BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

Thinking about religious life? We have tools for your spiritual journey! Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Come and See Weekend October 13-15, 2017, at our monastery in Clyde, Mo. It’s a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, open your heart to God’s call by learning about discernment, prayer and meet with others who might be discerning.

There is no cost to attend and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ext. 127 or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org.
St. Bridget has several opportunities for our parish youth this fall.

Registration for our SOL (School of Religion) program will begin the weekend of August 19-20. We do ask that you be a registered parishioner family here at St. Bridget and be an active participating SOL parent in the journey of your child’s faith.

Also, please note that if you have a child who is preparing to have their First Communion next year that you please visit with Msgr. Murphy and our Director of Youth Religious Education, Melissa Thornsberry for any questions you may have.

If you have a Middle School child check out our Middle School EDGE Group, headed by Bill Kennedy. Bill does a wonderful job with this group and can answer any questions you or your child may have.

Our high school youth group (HSG) is preparing for their trip to NCYC this fall in Indianapolis, IN. A trip that our HSG looks forward to. If you have a high school student and you would like to find out more about our HSG just contact Lisa Thomas for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 and Saturday, September 30. Both will take place at The Catholic Center. Both will run from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

St. Bridget is in need of more volunteers in this ministry. If you would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

EME TRAINING

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Bob Hasenkamp who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

Mrgr. Murphy

From Msgr. Murphy:

This last Sunday, as we honored the Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Assumption, another “miracle” occurred. We officially retired our debt! I sincerely thank each of you who gave from your want and not from your surplus to achieve this. As the scripture says: “And God, who sees in secret, will reward you.” At the 9 am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3 we will have a “Deed Burning” at Mass followed by a catered brunch. I hope you’ll plan to be there. Msgr. Offutt hopes to be with us.

Fr. Joe sends his prayers and regrets.

Next week, we will welcome a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas: Fr. Robert Hasenkamp. He will speak on the work of “Unbound”; a Catholic organization. “Unbound” has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly 19 developing countries since 1981. Fr. Hasenkamp believes so much in the good work that they do that he volunteers his time to speak to parishes about it.

I’m not sure about this Solar Eclipse. I guess we will see what happens. (When my Mother didn’t believe in Communists.)

Msgr. Robert Murphy

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

This Wednesday August 23, 2016
St. Bridget’s Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive from 3:00 – 6:30 pm in Ledwidge Hall

Mrgr. Murphy

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A Place of Welcome

People different from us can really make us uncomfortable. It is like we do not share the same language or rely on the same experiences. We have different circles of friends and different sources of trust. For many of us, the best way to deal with people different from us is to avoid them.

Tolerance is good, but sometimes even tolerance masks prejudice. We tolerate those who are different as long as they act like we do. If they observe or suspect sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to Diocesan Ombudsman, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or Jennifer.Valenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Please contact Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcs.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).
**LEAD BY EXAMPLE:**
There is so much negativity in the world today and the sad news is that our children are noticing it. What better way to show them the positive side than by showing how important it is to be involved with God and their parish. Children learn by our examples. St. Bridget offers many opportunities to be that example. Such as becoming a lector, EME, usher, server, cantor, sacristan, or a rosary leader. Or join one of our many groups such as K of C, Altar & Rosary, Wednesday night Men’s Group, Women of Faith, Middle School Edge, HSYG, or our school of religion as a teacher or Teacher’s aide. There is more to our faith. Let’s lead by example.

**DEDICATED TO DEFENDING LIFE & JUSTICE:**
Encourage your favorite local organization to apply for a Life & Justice Campaign grant and then encourage family members, friends, and fellow-parishioners to show their support with a donation to the annual parish collection the weekend of Aug 19 & 20. Visit www.lifeandjusticekcjs.org to learn more!

**WOMEN OF FAITH NEWS**
Women of Faith is a faith-sharing group for women of St. Bridget Parish. We read weekly material at home then come together on Wednesday nights to discuss it. Dates and times run concurrently with School of Religion. This year we will be doing a bible study, which will cost $10. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the Adult Ed Room with a 6:00 social and gathering time. To register, contact Linda Ochs at 809-8088 or Lisa Thomas at 726-3101.

**FOOD PANTRY**
The Food Pantry is in need of basic food items.

**K OF C DICE RUN**
Special Olympics Missouri DICE RUN
RUN WHAT YOU BRUNG Motorcycles, any automobiles 20 years old or older preferred all are welcome.
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Benefiting Special Olympics Missouri Hosted by Councils

**K OF C NEWS**

August
- 23rd – K of C Blood Drive
- 26th – K of C Dice Run

September
- 14th – K of C Meeting
- 17th – K of C Breakfast
- 24th – Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic @ City Lake