

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

Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelby 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, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian

Family Faith Formation: We meet this Wed, Mar 17th studying Chapter 21. The 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. **March Church Cleaners:** FRED & MARY T, AL & CHRISTL D, KARI PHELPS FAMILY. **Collection:** Deidre & Dianne (Mar 14); Clay & Jim (Mar 21). **Reader:** Jim (Mar). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Jerrod Ault (Mar 14); Jim Cameron (Mar 21). **Sacristan:** Melissa (Mar 14); Mary T (Mar 21). **Rosary:** Jim (Mar 14); Melissa (Mar 21).

**St. Patrick Day Celebration:** Sunday Brunch, March 14th at St. Patrick after the 8:30 am Mass!!!!

**ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pray the Rosary:** Sun 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. **March Church cleaners:** A-F. **Collection:** Trevor & Scott (Mar 14); Kevin & Mitch (Mar 21). **Readers** (Mar): Sat-Mike; Sun.-John-Francis. **Sanctuary Lamp:** Eve Kirking (Mar 14); Andy Wehseler (Mar 21).

**Stations of the Cross:** every **Friday** during Lent at both churches at 5:30 pm (Deacon and Father will alternate)

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

**Lenten regulations:** All *Fridays* in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have reached their 14th year.

**St. Brigid Annual Fish Fry is back!** March 26th, 4:30 pm—7:00 pm @ St. Brigid (take out only); Sign up to help!

Annual Diocesan **God's Gift Appeal:** Letters from the diocese should have been mailed to you.

**Urgent Action Needed:** Please contact your U.S. Senators and urge them to vote “no” on the Equality Act. This Act is a pro-abortion, anti-science, anti-family piece of legislation. It unfortunately already passed the House.

**Preview of Holy Week Schedule:** *Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 5:30 pm @ St Brigid; *Good Friday:* Stations of the Cross and Confessions @ Noon @ St. Patrick; The Lord's Passion @ 5:30 pm @ St Brigid; *Holy Saturday:* Easter Vigil @ 8:30 pm @ St Brigid; *Easter Sunday:* 8:30 am @ St. Patrick; 10:30 am @ St. Brigid

Mon		Mar 15	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+Richard Halldorson
Tues		Mar 16	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Katherine Salwei
Wed	<i>St Patrick</i>	Mar 17	Noon	St Brigid	+Ellyn Halldorson
Thur	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	Mar 18	8:00 am	St Patrick	Makenzie Miller
Fri	<i>St Joseph</i>	Mar 19	Noon	St Brigid	+Ron Hauser
Sat		Mar 20	5:00 pm	St Brigid	Mary Frelich
		Mar 20	7:00 pm	Langdon	Confirmation & First Holy Communion
Sun	5th Sunday of Lent	Mar 21	8:30 am	St Patrick	+Jim Cameron
		Mar 21	10:30 am	St Brigid	St Brigid & St. Patrick Parish Members

Stewardship (as of 3-7-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<b>Adult Envelope</b>	<b>1775.00</b>	<b>2180.00</b>	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection March</i>		<b>120.00</b>
<b>Plate</b>	<b>61.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	Cemetery		<b>340.00</b>
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>1836.00</b>	<b>2240.00</b>	St Anthony Cemetery \$200.00		
<b>Yearly Actual Total</b>	<b>21,082.00</b>	<b>9,605.00</b>	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	<b>1,825.00</b>	
<b>Monthly Envelope Building Fund</b>	<b>935.00</b>	<b>1,950.00</b>	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		<b>740.00</b>

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

# St Brigid & St Patrick

## March 14, 2021

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**Christ Our Light**  
(Otherwise, It's Dark)

It is especially in **St. John's Gospel** that Christ is identified as the Light which *enlightens every man that comes into this world*. His followers are told to walk in this light so that they may be free, and without this light all is *darkness* and *spiritual night*.

So we ask, “*How is Jesus the Savior also, and necessarily, our Light?*” This is not an unimportant question **in our day** when there is so much confusion among Catholics, including not a few priests and religious. If there was ever an age in the Church's history when the faithful needed the light of Christ's direction and guidance, it is our age. Theories and theologies on every conceivable issue, conflicts and controversies on all sides—until the head reels with dizziness on even some of the most fundamental positions of Catholic Christianity. Surely today, if ever, we need Christ the Light to save us from the **fog of uncertainty** that surrounds us on every side.

*How is Christ the light of the believing soul?* He is our light insofar as He has revealed to us, through the Church, those mysteries which until His time had been hidden from the beginning of the world. **What are we saying?** We are saying that the *Light of Christ* is the *Light that is Christ*. His revelation of Himself to us is the knowledge that we cannot do without if we are to see what life is all about, what suffering is all about, what death is all about, and what life and death is all about.

It is remarkable how **apparently wise** unbelievers can seem. They are often so naturally brilliant, so educated, and so glib in their speech that we can be taken off guard. No matter how otherwise clever a person may be, unless he shares in the revelation that Christ brought into the world, he is living in darkness and, as St. John tells us, “*in the shadow of death.*”

*How Do We Distinguish Between the Light and the Darkness?* We hear a great deal these days about the discernment of spirits. And well we might because there is great need for supernatural prudence to distinguish between what is truly Christian and Catholic, and what only pretends to be either or both. With all this preoccupation, however, with discernment it is imperative that we keep things simple and not get lost in theological speculation. **The plain question is:** How can we, practically speaking, *know the difference* between an inspiration from Christ and a temptation from the antichrist?

A good rule of thumb is to ask what side of our nature the impulse favors. Does it favor *self-will* or does it favor *self-sacrifice*? If it favors self-will, we can be sure the impulse is not from God, because self-will is another name for **pride**. If it favors self-sacrifice, we can be equally sure the impulse is from God, because self-sacrifice is another name for **humility**—and humility is certainly the sign of the presence of the Lord. This simple rule is more useful than may appear on the surface. How many times a week and, for some of us, a day, we are conscious of contrary movements battling for the mastery of our souls. These movements take on countless different forms and they are almost infinite in variety.

*We ask ourselves*, I wonder if this feeling is a good one? Should I resist it or give in to it? I wonder if this idea is a sound one? Does God want me to follow it or ignore it? How can I tell? So we return to what we had just said before. We apply the norm of self-will or self-sacrifice, and we **cannot** go wrong. At the heart of Christ's teaching to His followers is the message He gave us, namely, the doctrine of humble self-denial. He invariably leads those whom He is drawing to Himself by inspiring them to love **His will** more than *their own*, in a word, to **die to themselves** in the performance of what He wants them to do.

*Implications for the Renewal of the Spirit?* Having said all of this, however, we still have some implications to see—not the least of which is the problem of carrying into effect what our faith tells us is true. This is where our trust in God becomes so necessary. For it is one thing to believe that Christ wants us to be like Him in meekness and humility of heart. It is something else to **believe** it so firmly that we act on our faith and then learn from experience how true this belief really is.

That is the secret. Christ is our Light because He **truly** enlightens. If we follow His illuminations we shall find out for ourselves how **wise** we shall become. We shall discover that being little in our own eyes is the greatest wisdom we can acquire. We shall grow in that deepest of all *knowledge*: that humility of heart produces *peace of heart*, and peace of heart gives **joy** to the heart—such as **only** Christ can give. It is up to us to take the Savior at His word. The *saints* took Him literally. That is why they became saints, that is, persons who did not allow *Self* to stand in the way of Christ's light. His light gave them life, the life that is open to everyone who loves God more than himself and is willing to be despised in order that, through him, *God might be glorified*.

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