

## Mass Intentions

Mon	<i>St Maria Goretti</i>	July 6	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+Michael Halldorson
Tues		July 7	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Clayton Motl
Wed		July 8	Noon	St Brigid	+Janzen Peterson
Thur	<i>St Augustine Zhao Rong</i>	July 9	8:00 am	St Patrick	Joel Miller
Fri		July 10	Noon	St Brigid	+Wade Puppe
Sat	St Benedict	July 11	9:00 am	St Patrick	Conversion of hearts at both parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Mary Frelich
Sun	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	July 12	8:30 am	St Patrick	Sara & Cody Humphrey
			10:30 pm	St Brigid	Pro Populo

### WEEKLY READING: JULY

**6 Mon Weekday green/red [Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr] Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 (383)**  
**7 Tue Weekday green Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 (384)**  
**8 Wed Weekday green Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 (385)**  
**9 Thu Weekday green/red [Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs] Hos 11:1-4, 8 e-9/Mt 10:7-15 (386)**  
**10 Fri Weekday green Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 (387)**  
**11 Sat Saint Benedict, Abbot white Memorial Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 (388)**  
**12 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (103) Pss III**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR :** Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Dorothy Snell, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Cindy Hartje, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Vicki Bleick, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Dorothy Scholler, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski & Gary Olson: **ANY CHANGES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.**

### Sacrificial Offering for the Weekend of 6-28-20

Stewardship	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Adult Envelope</i>	1659.00	417.00	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection June 2020</i>		235.00
<i>Plate</i>			<b>God's Gift Appeal Goal 2020</b>	<b>23,768.00</b>	<b>8,928.00</b>
<i>Weekly Total</i>	1659.00	417.00	<b>God's Gift Appeal Actual</b>	<b>13,223.82</b>	<b>6,518.34</b>
<i>Yearly Actual Total</i>	51,608.78	22,544.88	<b>Percent of Members Participating</b>	40%	68%
<i>St Brigid Rectory Repairs Total Cost</i>	65,806.03		<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>2,980.00</b>	<b>4,020.00</b>
<i>Funds Raised</i>	55,156.52		<i>St Bernard Cemetery</i>		<b>235.00</b>
<i>Monthly Envelope Building Fund</i>	7,760.00		<i>St Anthony Cemetery</i>	<b>870.00</b>	
<i>Balance due for Rectory Repairs</i>	2,889.51		<i>St Helen Cemetery</i>	<b>870.00</b>	
<b>St Pat Tuckpointing \$54,955.00</b>					
<b>St Patrick Sidewalk Repair \$11,080.00</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>66,035.00</b>			
<b>Funds Raised for both Projects</b>		<b>59,628.90</b>			
<b>Monthly Envelopes Building Fund</b>		<b>2,975.00</b>			
<b>Balance needed for Sidewalk Repair</b>		<b>3,431.00</b>			

\*Bib for sidewalk was submitted in 2018. This amount may not reflect the cost of cement for 2020.

14TH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME

# St Brigid & St Patrick

July 5 2020

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*CATHOLICS AND STATUES!*

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### Sunday Masses

**St Brigid:** 5:00 pm Saturday and  
10:30 pm Sunday

**St Patrick** 8:30 am Sunday

### Weekday Masses:

**St Brigid:** Mon: 5:15 pm

Wed: Noon & Fri: Noon

### St Patrick:

Tue, Thur @ 8:00 am, Sat 9:00 am

### Eucharistic Adoration:

**St Brigid**  
Wednesday & Friday @ 11:00 am  
**St Patrick**  
Saturday @ 8:00-9:00 AM

### Confessions:

20 minutes before each weekday Mass

Sat 4:00 –5:00 pm @ St Brigid

Sun 8:00-8:30 am @ St Patrick

### Hospital Visitation & Sacrament of Anointing:

Fraturdays or call the Rectory if there is an emergency. **Homebound:** Call the Office at 265-8877 if you would like to receive the Eucharist on the weekend from one of our Home Ministry Volunteers

**Marriage:** Please contact Father at least six months prior to intended

**Baptism Classes:** Contact Father to schedule.

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the Office.

**Moving:** Please call or send a note informing the office of the change.

*Travelers to find Mass go to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) or call 734-794-2100*

First Commandment: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them (Ex. 20:2-5).

Well-meaning non-Catholics, armed with the above text, often try to use it against Catholics: "How can God make it any clearer than this? We are not to have 'graven images,' or statues, yet what do you see in almost every Catholic Church around the world? Statues! This is the definition of idolatry."

How are we to respond? The Catholic Church does not believe any statue or image has any power in and of itself. The beauty of statues and icons move us to the contemplation of the Word of God as he is himself or as he works in his saints. And, according to Scripture, as well as the testimony of the centuries, God even uses them at times to impart blessings (e.g., healings) according to his providential plan.

While it can certainly be understood how a superficial reading of the first commandment could lead one to believe we Catholics are in grave error with regard to our use of statues and icons, the key to a proper understanding of the first commandment is found at the very end of that same commandment, in verse 5 of Exodus 20: "You shall not bow down to them or serve [adore] them."

The Lord did not prohibit statues; he prohibited the adoration of them. If God truly meant that we were not to possess any statues at all, then he would later contradict himself. Just five chapters after this commandment in Exodus 20, God commanded Moses to build the ark of the Covenant, which would contain the presence of God and was to be venerated as the holiest place in all of Israel. Here is what God commanded Moses concerning the statues on it:

And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. (Ex. 25:18-19).

In Numbers 21:8-9, not only did our Lord order Moses to make another statue in the form of a bronze serpent, he commanded the children of Israel to look to it in order to be healed. This statue of a snake had no power of itself—we know from John 3:14 it was merely a type of Christ—but God used this image of a snake as an instrument to effect healing in his people.

It becomes apparent, given the above evidence, that a strictly literal interpretation of Exodus 20:2-5 is erroneous.

First, God knows what his own commandments mean. He never condemned the use of statues absolutely. Second, God created man as a being who is essentially spiritual and physical. In order to draw us to himself, God uses both spiritual and physical means. He will use statues, the temple, or even creation itself to guide us to our heavenly home.

It is Jesus Christ himself who gives us the ultimate example of the value of statues and icons. Indeed, Christ, in his humanity, has opened up an entirely new economy of iconography and statuary. And what does this icon reveal to us? He reveals God the Father. That is the essence of what statues and icons are. Just as "the word became flesh" (John 1:14) and revealed the Father to us in a manner beyond the imaginings of men before the advent of Christ, representations of God's holy angels and saints are also icons of Christ who by their heroic virtue "reflect the glory of God" as well.

By: Tim Staples



# The Pastor's Faithbook Post!

## Intolerance Against Catholics Grows

Washington, D.C., Jul 1, 2020- The new leader of the U.S. Catholic bishops on religious liberty has warned of a "soft despotism" of religious intolerance in the U.S. Archbishop Thomas Wenski said that it is driving Catholics from the public square for their beliefs.

Wenski pointed to laws forbidding public funding of religious schools—overruled by the Supreme Court this week—but also in the HHS contraceptive mandate case of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and 21 year-old Jack Denton, who was removed from his student government position at Florida State University for defending Church teaching.

Hostility to public Catholicism is "treating us as somehow less worthy of full participation in the benefits of American life," he said.

Denton expressed concerns about some policy positions of the groups BlackLivesMatter.com, the ACLU, and Reclaim the Block in a messaging forum of the university's Catholic student union.

He noted that the BlackLivesMatter.com "fosters 'a queer-affirming network' and defends transgenderism," while the ACLU "defends laws protecting abortion facilities." These positions, he said, are "things that are explicitly anti-Catholic."

One religious freedom case that the Supreme Court has yet to decide is that of the Little Sisters of the Poor against the HHS contraceptive mandate.

Meanwhile, some Christian churches have been locked in court battles with state and local governments over restrictions on public gatherings during the new coronavirus pandemic. However, he said, governments cannot target religious groups unfairly, allowing mass protests or other gatherings while putting strict limits on public Masses.

By Matt Hadro

### ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Pray the Rosary:** Sundays at 8:00am. **ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS** Saturdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am

**JULY CHURCH CLEANERS:** REG & LEONA BRIAN & SARA O'TOOLE, AND FRANK & ALE OLIMB

Date	Collection Ctr.	Gift Bearers -NA	Sanctuary Lamps	Ushers-NA	Sacristan	Lector	Rosary
July 5	Dianne & Melissa		Carley Reilly		Melissa	Mary T	Jim Y
July 12	Sherry & Kari		Paul & Eileen Rinde		Mary T	Mary T	Lucy R
July 19	Al & Scott		Bud & Marcia Rinde		Duane	Mary T	Mary T
July 26	Don & Duane		Fred & Mary Thoeke		Scott	Mary T	Mary S

### NEWS FOR ST PATRICK & ST BRIGID...

#### GOD GIFT APPEAL STATS POSTED ON THE BACK PAGE

**OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS :<https://25417.sites.ecatholic.com/>.**

Per Bishop Folda and the Convent in Hankinson, we are able to hold our Young Women's (July 15-18) and Young Men's (July 19-22) Summer Retreats. We have wonderful space to do the necessary distancing and still hold these two great retreats. Currently we have more room for young women and young men. This is for ages 13-17. The fee is \$150/person and includes housing, meals, all craft supplies used, fun times outside, Mass each day, reconciliation and adoration. The topics this year for the young women is "Our unfinished love story" and for the young men "To the Cor...Man's Relationship with God". Our young adults who have planned and will present this retreat are absolutely awesome. You will love all of them. Come one, come all...get your registrations and deposit of \$50 into the Diocese at this address: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Department Diocese of Fargo /5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste A / Fargo, ND 58104. Make checks out to "Diocese of Fargo". Questions, contact Fr. Jasinski at 701-356-7907. You can find registration forms at [fargodiocese.org/youth-1](http://fargodiocese.org/youth-1) Then scroll down until you see Young Women's Summer Retreat.

**Trinity Youth Camp** Come to one of our two camp sessions this summer to discover what it means to BE a saint and how we are all called to BE saints! The camps offered this summer are: July 15-19 at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND July 22-26 at Pelican Lake near Bottineau, ND Register your camper (youth entering grades 4 -8 in the fall) now for a great Catholic camping experience at: [www.trinityyouthcampnd.com](http://www.trinityyouthcampnd.com).

**Putt for a Purpose, Monday, August 3, 2020, at Rose Creek Golf Course.** Proceeds from the event benefit seminarian education and youth programs throughout the Diocese of Fargo. The programs include March for Life, SEARCH, Catholic Youth Advisory Council (CYAC), and youth camps. If you'd like to Putt 4 a Purpose, make a donation, or become a sponsor, please contact the Catholic Development Foundation, 5201 Bishops Blvd. S., Suite A, Fargo, ND, 58104. For more information, please contact Steve Schons at (701) 356-7926 or [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org). [Sponsor registration](#) - for businesses who want to advertise and sponsor a team. [Player registration](#) - for individuals who want to golf on a team.

**Priestly Ordination** Saturday, August 8, 2020, 10:00 AM Location: St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo. Ordination of Deacons Riley Durkin, Jered Grossman, and Eric Seitz to the priesthood.

**Save the date:** February 19, 2021 - February 20, 2021 **Trusted Sisters Women's Conference**

PLEASE JOIN BISHOP JOHN FOLDA AS WE CELEBRATE OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND INVOKE GOD'S BLESSING UPON OUR LAND

3rd annual **RURAL LIFE** celebration  
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

**SCHEDULE**  
1:30 PM Welcome  
1:45 PM Blessing of Land, Machinery and Animals  
2:00 PM Mass & Procession  
3:30 PM Meal, Entertainment, horse and buggy rides & games for kids

**LOCATION**  
Frank & Helen Braun Farm  
5972 Hwy. 3, Napoleon ND 58561  
(3 miles north of Napoleon)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
[fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://fargodiocese.org/rural-life)

**RSVP**  
\*This event is free. RSVP recommended, but not required. RSVP at (701) 754-2860 or [evangelize@bektel.com](mailto:evangelize@bektel.com)  
Please come rain or shine, if it rains we'll move indoors

**ALSO...**  
\*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on  
\*Bring a small container of soil or seed from your fields or garden to be blessed

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### ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAY THE ROSARY: JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM.**

**ADORATION: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS AT 11:00AM**

JUNE	READERS	JULY READERS
Saturday	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sunday	Volunteers	Volunteers
DATE	COLLECTION COUNTERS	SANCTUARY LAMPS
July 5	Trevor & Scott	Mahar Family
July 12	Kevin & Mitch	Dan Miller Family
July 19	Michael & Val	Elizabeth Carlson
July 26	Allan & Randy	Arni Puppe

**JULY Cleaners**  
Parishioners with last names beginning with **A-D**