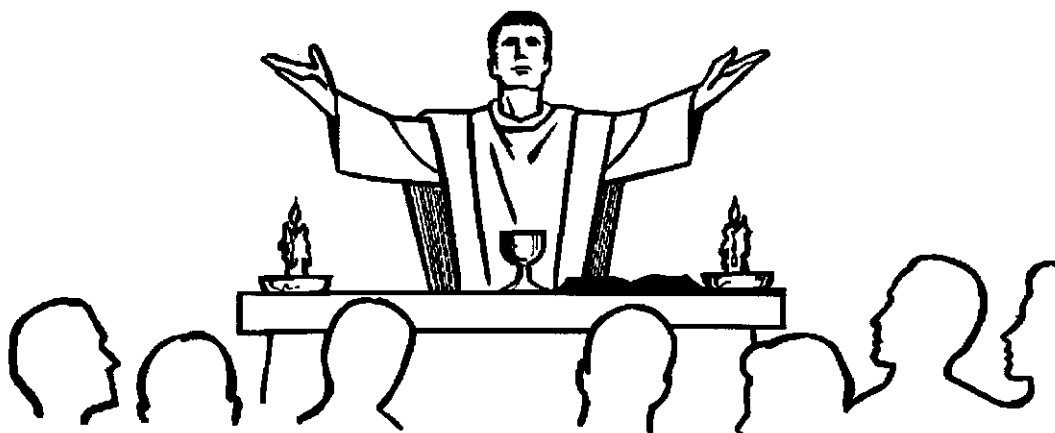


Mass for Deceased on Tuesday, November 2

Make Plans To Join Us At St. Bridget - Dress Accordingly



You are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting). This will be our Fall get-together. Mass for all our deceased family and parishioners starts at 6:30 pm. *Remember the church is not heated.* So dress accordingly. If weather is threatening, and you are not sure if Mass at St. Bridget will be held, feel free to call Fr. Tom (736-2220) or Norma or Terry Stallbaumer (736-2910) before 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF 30th ANNUAL MEETING May 30, 1999

The 30th annual meeting of the St. Bridget Historical Society was called to order by President William Sunneberg at 1:30 P.M. with 7 members present. Father Tom Dolezal said the opening prayer.

Secretary Leo Glynn read the minutes from the previous general meeting. Norma Stallbaumer moved the minutes be approved. Fr. Tom Dolezal seconded. All approved.

Leo Glynn gave the Treasurer's report. After a short discussion Norma made the motion to approve. All agreed.

Old Business: The old parish house which Terry and Norma Stallbaumer owned is being demolished to make way for their new home.

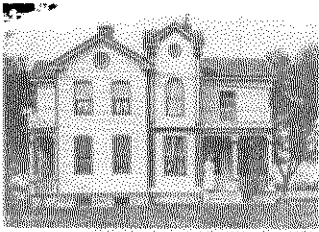
Last year's work day—workers repaired basement door and ceiling tile in basement. Some worked at cemetery.

NEED YOUR HELP

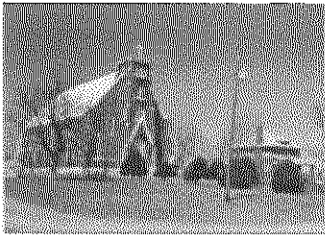
Leo Glynn, secretary of the St. Bridget Historical Society, received the news in late August from the Kansas State Heritage Trust Fund, that once again our grant application for the work to retuck and point the exterior of St. Bridget Church was rejected. One of the reasons given was not enough damage was done to warrant the grant funds.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW if you are in favor of restoring St. Bridget Church. There is a real possibility that if our final application is turned down—St. Bridget Church may have to be torn down. The interior plaster is cracking and falling worse because of the deteriorating conditions of the outside brick. We have not yet been able to get across to the Heritage Trust Fund Board, how desperate our need has become for the grant. Evidently our pictures of the deteriorating brick on the outside cannot possibly show the declining condition of the inside.

And Time Passes



This past spring and summer saw the removal of the old St. Bridget rectory (home of Terry and Norma Stallbaumer and family for the past twenty years or so). The montage of pictures on the left show the different homes associated with St. Bridget since last century.



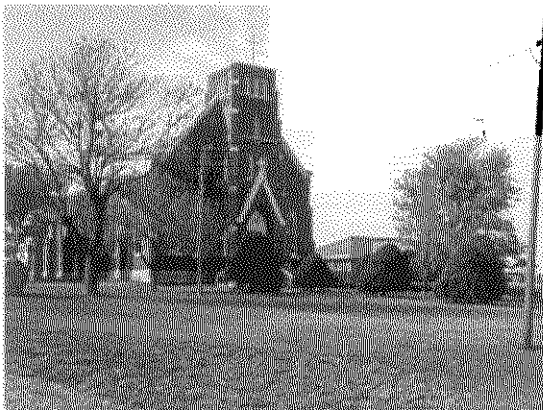
(Top) Original Rectory built in 1876-1878. It later became the Sister's house when the first brick rectory was built in 1916.



(Second from top) The Church and third rectory (built in 1920-21 after a fire destroyed the rectory built in 1916.



(Second from bottom): New home of Terry and Norma Stallbaumer.



(Bottom) Church and new Stallbaumer home.

A RENOVATION / TUCKPOINTING FUND IS NOW ESTABLISHED

At the annual meeting in May, 1997, the subject of tuckpointing (or sometimes simply called "repointing") the exterior bricks was again brought up for consideration. Some background work on this has already been done by the Society. It was mentioned that the tuckpointing project will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000 to \$100,000 (depending on what is designated for repairs) and the only grants available are 80% / 20% grants. The Historical Society will then be responsible for \$15,000 to \$20,000 or 20% (twenty) of the total amount. It was then suggested that a restoration fund (which at this time, would be set aside for tuckpointing), be established. This has now been done. A separate "**Restoration Fund**" for St. Bridget Church has been established. At the successful conclusion of the tuckpointing project, if there were any monies left in the restoration fund, they would be kept for the next restoration project.

A return envelope has been printed for your convenience. On the envelope you can designate where you wish your offering to be assigned. **Remember, all contributions are tax-deductible.** You can designate your offering to one or all of the following:

- a): **Annual dues** (\$ 5 per year, due in July)
- b): **The Restoration Fund** - which at this time means the Tuckpointing Project.
- c): **Cemetery Offering:** You can designate either for maintenance/upkeep or for "Perpetual Care"
- d): **Other:** You designate what your intentions are with this category.

The envelopes are pre-addressed to Mr. Leo Glynn, our Historical Society Treasurer. The society has some funds set aside for this project, but not enough. We are hoping for the generosity of our St. Bridget Historical Society patrons to help us in this necessary and worthy cause.

St. Bridget, Pray for Us

Minutes of the 28th Annual Business Meeting

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 Marilee Weber donated a load of rock for the road. Trees were trimmed, toilets were painted, and other needed maintenance was done to the church.

New Business: The Stallbaumers will mow the cemetery again this year for the same price of \$175 per mowing.

Discussed applying for grant. Application has to be in on or before June 15th. Also discussed that for the grant we would need new pictures of Church, as well as a financial statement of the Historical Society. Fr. Tom suggested that we should reimburse Chari Reynolds for photos, copies and time preparing the materials for Big Lakes *(the organization responsible for submitting our grant request)*.

This year's work day will be the Third Saturday of July, which is July 17th. Doris Glynn will send out notices. Work needed: in bell tower, the next level down from the bell needs attention. Floor needs cleaning and rotten boards need replacing. Also, floor under bell is rotten and needs replacing. A new ladder for the bell tower has been built by Bill Sunneberg, Terry Stallbaumer and Leo Glynn. Galen Runnebaum asked about the cemetery fence. Terry Stallbaumer said it's okay till fall then it would need to be checked for breaks.

Father Tom Dolezal said that the organ repairman, who repairs the church organs at both Summerfield and Axtell, says our pump organ has sustained some damaged from mice and it could be repaired for \$100—\$150 if we would transport it to Lincoln. He suggested we put some moth balls in the back to repel mice. He said it was a good organ.

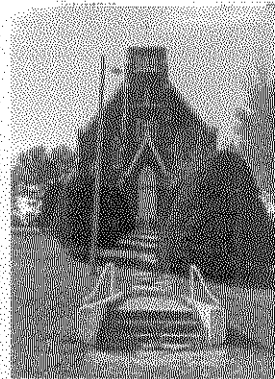
Election of Officers: 1999 was the year to elect or reelect the president of the Historical Society. Galen Runnebaum nominated Bill Sunneberg. Norma Stallbaumer seconded. All approved.

Father Tom Dolezal closed with a prayer at 2:35 pm.

Leo Glynn,
 Secretary

ANNUAL WORKDAY REPORT

Saturday, July 17, 1999



The **annual workday** at St. Bridget Church and Cemetery took place on **Saturday, July 17, 1999**.

About a dozen men and women showed **up to clean and replace the two floors leading up to the bell tower. The trees in front of the church were also trimmed that day.** The officers of St. Bridget Historical Society and their wives greatly appreciate all the help and money donated towards this work day.

Need Your Help *(Continued from page 1)*

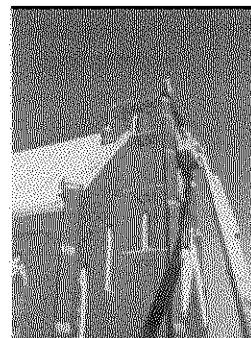
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 You can help by writing a letter, in support of restoring St. Bridget Church, to the Heritage Trust Fund. Tell them why you are in favor of the restoration and what this church means to you. Please send these letters to:

Mr. William Sunneberg
 President, St. Bridget Historical Society
 Rt. 3—Box 83
 Pawnee City, NE 68420

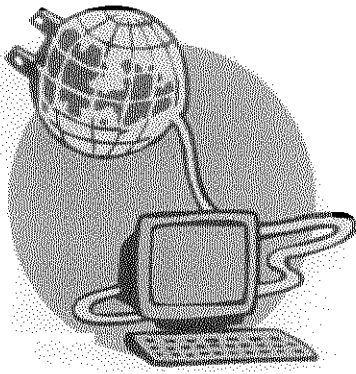
Compose and send these letters as soon as possible so they can be included in our next application for the grant, which will be sent in right after the first of the year.

We really appreciate anything you can do to help us with this matter. The future of St. Bridget Church may very well rest in your hands.

**TUCKPOINTING
 WORK DONE**



Late last year, we were forced to spend some of our monies to reinforce (tuck point) the bricks at the top of the bell tower. We contracted with a company and they secured the top most level of bricks on our bell tower. A company from Ft. Scott, Kansas did the tuck pointing.



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Our Web Site.

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It is needed and
will be appreciated

Join Us Tuesday, November 2
At St. Bridget Church - 6:30 pm
Mass for Deceased of Parish and Society
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