

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

Floyd Helgoe, Fr. Finnestad, John Christianson, 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, 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! On January 27th, we dive into Chapter Fifteen! High school is at St. Brigid.

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. **January Church Cleaners:** PAUL & SHERRY O'TOOLE, SCOTT & MARY SALWEI & ASHLEY JOHNSON. **Collection:** Deidre & Diane (Jan 24); Jim Y & Volunteer (Jan 31). **Reader:** Jim (January). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Jonathan & Nicholas Young (Jan 24); Alan Daley (Jan 31) **Sacristan:** Mary T (Jan 24); Duane (Jan 31). **Rosary:** Volunteer (Jan 24); Mary T (Jan 31)

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. **January Church cleaners:** L-R. **Collection:** Kevin O & Mitch (Jan 24); Michael & Val (Jan 31). **Readers** (Jan): Sat-Brain S; Sun.-Matt F. **Sanctuary Lamp:** Jim McMillan (Jan 24); Carl Winkler & Chris Sandison (Jan 31)

Prayer for Our Country: every Friday at 6:00 pm at St. Brigid

“33 Days to Greater Glory” We will meet every Thursday (@ St Brigid) 6:30-7:30 pm from Feb 4 to March 11 for this “total consecration to God the Father.” The books cost \$14 (or \$10 for electronic copy). Please join us for this life-changing consecration. For info, contact Kim Ford at: kimberlyf@cavalierhospital.com

Recent Baptisms! Brynn Spicer (daughter Timothy and Samantha) at St. Brigid.

Action Needed! (from the Bishop) Please contact your **state senator** and tell him or her to vote **NO** on **SB2180**. This bill would try to make a priest say what he heard in Confession. The priest will not, even if it means jail.

Also: Please contact your **federal legislators** and tell them to save the Hyde Amendment (this amendment prevents our tax dollars from funding abortion).

Mon	Conversion of St Paul	Jan 25	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+Everett DeMars
Tues	Sts Timothy & Titus	Jan 26	8:00 am	St Patrick	Carol Scholler
Wed	St Angela Merici	Jan 27	Noon	St Brigid	+Janzen Peterson
Thur	St Thomas Aquinas	Jan 28	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Clayton Motl
Fri		Jan 29	Noon	St Brigid	Mary Frelich
Sat	BVM	Jan 30	9:00 am	St Patrick	Both Parishes: St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Mikey Halldorson
Sun	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 31	8:30 am	St Patrick	Both Parishes: St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 pm	St Brigid	Georgia Miller

Stewardship (as of 1-17-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	2050.00	495.00	St Patrick's Care Collection Jan 2021		220.00
Plate	30.00	60.00			
Weekly Total	2080.00	545.00			
Yearly Actual Total	7337.00	2445.00	Peter Pence	215.00	100.00
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	285.00	1305.00	Solemnity of the Mother of God	702.00	85.00

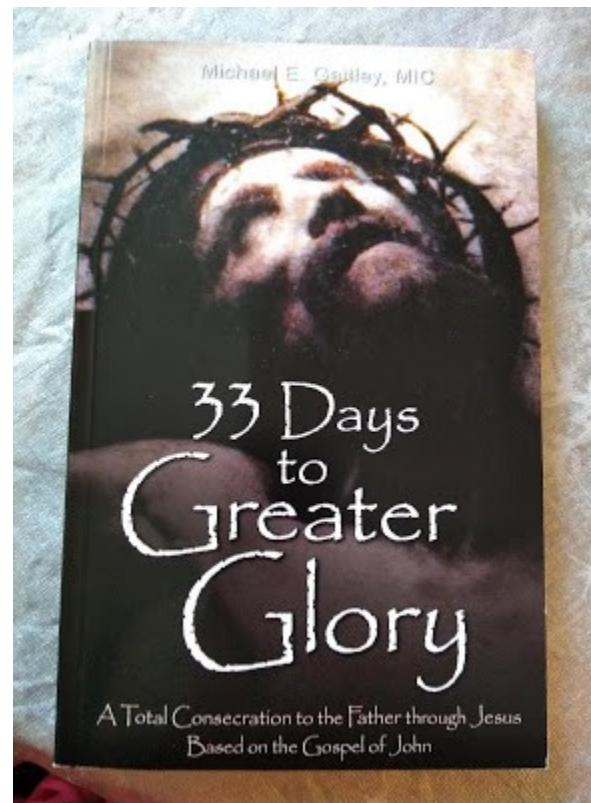
Pastor: Fr. Charles LaCroix
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Brigid & St Patrick

January 24, 2021

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33 DAYS TO GREATER GLORY
(Journey Begins on February 4th!)

The greatest and most sacred **action** on *Planet Earth* is undoubtedly the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And, when one analyzes the Mass, it becomes crystal clear that the **movement** of this most powerful act is: to the Father, through the Son, in union with the Holy Spirit.

The sacrifice of the Mass began at the *Last Supper* and it ended on *Calvary*. It began at the Last Supper because it was there, surrounded by the Twelve, that the Savior did **two** things. He first transformed the elements of bread and wine into His own Body and Blood, **and** by separately consecrating each element, signifying the separation of His Body and Blood that would be the expression of His death on the next day. He therefore both transubstantiated bread and wine into Himself and He **offered Himself to His heavenly Father**.

That first Mass began in the upper chamber in Jerusalem; it finished when Christ died on the Cross. But as we believe, He not only did this Himself but gave to His Apostles, and through them to their successors until the end of time, the power to do the same. They therefore were ordained priests on *Holy Thursday night* and by the laying on of hands

over the centuries, other priests have been ordained.

But now an important qualification before we begin our more particular analytic reflections. Where Christ, from the Last Supper to Calvary sacrificed only Himself in His own physical person, once He died (and because He had anticipated and had given the Apostles the power to do the same) the Mass since Calvary is not only Christ's sacrifice of Himself, **but it is also** the sacrifice of ourselves. The Mass now, unlike Calvary, is not only the oblation of Jesus in His own physical person; it is the oblation of Him as Head of the *Mystical Body* **and** of us, His members. He is then making the sacrifice in the Mass of Himself and us and is bidding us to join in sentiment by offering ourselves along with Him, once offered and now continuing to offer Himself on our altars.

Hence, at Mass, through the priest, we offer Jesus **to the Father**, in the power of the Holy Spirit. And Jesus offers us and Himself to the Father. And, beginning February 4th, we will have a unique opportunity to begin a 33-day, self-directed pilgrimage to prepare to consecrate ourselves to the Father.

But what is the **meaning of consecration** (*dedication or entrustment*)? In a strict and primary sense, there is room only for one type of consecration, the one made by God himself. Only God can appropriate a human being and make him/her sacred. God communicates his holiness to us; he gives us participation in his holiness. He is our creator and wants us to be in his image. This transformation into his likeness is the foremost meaning of consecration.

Our consecration is therefore **essentially a response** to his call. We bind ourselves to a consecration that comes from God. We consecrate ourselves to belong to the Lord in a *new way*. In fact this new way is the only way by which we truly become who we are.

And so, please consider participating in this consecration to the **Father**. It is mostly self-directed, but we will come together each **Thursday** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at St. Brigid (from February 4th through March 11th) to review and preview. This *“retreat”* relies heavily on the *Gospel of St. John*, and so we will discuss some of those passages.

The book we will use is called *“33 Days to Greater Glory”* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Each day on this journey has us read a couple pages of the book, and so it should be manageable for even the most busy schedule. One does not necessarily have to come to the Thursday meetings to do this consecration.

God bless!