

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Stacey Rinde, Marlene Stremick, Jack Peterson, Mason Palmiseno, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, John Christian, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

**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. **Oct Church Cleaners:** Don & Laurie Z; Duane & Linda D; Kaci Sharp. **Collection:** Dianne & Melissa (Oct 24); Sherry & Kari (Oct 31). **Reader:** Burrell (Oct). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Grace & Percy Douphanais (Oct 24); Paul & Carol O'Keefe (Oct 31). **Sacristan:** Melissa (Oct 24); Mary T (Oct 31). **Rosary:** Jim (Oct 24); Melissa (Oct 31). **Raffle tickets:** due at end of month. **Coffee and Rolls:** November 7th!

**ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pray the Rosary:** Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Oct Church Cleaners:** S-W. **Collection:** Trevor & Scott (Oct 24); Kevin & Mitch (Oct 31). **Readers** (Oct): Sat-Ryan; Sun-Trevor. **Rosary:** Larry C (Oct). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Richard Sandison (Oct 24); Louise McQueen (Oct 31). *Note:* Please remember our **Food Basket** which provides food items for the needy!

**Bishop Folda requests** that we contact our federal legislators and urge them to keep the Hyde Amendment intact. The Hyde Amendment is a pro-life amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion. It has saved 60,000 lives per year. You can also visit this website: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

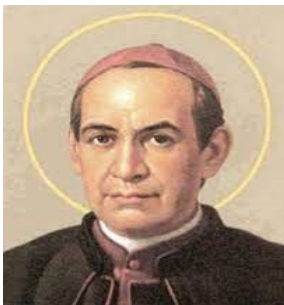
**Year of St. Joseph Prayer:** "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"

**Family Faith Formation** continues on *Wednesday, Oct 27th with Chapter Five!* The high school meets at St Brigid!

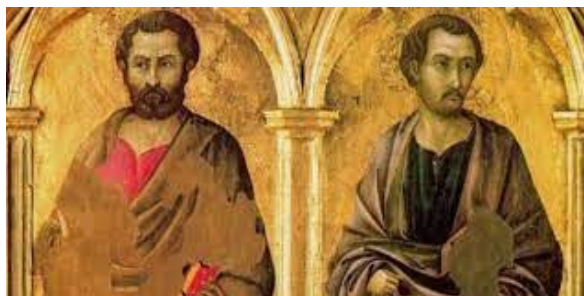
**Meals On Wheels:** Thanks to all who volunteered!!!

**Stacie Rinde Benefit:** Nov 13th, 4-8 pm, Gully's Bar & Grill in Hoople. Help Stacie, her husband and her children, as she battles cancer.

**Calling all Catholic Men!** Mark your calendars. Men's conference: Nov 15 & 22, 6-8 pm St. Brigid. "We have a serious crisis: one in three Catholic men have left the faith. God has a plan for your life, but so does Satan." (From: "Into The Breach")



**This week on "Formed"**  
Learn more about **St Anthony Claret** (feast: Oct 24); **Sts Simon & Jude** (feast: Oct 28)!  
Sign-up at [formed.org](http://formed.org)



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# St Brigid & St Patrick

October 24, 2021

*October: Respect Life Month*

(Part 4 of a Series: Building a Culture of Life)



It is impossible to exaggerate the **importance** of what the Church's teaches on sexual morality in general and on homosexuality in particular. Clarity here is **indispensable** for the preservation of *the true faith*.

(This is the **fourth** and final part of our *series*, identifying attacks against a *culture of life*, marriage and the family. We have already covered abortion, contraception and euthanasia. Now, we take a critical look at **homosexual activity**.)

**All** are called to live a **life of chastity**. The Christian has "*put on Christ*," the model for all chastity. **All** are called to lead a chaste life in keeping with their particular states of life. At the moment of his Baptism, the Christian is pledged to lead his life in chastity. Chastity is a **self-mastery** that brings human **freedom**. The alternative is clear: *either* man governs his passions and finds peace, *or* he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy. Man gains such **dignity** when, ridding himself of all slavery to the passions, he presses forward to his goal by freely choosing *what is good*.

According to the creative wisdom of God, we must use our freedom in conformity with **His divine will**. Our freedom becomes *self debasement* when we choose to act in **contradiction** for the purpose for which God made us free.

The **Catechism** speaks: "*Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.*"

*The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.*

*Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested (true, holy) friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection."* (CCC 2357-2359)

The **purpose of sexual activity** is for **married** people to cooperate with God in the beginning of children; and to both express and cultivate their mutual love for each other.

The Church distinguishes between *homosexual actions* (whether external, or internal by deliberately engaging in fantasies in the mind), and *homosexual attractions*. Homosexual **attractions** are not, in themselves, sinful. Homosexual **actions** are mortally sinful.

*Original sin* has blinded the human mind from clearly seeing the **purpose** of sexual pleasure. This **purpose** is for the procreation and education of children and for the mutual exchange of selfless love between two married persons. Men and women are created to **complement** each other. For two men or two women to have sexual relations with one another is to **contradict** the **divine** purpose for their distinct genders.

The *root cause* of the rise of homosexuality is the **false claim** that each person has the right to determine what is morally good and what is morally bad. However, it **belongs to God alone** to determine what is good and what is evil.

There is hope. **St. Paul** comfortingly reminds us, "*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it*" (1 Cor. 10:13).

Further, there is a Church-approved group (based in the United States), of **courageous** Catholics who have a same-sex attraction, but who want to live a life of purity and chastity, **according** to the laws of God and the teachings of the Church. The name of this organization is appropriately called **COURAGE**. Their website is [CourageRC.org](http://CourageRC.org) (the "RC" stands for "Roman Catholic").

(excerpts from The Real Presence Association; Catholic Answers; the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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|------|------------------------------|--------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Mon  |                              | Oct 25 | 5:15 pm  | St Brigid  | +Dolores Arni & Dirk Johnson    |
| Tue  |                              | Oct 26 | 8:00 am  | St Patrick | Fr Jason Lefor                  |
| Wed  |                              | Oct 27 | Noon     | St Brigid  | +Virginia Dolan                 |
| Thur | Sts Simon & Jude             | Oct 28 | 8:00 am  | St Patrick | +Tony Neururer                  |
| Fri  |                              | Oct 29 | Noon     | St Brigid  | Lionel & Tessie Gagne           |
| Sat  |                              | Oct 30 | 9:00 am  | St Patrick | St Brigid & St Patrick parishes |
|      |                              |        | 5:00 pm  | St Brigid  | +Brayden Schwartz               |
| Sun  | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Oct 31 | 8:30 am  | St Patrick | +James Dolan                    |
|      |                              |        | 10:30 am | St Brigid  | St Brigid & St Patrick parishes |

| Stewardship (as of 10-17-21)            | St Brigid        | St Patrick |                                     | St Brigid | St Patrick |
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| Adult Envelope                          | 2035.00          | 595.00     | St Patrick's Care Collection Oct    |           | 305.00     |
| Plate                                   | 105.00           | 00.00      | Cemetery                            | 4,415.00  | 4,931.69   |
| Weekly Total                            | 2370.00          | 595.00     | St Anthony Cemetery 1605.00         |           |            |
| Yearly Actual Total                     | 96,424.26        | 37,192.02  | St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: 23,485.48 | 13,188.00 |            |
| Monthly Envelope Building Fund          | 2532.00          | 3115.00    | St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: 9,103.15 |           | 6,230.00   |
| Assumption                              | 285.00           | 65.00      | St Helen Cemetery 2575.00           |           |            |
| St Patrick Sidewalk Final Cost \$18,000 | Collected so far | \$14,000   | St Bernard Cemetery 262.00          |           |            |