

St. Bridget News

Rural Axtell, Kansas

St. Bridget Day Is June 4

Come and Join Us
In Our

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration

GOING "BACK TO THE PAST" THIS YEAR



Archbishop James P. Keleher, S.T.D., the main Celebrant for Mass on St. Bridget Day, 1995.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our very first St. Bridget Day held on June 7, 1970. On June 4th, Archbishop Keleher will be the main celebrant and homilist at our Mass. We are hopeful that two former pastors can concelebrate with us: Fr. Stan Loncaric (1938 - 1941) and Fr. Paul Miller

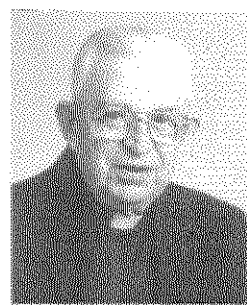
(1949-1952). Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, whose ancestors helped establish the parish in the 1860's, has also expressed a desire to return and concelebrate Mass with us on June 4. Also in attendance will be the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, who will be escorting the Archbishop. Following the Mass, right before dinner, will be an auction of a quilt, (Full-Size), handmade and donated by a former parishioner of St. Bridget. This is her way of helping the Society raise some money for the ongoing upkeep of the church. At 5 o'clock p.m., the Axtell Knights of Columbus, Council # 1163, have offered to provide the manpower and expertise in serving a hickory smoked chicken dinner.

They are donating their time and talents to aid the St. Bridget Historical Society. The cost of the meal will be \$6.00 per person.

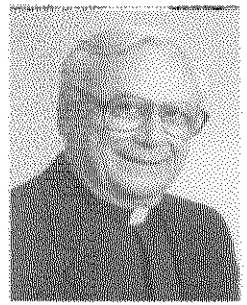
The St. Bridget Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held that same day at 12:30 pm in the church. The agenda is printed on page 2. All members welcome to attend this meeting.

As in past years, the Mass will be offered for deceased members of both the St. Bridget Historical Society and old St. Bridget parish.

Come listen to the authentic Irish music honoring St. Bridget and the faith the Irish brought with them from the native land. A special choir is rehearsing already and we have secured copyright permission for all the special Irish music to be used that day. If you would want to join our choir, you can contact Norma Stallbaumer (736-2910) or Cheryl Reinecke (736-2272).



Fr. Stanley Loncaric
pastor from 1938-1941



Fr. Paul Miller,
pastor from 1949-1952

**AUCTION
OF FULL-SIZE QUILT
ON FRONT CHURCH STAIRS AT
4:55 P.M.**



**A HICKORY SMOKED
CHICKEN DINNER TO BE
SERVED AT 5:00 PM -
PRICE: \$6 PER PERSON**

1987 was our last annual chicken dinner for St. Bridget Day. We stopped because of weather and our limited number of workers. This year, in honor of our twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Bridget Days, and with the assistance of the Axtell Knights of Columbus, Council #1163, and hopefully through the intercession of our patron saint Bridget, for favorable weather conditions, we will be again serving our famous "St. Bridget Chicken Dinners". As we conclude our day's events at 5:00 pm, the Axtell Knights will be offering a chicken dinner for \$6.00 per person. We invite you to join us, rekindle past friendships, maybe even spark some new ones and come enjoy a journey "back to the past" and witness some of the charm and warmth old St. Bridget offered for its people. We have rented a big tent, 42' x 42', to use in case of rain. It costs us \$250 to rent. If you can help us defray the cost with a donation, it will be appreciated! A secret: we told St. Bridget that if she doesn't intercede and help us have good weather on June 4th, and if it rains and ruins our whole day, then next year this event will be called "*the first annual St. Patrick Day.*" We will go straight to the "top saint" of Ireland, if needed, to get good weather. Hope to see you on the 4th of June.

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

IF you are planning to attend with a *group of FIVE or more*, please call us before May 21st and let us know. Call one of the officers below:

Bill or Elsie: (402) 852-2655
Terry or Norma: (913) 736-2910
Leo or Doris: (402) 248-6243

We have tentatively ordered 250 chickens (500 halves) and four hams. Since we have not had any chicken dinners at St. Bridget Day since 1987, we are not quite sure of how many chickens to prepare. **Be advised: First Come, First Serve!** And we will serve the chicken dinner rain or shine!

ITEMS FOR SALE

by the St. Bridget Historical Society

St. Bridget Commemorative Plate - \$15.00

History of St. Bridget Parish, published in 1994, the newly revised and expanded book - Indexed, 91 pages at \$17.50.

Who Said That? New publication. A companion book to the new history book. Contains reprints from newspapers, County histories, personal accounts, etc. about St. Bridget Parish. A number of these reprints were used in the parish history book, but many were not. - 42 pages at \$10.00.

FOR THE GENEALOGIST:

Reprints of St. Bridget Baptismal records (1860 - 1967) - \$10.00 or Reprints of Marriage records (1863 - 1965) - \$10.00 or Reprints of Death / Burial records (1862 - 1995) - \$10.00 - All three record books are listed alphabetical and chronological.

Make checks payable to St. Bridget Historical Society. If ordering through the U.S. Mail, please add \$3.00 for postage.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Announcing! The 1995 Annual Meeting of the St. Bridget Historical Society will be held on Sunday, June 4, 1995 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Bridget Church. The proposed agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- ◆ Opening Prayer
- ◆ Minutes of 1994 Meeting
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Old Business:
 - Status of our application to membership in State and National Historical Societies
- ◆ New Business:
 - Cemetery: Review Policy on lots & revenue
 - Work Day 1995
- ◆ Other Business:
- ◆ Election of Vice-President
- ◆ Closing Prayer

We reserve the right to make last minute changes to our proposed agenda.

ST. BRIDGET DAY - 1995 MENU

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1/2 Side of Chicken (Hickory Smoked)
or Smoked Ham
Baked Beans
Potato Salad / Potato Chips
Rolls & Margarine
Ice Tea / Coffee
Cake

\$ 6.00 per person
(Proceeds from dinner to benefit
St. Bridget Historical Society)

RESIDENT PASTORS OF ST. BRIDGET:

Father Timothy Luber, O.S.B.	1879-1883
Father James P. Martin	1883-1884
Father William Rettele, O.S.B.	1884
Father John A. Hurley	1884-1896
Father Patrick R. O'Sullivan	1896-1907
Father Patrick R. McNamara	1907-1909
Father Francis A. Geinitz	1909-1910
Father Michael J. McManus	1910-1913
Father Michael G. O'Leary	1913-1916
Father John A. Murphy	1916-1917
Father Daniel F. O'Reilly	1917-1919
Father William L. Nelligan	1919-1921
Father Michael J. O'Farrell	1921-1922
Father Jerome J. Twomey	1922-1932
Father Leo V. Ahern	1932-1938
Father Stanislaus J. Loncaric	1938-1941
Father Maurus Kennedy, O.S.B.	1941-1942
Father Philip O'Connor, O.S.B.	1942-1943
Father Odilo Otott, O.S.B.	1943
Father Vincent H. Kongs	1943-1949

THESE PRIESTS SERVED ST. BRIDGET FROM SUMMERFIELD

Father Paul W. Miller	1949-1952
Father Frank M. Krul	1952-1957
Father Leonard L. Moran	1957-1963
Father Denis J. Pickert	1963-1967
Father Robert Pflumm	1967 - to closing of parish

Do You Remember When? Highlights of the St. Bridget Historical Society

MEETING ON THE STEPS — JULY 13, 1969

- ◆ Thirty-one former parishioners and one former pastor (*Fr. Nelligan*) meet on the steps of the church to discuss ways to save the church from being demolished.
- ◆ Plans to form a "St. Bridget Historical Society" are discussed.
- ◆ Twenty-seven of those present sign a petition to save their church from destruction.
- ◆ Leo Eagan, Vincent Buessing and Nell Glynn elected to study legal aspects of forming a Historical Society.

1ST SOCIETY MEETING — JUNE 7, 1970 FIRST ST.
BRIDGET DAY

- ◆ Accepted responsibility for St. Bridget Cemetery. Established separate fund for cemetery maintenance and upkeep.
- ◆ Plans were made to order commemorative plates.
- ◆ On July 12, 1970, Archbishop Strecker was given a plan for the upkeep of St. Bridget Cemetery.

WHO WAS THE FIRST PASTOR *YOU* REMEMBER?

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The list, in the next column, was taken from our recent publication, "History of St. Bridget Parish", page 44. This book is now available at the old church or from the officers. There are many other interesting tidbits in this history book. Also, check out our most recent publication titled, "Who Said That?," a companion book to the history book.

SCHEDULE FOR ST. BRIDGET DAY

(Sunday, June 4, 1995)

12:30 p.m. Annual meeting of the St. Bridget Historical Society in the Church

3:30 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Keleher and former pastors in the church

4:55 p.m. Auction of a Full-Size, handmade Quilt on the front steps of the church building.

5:00 p.m. Chicken/Ham dinner served on the grounds of the church by the Axtell Knights.

Did You Know?

How Do They Make Those Stain-Glass Windows?

Of all the crafts practiced in the Middle Ages, the **making of Stained Glass windows** has probably changed the least. The earliest known instruction manuals appears to have been written about 1140 A.D. by a German Benedictine monk, Roger of Helmershaven.

Leaded stained glass windows are made from intricate pieces of colored glass. The colors attained by adding chemicals to the molten glass in the factory. The glass pieces are joined with channels of lead soldered together. The details and shading, such as facial features, seen in drapery and most church windows are painted onto the glass piece and fired in a kiln to "fix" the paint permanently. **Now you know!**

Kathy Fischer

Membership Dues For 1995 now Due

ANNUAL DUES
FOR
MEMBERSHIP
IN ST. BRIDGET
SOCIETY
\$5.00

Mail Dues to:
Leo Glynn, Treasurer
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Summerfield, KS
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