

St Brigid & St Patrick

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BEFORE THE SECOND COMING (What will come before the Second Coming of Christ?)

We are fast approaching the end of our *Liturgical Year*: We are now at the 32nd Week in **Ordinary Time**, as there are 34 weeks in *Ordinary Time*. Then, we begin a new Church year with the *1st Sunday of Advent*.

Our *Readings* at Mass force us to think about our brief time in this world, **and also** to be aware of Jesus' coming again. But, what will precede Jesus' Second Coming? What will happen? The official *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives us a clue:

*"Since the **Ascension** of Jesus, God's plan has entered into its fulfilment. We are already at "the last hour." Already the "final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way." Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's **return** to earth.*

*"Since the **Ascension**, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority." This eschatological (end times) coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed."*

*"**Before** Christ's second coming, the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "**mystery of iniquity**" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the **Antichrist**, a pseudo-messianism (a false freedom or salvation) by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.*

*"The **Antichrist's deception** already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgement. The Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under the name of "millenarianism", especially the "intrinsically perverse" political form of a secular messianism.*

*"The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom **only through** this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his Death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but **only** by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride, the Church, to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the **Last Judgement** after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world."*

So, what do we do? Simple: be free of mortal sin; and then also: Mass; Confession; and prayer every day. If you do these, the final directive is: don't worry (trust in God).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Katherine Salwei, Fr. Finnestad, Loretta Lovcik, John Christianson, Betty Novak, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Dorothy Snell, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, 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, Donald Denault & Gary Olson.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION!

Family Faith Formation continues this week, November 18 Grades 1-8 will dive into Chapter Eight The high school group will meet at St. Patrick this week.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 AM. **More Confessions :** Sun 8:00 AM. **November Church Cleaners:** Jim & Melissa Young; Fred & Mary Thoeke; & Andrea Douville. **Collection:** Al & Scott (Nov 15); Don & Duane (Nov 22). **Reader** Sherry (November). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Richard and Mary Wild (Nov 15); Adam & Laura Thoeke (Nov 22). **Sacristan:** Scott (Nov 15); Melissa (Nov 22). **Rosary:** Mary S (Nov 15); Jim (Nov 22).

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sundays at 10:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed and Fri at 11:00 AM; **More Confessions:** SAT. 4-5:00 PM, MON 5-5:15 PM. **Church cleaners:** A-F. **Collection:** Doug & Gary (Nov 15); Trevor & Scott H (Nov 22). **Readers (Nov.):** Sat.-Richard S.; Sun.-Larry; **Sanctuary Lamp:** Casey & Natalie Christianson (Nov 15); Herman Schwartz (Nov 22)

Mass Intentions!

Monday, Nov 16—5:15 pm, Addison Alex
 Tuesday, Nov 17—8:00 am, + Clayton Motl
 Wednesday, Nov 18—Noon, + Zidon & Salwei Deceased Family Members
 Thursday, Nov 19—8:00 am, + Marvin Scholler
 Friday, Nov 20—Noon, + Frank & Mildred Kleinschmidt
 Saturday, Nov 21—9:00 am, Both Parishes; 5:00 pm, Larry Schill Family
 Sunday, Nov. 22—8:30 am, Pro Populo; 10:30 am, + Delores and Arni Johnson

L.O.A.N. Quilt & Basket Auction, Nov 13-15! The format for this year's auction is online bidding. View items at Birchwood Motors, starting Nov 2. Catalog will be posted on Nov 5 at www.ResourceAuction.com. **LOAN**(Love One Another Now) provides free clothing and school supplies to students in need in Pembina County.

Stewardship (as of 11-8-20)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Adult Envelope</i>			<i>St Patrick's Care Collection NOV 2020</i>		20.00
<i>Plate</i>			God's Gift Appeal Goal 2020	23,768.00	8,928.00
<i>Weekly Total</i>			God's Gift Appeal Actual	16,063.82	8,450.36
<i>Yearly Actual Total</i>			Percent of Members Participating	47%	73%
LAST YEAR TOTALS					
<i>Monthly Envelope Building Fund</i>	585.00		Cemetery	3,225.00	5,063.51
<i>St Pat Tuckpointing \$54,955.00</i>			<i>All Saints</i>	263.00	100.00
<i>St Patrick Sidewalk Repair \$11,080.00</i>	Total Cost	66,035.00			
<i>Funds Raised for both Projects</i>		60,788.90	<i>St Bernard Cemetery</i>		235.00
<i>Monthly Envelopes Building Fund</i>		4,170.00	<i>St Anthony Cemetery</i>	920.00	
<i>Balance needed for Sidewalk Repair</i>		1,376.00	<i>St Helen Cemetery</i>	870.00	