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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday & Tuesday 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday & Friday 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Mondays 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

First Friday

Adoration following
12:00 p.m. Mass
Rosary &
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays during Confessions
from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Father Paul Grankauskas

Pastor

John Sengewalt

Religious Education

Stacy Sefton

Music Program

Jenny Sorenson

Organist

JoAn Drake

EMHC & Lectors

Becky Jackson

Prayer List, Sacristan

Parish Office

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Website

Stbridgetberryville.org

Baptism

Contact parish office for
information.

Marriage

Contact parish priest at least
six (6) months prior to
proposed date of the wedding.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed after the
12:00 p.m. Mass on First Friday
each month.

Hospitalized & Homebound

Contact the parish office so that
hospitalized and homebound
parishioners may receive
pastoral care.

FISH of Clarke County

Food donations may be left
in the narthex on the second
Sunday each month.



Bulletin

The bulletin deadline is
12:00 p.m. Friday one week
before publication.

E-Giving

Our e-giving partner is
Faith Direct. Our church code
VA605.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes are
held from the Sunday following
Labor Day until the first
Sunday in May. Classes are
Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to
11:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Council 16938

Michael Murrow, *Grand Knight*
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For more information please
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Men's Club

George Darnell
men@stbridgetberryville.org
Meetings are the last Saturday
of each month at 8:00 a.m. in
Hobert Hall. Breakfast is served
at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Group

Ruth Hayes
women@stbridgetberryville.org
Meets are the first Tuesday
each month following
12:00 p.m. Mass.

21st
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“And so I say
to you, you are
Peter, and upon
this rock I will
build my church,
and the gates of
the netherworld
shall not prevail
against it.”

Matthew 16:18

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING _____ ISAIAH 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM _____ PSALM 138

*Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple. **R.**
I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. **R.**
The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING _____ ROMANS 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!
For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and

through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL _____ MATTHEW 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Fr. Michael Dobbins	Jim Lewandowski
Jim Willis	Connie Guevremont
Matthew Lewis	Victoria White
Jack Cameron	Maria Yeager
John Caroselli	Patricia Cobb
Fred Curtis	Dan Purtill
Michael Boyd	Gayle Keenan
Tony Tringale	Dick Drake
David Smith	



There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny

Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us."

— Saint Bede the Venerable

Masses for the Week

† For the repose of the soul

Daily Readings

Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145
John 1:45-51

2 Thessalonians
2:1-3a, 14-17
Psalm 96
Matthew 23:23-26

2 Thessalonians
3:6-10, 16-18
Psalm 128
Matthew 23:27-32

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 145
Matthew 24:42-51

1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalm 33
Matthew 25:1-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 33
Mark 6:17-29

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24
Saint Bartholomew
12:00 p.m.
Joseph Trainor Family

Tuesday, August 25
St. Louis,
St. Joseph Calasanz
12:00 p.m.
Sarah Piescik

Wednesday, August 26

There is no
9:00 a.m. Mass today

Thursday, August 27
Saint Monica
12:00 p.m.
Andrew Clark

Friday, August 28
Saint Augustine
12:00 p.m.
Karen Downey

Saturday, August 29
The Passion of Saint
John the Baptist
9:00 a.m.
† Joan Ahearn
5:30 p.m.
† David Gasser

Sunday, August 30
Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.
Parish Family
12:00 p.m.
Holy Souls in Purgatory

PASTOR'S WORDS



I have said many times before that my favorite Gospel passages are those in which Jesus asks his disciples a question. Although those questions were put to an audience over 2,000 years ago, they are just as important to us today. The question which is asked in this weekend's Gospel is the most important and direct question he ever asked, and how we answer it will say a great deal about our faith.

Our Lord first asks the Apostles, "Who do people say that I am?" That is, by far, the easier question to answer. It is always easy to simply repeat what we might hear from others.

The second question is much more direct and personal: "Who do you say that I am?" We all know Peter's answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Where did that answer come from?

We can say it came from experience. Peter witnessed the miracles Jesus was performing. He heard Jesus preaching. He knew what the prophets said about the Messiah, and perhaps he is aware that all those things are being fulfilled in this man from Galilee. However, the Gospel gives us a different answer: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this, but my Father who is in heaven."

Our Lord's response tells us that there is a supernatural dimension to faith. To echo the words of St. Paul, no one can call Jesus the Lord except in the Holy Spirit.

This is not to say that the Gospels are not important. As John would later write in his Gospel, all that was written in those books is meant to help us believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Gospels tell us much about Jesus. He performed miracles – walking on water, raising the dead, healing the sick, casting out demons – as signs of his divinity and power. He understood that his death was to be a sacrifice: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). He understood that his actions and his death would fulfill what was written by the prophets centuries before (cf. the Transfiguration). The Gospel thus tells us that he understood himself to be a priest, a sacrificial victim, the new Passover Lamb whose death would not be in vain but fulfill a grand purpose: to atone for sin.

Some people may read the Gospels and think they are fantastic stories and nothing more. They may like some of the teachings of Jesus – the Golden Rule, for example – but consider the rest fantasy. That is because they look at the Gospels with worldly eyes. The Apostles who put pen to paper to tell the story of Jesus did so with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. They were witnesses to all he said and did and, with the help of the same Holy Spirit, they came to understand the meaning of it all: that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. His presence in the world is the sign of the Father's love for us (cf. Jn 3:16).

Our Lord said that we could ask for anything in his name and it would be given us. Perhaps the most fundamental gift we ought to ask for is the gift of faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to recognize the truth: Jesus is not just another teacher or philosopher, he is not just some wonderworker. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The Gospels make no other claim. That is the heart of our faith.

Sincerely In Christ,

Rev. Paul Grankauskas

Servant of God Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

Father Ciszek († 1984) was convicted of being a “Vatican Spy” in World War II and spent twenty-three years in Soviet prisons.

What was I, in comparison to the millions of atheists in the Soviet Union? What was I, in comparison to the might and power of the Soviet Government? What were any of us, really, in the face of the system around us, with all its organs of propaganda and powers of persecution? Yet, in God’s providence, here we were. This was the place he had chosen for us, the situation and circumstances in which he had placed us. One thing we could do and do daily: we could seek first the Kingdom of God and his justice—First of all in our own lives, and then in the lives of those around us. From the time of the Apostles—twelve simple men, alone and afraid, who had received the commission to go forth into the whole world to preach the good news of the Kingdom—there has been no other way for the spreading of the Kingdom than by the acts and the lives of individual Christians striving each day to fulfill the will of God.



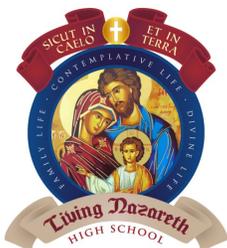
On Saturday, August 22, Father Paul blessed the Divine Mercy banner that is now in our church.

Divine Mercy said: **"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."**

(St. Faustina Diary, 48) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. It is also a program for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you want to learn more about our upcoming RCIA classes, please call the parish office.

Religious Education: Classes will be conducted either onsite or via homeschool.



Living Nazareth High School invites you to our Open House, August 31, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Hobert Hall to chat with faculty and families. Experience a 'typical school day'; attend a mini class, leisure period, and pray Compline to end the evening. Applications will be available and light refreshments will be served. Please help spread the word by inviting families of

prospective high school students. Learn more at livingnazareth.org or email, livingnazareth@gmail.com.

Saint of the Week

Saint Maria Micaela Desmaisieres

Micaela Desmaisieres López de Dicastillo was born January 1, 1809 in Madrid, the daughter of Miguel Desmaisieres y Flores, a high-ranking officer in the Spanish army, and Bernarda López de Dicastillo y Olmeda, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Maria Luisa de Parma of Spain; her mother was known for her charity to the sick and poor. Her mother died when Micaela was a young girl, and her father died when she was 13. Micaela’s brother Diego was a Spanish ambassador; she often travelled with him, and thus she grew up in the circles of the Spanish and French nobility, the courts of the kings of Spain, France, and Belgium. Micaela was educated by Ursuline nuns, and served as a catechist to younger children. She received the title of Viscountess of Jorbalán. But even in the whirl of worldly life, she felt a pull to religious life, she refused all the many offers of marriage, and spent much time in Eucharistic Adoration. In 1844 she met a girl at the Saint John of God Hospital in Madrid, the daughter of a banker, who had been briefly drawn into prostitution; she had become an outcast and faced a life of poverty. Micaela used her social connections to get the funds to establish a home for women of any station in life who had fallen into prostitution as their only way to survive. More than just a shelter, the women received religious and secular educations. There were so many in need of help that Micaela was soon overwhelmed, and on March 1, 1856 she officially founded an order of sisters, the *Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament and of Charity*, to work with the women. Saint Anthony Mary Claret became her confessor in 1857. The *Handmaids* were approved by Pope Pius IX in 1860. Micaela served as their leader until she contracted a fatal bout of cholera while caring for sick women, including many of her *Handmaid* sisters. Her Feast Day is August 25.



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