Agostino*  
*For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik*  
*For a Special Intention*

Monday: St. Matthew

Tuesday: World Meeting of Families begins

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);  
*Autumn begins*

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: Weekday

Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

### The Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Good Health of Jim Johnson*  
*For the Intention of Joe Golab*  
*For the Intention of Mary Kerke*  
*For the Intention of John Hauptman*  
*For the Intention of*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Phalante Vincent*  
*For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;  
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;  
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab,  
13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### 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 left column of our web page at [www.st-bride.org](http://www.st-bride.org).

### Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$6700.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site.

### Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry will be closed from now until after Labor Day. We 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, September to June! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church!

## Upcoming Dates and Events 2015/2016

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – The Marriage of Diane Wilk and Cornelius (Connie) Rodgers

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. John Cunningham, SJ, will be our presider this Sunday

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Oktoberfest after Mass

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – First Holy Communion

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the Community

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** – First Sunday of Advent

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast with Santa

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 8 AM in the Church

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve:  
Family Mass at 4 PM

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day:  
Mass at 10 AM

**January 1, 2016** – New Years Day

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mardi Gras Party:  
After Mass in the Church Hall

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – St. Bride Revival Night:  
Dinner at 5:30 PM; Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday:  
Mass at 8 AM and Noon

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – St. Patrick and St. Joseph Dinner following Mass

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday:  
Mass and Procession at 10 AM

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday:  
Mass at 10 AM

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Spring Luncheon

- *All tickets and ads must be completed and paid for by May 9, 2016. Add \$10 per ticket, if available, after May 9, 2016*

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## PRAYER FOR THE SAFE TRAVELS OF POPE FRANCIS

Heavenly Father, be pleased to bless and protect our Holy Father, Pope Francis, whom you have chosen as the successor of St. Peter as the chief minister of unity and charity in the Church. Keep him safe as he travels, in the holiness of life and in wise fulfillment of his awesome responsibilities. Protect those who will travel to see him as well. Keep them safe and healthy during their pilgrim days! We promise our prayers to the Holy Father and these pilgrims!

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.*

*'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.*

This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today's Gospel that members of God's kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus' time, as it does in ours.

The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the Kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

### World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,  
you have made us  
your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.  
May your grace and love  
help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth  
and live in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
pray for us!

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