Social/Fraternal Organizations

Knights of Columbus 9800 & Fourth Degree
GX Gary Rees greesaz@outlook.com
An international Catholic fraternal men’s organization whose goal is to support the local parish priests and community through service and charity. St. Bridget Council 9800 meets monthly on the first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Msgr. Bernard G. Collins Assembly 2889 Fourth Degree members meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The third week of every month K of C ministers feed those at the East Valley Men’s Center and volunteers are always welcome.

Women of Faith
pastoralactivities@stbridget.org
Woman of Faith are Catholic women celebrating in the joy of Christ’s Love as we learn, grow, and support one another in Faith.

Spirituality Center Ministry
Spirituality Center Team
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Be involved on the teams that care for the Spirituality Center and work to nourish the spirituality of the parish. Our mission is to further the charisms of St. Bridget and to assist parishioners in developing their own spiritual gifts in service of growing the Body of Christ.

Safe Environment
SAFE ENVIRONMENT office@stbridget.org
We are called to protect the most vulnerable among us. The Diocese of Phoenix has mandated that everyone in ministry must attend Safe Environment training and renew annually.

Ministry Participation Requirements

1. Register as a member of St. Bridget
2. Complete annual Time & Talent Pledge
3. Attend Liturgy 101
4. Complete Diocesan Safe Environment Training

MINISTRY GUIDE

Dear St. Bridget Community,

Our parish mission statement is:

“We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the World.”

So we celebrate the Eucharist with joy, but it is also that joy that leads us, compels us to serve the Lord with selfless giving joy!

When we give of our time and our talent, without asking anything, but to serve the Lord and his people, we can’t help but feel a humble satisfaction knowing that we are giving back to the community. The liturgy is the source and summit of our life. What we do in the liturgy nourishes us and strengthens us to go out and serve. In the liturgy the words of Jesus, “Do this in memory of me” not only refers to the Eucharistic act but also the actions of what it means to be the Body of Christ for one another. The Body of Christ serves one another, selflessly and with joy.

We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in a parish ministry. There are many opportunities for you to share your gifts with our community. Please review this Ministry Guide and see where God is calling you to serve, whether it be in a liturgical or catechetical ministry, or justice, service or social ministry, spiritual or administrative ministry. Please use the Time and Talent Commitment card and circle any ministries in which you would like to be involved. Someone will contact you. Please discern where God is calling you to serve. When we serve, we do come together in joy and we do grow as Christ’s disciples.

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ALTERNATIVES
Each week at St. Bridget, we use approximately 10 “purificators” which are the small square linens that are used to purify the sacred cup during communion at every Mass. These linens are washed and ironed. There are altar cloths and liturgical garments to assist with as well. Time commitment is one every 3-4 weeks.

ALTERNATIVE SERVERS
The altar servers help to prepare the altar and assist the priest during Mass, including weddings, funerals and other prayer services. Expectations of this ministry: High School age is ideal, however 4th grade or above, and having received First Eucharist and confirmation. Mature enough to grasp the prayerfulness and responsibility of a public role. Training is provided.

ART & ENVIRONMENT
This ministry helps to foster and create a physical environment of beauty and reverence in the worship space that is suited for the sacred action of the assembly throughout the church year. Expectations: Requires a charm for art, design, arranging foliage, etc., participation in our Liturgy 101 training session, familiarity with liturgical documents and space. Availability to work in various seasonal environments.

BREAD BAKERS
The Bread Baking Ministry prepares the bread that is consecrated for weekend Mass. We have many dedicated, wonderful bakers and can always use a few more. A little baking experience is helpful but not required. Families may want to do this together.

SACRAMENT-MASS COORDINATORS
The Sacrament-Mass Coordinator ensures that all preparations have been completed for the celebration and that all assigned liturgical ministers are present. This position is one of great importance for our parish. It would be helpful to have previous experience in another liturgical ministry in order to perform in this role. Expectations of this ministry: Participation in our Liturgy 101 session; commitment to one Mass each weekend; requires apprenticing with experienced liturgical ministers and instruction.

LECTORS
The Lector Ministry consists of women, men and teens who represent the greater parish community. Through their study, prayer, and preparation, Lectors share their faith by proclaiming the Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Lectors are scheduled for weekend liturgies with opportunities to participate in Holy Day liturgies, daily liturgies, funerals and other faith-related liturgies. Certification or parish provided training is provided.

Eucharistic Ministers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in ministering Christ’s body and blood to the People of God. Expectations of this ministry: Commitment of one Sunday/Saturday per month and participation in our Liturgy 101 training. Training is provided.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound
These Ministers bring the presence and compassion of Christ to the hospitalized and homebound of our community. You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (CLOW)
CLOW (Children’s Liturgy of the Word) is a continuation of the mass for all school-aged children where they hear and celebrate the Sunday scriptures at their own level. Two CLOW ministers escort children to the chapel when Father invites them forward. Time commitment is one Mass per month, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and once a month at 8 a.m. Mass, plus home preparation.

Hospitality/Greeters/ushers
“All are welcome in this place!” Offering a warm welcome to every person who comes here is very important to St. Bridget. Those who serve in the “Hospitality Ministry” each week – smiling and greeting everyone, giving out worship aids and bulletins, helping those who require assistance. Ushers along with Greeters are the official hosts of the weekend masses. They manage the collection as well as recruit people to set the table and bring up the gifts. They direct flow of people at communion. Families are encouraged to do this together. Expectations: Commitment of one Sunday/Saturday per month, participation in our Liturgy 101 training session. Training is provided.

Signing Ministry
These ministers interpret the spoken word at the 10:00am Sunday Mass into American Sign Language. Skill is not required. These ministers meet on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Training is provided.

Music Ministry
Music is an essential part of worship at St. Bridget. We are always welcoming new members to one of the following musical ministries:
- Choir
- Song leaders/poalmsists/cantors
- Instrumentalists
- Guitar (should be able to read charts)
- Fiddling (good sight reader and able to play chord charts)
- Bass
- Drum, Percussion (drum set, congas, auxiliary)
- String players (violin, viola, cello)
- Wind players (especially flute)
- Orchestras: meet weekly for rehearsal on Thursday (September through May) at 7pm in the church and gather before liturgy on the weekend.

Sound & Video Ministry
Sound ministers operate the sound boards for masses and other events. Video Engineers are responsible for video recording and livestreaming Sunday liturgy, prayer services, formation segments and guest speakers. The time commitment varies according to the needs of the church. Training is provided.

Initiation Team (OCIA)
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The Christian initiation team includes parishioners active in the faith life of the parish and committed to growing in their own faith to walk with adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. This includes initial and ongoing formation over the course of a year; preparing and leading extended catechetal sessions. Participating in the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) and the celebration of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Sponsors
office@stbridget.org

Sponsors are needed to welcome and share their faith with adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. Time and commitment includes participating in the OCIA sessions with the Initiation Team, retreats, workshops, Rites and Liturgies. Formation provided.

Bible Study
pastoralactivities@stbridget.org

Leaders needed to help facilitate any up coming Bible studies.

Sacramental Preparation

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
liturgy@stbridget.org

This ministry prepares couples to share and live a life-long loving relationship within the sacrament of marriage. This is a couple to couple ministry. If you are willing, as a couple, to walk with a newly engaged couple to share in the great joy and gift of marriage.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM
baptism@stbridget.org

Team members prepare parents for the Baptism of their newborn or young child through a Baptism class, the Rite of Welcome, and Baptism. This is a powerful experience to help families embrace the gift and the call of our Baptism.

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PREP
faithformation@stbridget.org

We invite various parishioners active in ministry to speak to and help our teens explore and celebrate many aspects of the Catholic faith including catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer and worship. Expectations once or twice a year as a guest speaker on Sunday after the 10am Mass.

Faith Formation (Teen)
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High School Teen Ministry

We invite various parishioners active in ministry to speak to and help our teens explore and celebrate many aspects of the Catholic faith including catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer and worship. Expectations once or twice a year as a guest speaker on Sunday after the 10am Mass.

Hospitality Ministries

Bereavement Reception Team

The bereavement team ensures all funeral receptions are properly set up and food is served to family and friends of the departed.

Welcome Ministry

This team meets individually with persons wishing to become members of the parish or to return to the Catholic Church. This could include worshipping with them at Mass, joining them for parish activities, sharing in their discussions over coffee, and gathering with the parish community at larger events.

Coffee and Donut Ministry

This ministry offers hospitality by serving coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass. Various ministries, families or individuals take on this responsibility once a month. A coordinator is needed to keep a calendar for this ministry.