PARISH: St. Bridget Parish
Location: Pleasant Hill, MO
Address: 203 N. Armstrong, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080
Phone: 816-540-5550
Website: www.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org

Mass Schedule:
- Saturday 5:00 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays:
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am

Holy Days:
- See Schedule in Bulletin

Reconciliation:
- Sat. 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm by appointment

Baptism:
- Parent preparation session is required. Please call church office prior to the birth of the child.

Eucharistic Adoration:
- First Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Antoing of Sick:
- As requested after Mass and by appointment

Marriage:
- Please call when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

Confirmation:
- Program for High School students, according to Diocesan guidelines.

Prayer Chain Request:
- If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at 540-5980

New Parishioners:
- Welcome!
- Please register after Mass or stop by the Parish office for more information.

Staff:
- Monsignor A. Robert Murphy, Pastor
- Gary Kappler, Deacon 540-4156
- Tim Long, Business Manager
- Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
- Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant, Director of Stewardship & Development
- Lisa Thomas, High School Youth Director
- Diocesan Victim Advocate: Mary Bultmann - (816)714-2387

Ombudsman:
- Jennifer Valenti - (816)812-2500
- JenniferValenti@att.net

St. Bridget Parish
August 22 & 23, 2015

If it does not PLEASE YOU to serve the LORD, decide TODAY WHO you will serve... As for ME and MY household, WE will serve the LORD.

JOSUHA 24:15a,c

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ST. BRIDGET ON THE MOVE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
August 15 & 16
St. Bridget Parish: $2,564.91
Love One Another Campaign: $1,792.00
Parish Debt: $229,333.50
Youth Group Collection: $40.00
Votive Candle: $24.00
Special Collection: $529.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,480.24 for our principal and interest payment.

August Debt (Collected/mtd) $9,140.00
- $8,271.00 (Obligation) =
$89.00 (Deficit)

August 22 – August 30

08/22 + Coni Ballard by Mary Ann Bafliner + Thomas Worms by Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes
08/23 Parishioners of St. Bridget
08/24 + Teresa Mullin by Gary & Katy Crabtree
08/25 + Kilian Harvkey by Family
08/26 + Margaret Wright by Chris Porter
08/27 + Fred Zubek by Altar & Rosary Society
08/29 + Mike Furey by Tom & Pat Heier + Jim Meyers by Tom & Pat Heier
08/30 Parishioners of St. Bridget

+ In Memory of
Online Giving is here at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by scanning the QR code. Electronic giving allows you the freedom to set up a regular monthly donation transaction, change your current transactions, or give a one-time gift to St. Bridget! We have 42 families who currently utilize electronic giving every month via a checking or savings account or by using their credit card. Electronic giving is a safe and consistent method of donating to St. Bridget. Now, you can have more control of your donating activity.

All transactions are administered by a secure provider, Vanco Systems which then integrates with our church census software to account for donations. Your transactions are secure and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Air Quality Tested: We recently hired Midwest Environmental Professionals to test the air quality here at St. Bridget. There were some concerns about possible mold issues. We have not noticed any wet areas in church, but we did have the air quality tested in the Vestibule, the Cry Room, and the nave of Church near the altar. All samples came back negative for mold and no issues were noted. The air quality inside church is within normal levels given that a variety of fungi are always present. The report is available for review in the parish office.

**Bow Ties for Babies**

Have you or do you know someone who may be pregnant and know their baby will die during pregnancy or soon after birth due to an abnormal prenatal diagnosis, or has a newborn with a terminal diagnosis? For more information visit bowtiesforbabies.com or call Jen at (816) 931-5378. Also, visit www.alexandrashouse.com to learn more about this special ministry. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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Sunday, August 23
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass

Monday, August 24
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, August 25
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

Wednesday, August 26
8:30 am Mass

Thursday, August 27
8:30 am Mass
3:30 – 7 pm K of C Blood Drive
6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

Friday, August 28
8:30 am Communion Service
9 am Bible Study
1pm Deadline for Sept 4th Bulletin

Saturday, August 29
4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 30
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass

ST. BRIDGET NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are in great need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Servers, Cantors, & Choir members for our weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer for one of these ministries, please contact Msgr. Murphy or the parish office (816)540-4563 as soon as possible to find out available training dates.

HEALING SERVICES: Our Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is reaching out to everyone who has been impacted by any sexual abuse with Healing Services at 7:00 pm on September 9th, St. Elizabeth 2 E. 75th Street, Kansas City, MO.

In every community, There is work to be done. In every nation, There are wounds to heal. There is the power to do it. – Marianne Williamson.

Supported by The office of Child and Youth Protection & The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC QUOTES FROM MATTHEW KELLY

Our lives change when our habits change...become the best version of yourself.

A Parish Work Day is planned for Saturday, September 19th to help spruce up outside around St. Bridget and the SOR building before our Annual Autumn Fest on Sunday, September 20th. This is a big job and we need several volunteers to make the work go quickly. So please mark your calendars and join us and let’s help St. Bridget shine for those who will visit during our Autumn Fest!

We would like to invite all men, women, & middle school through high school aged parishioners to help with this big project.

MY NEW LOVE

I met this girl who’s really sweet
She made my heart skip a beat
Now we get to talk and write
It gives my life a new light

You give me purpose and help
Help me to better cope
All day I think of you
With everything that I do
Your letters always make me smile
As I sit there for a while
Reading through them many times
So I feel them like these rhymes
Making me happy and feel so good

Being from you I knew it would
Without you I am lost
I’ll love you at all cost

This poem is written by Tyler Toomay and was published in the Access Catalog 2015 Summer & Fall publication.

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Holy Spirit, who has been given titles such as Comforter, Helper, Paraclete, is essential to Christian Prayer. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of many charismatic experiences: healings, raisings from the dead, prison doors opened through divine intervention. Be open to the Holy Spirit in prayer – and in all aspects of our lives. How have you seen the Holy Spirit today?

For more information, please contact Linda Chos (816) 809-8088 or Laurie Jo Holmes (816) 820-0656.

CONFIRMATION 2016

There will be a meeting of parents and potential candidates of confirmation on Sunday, September 13th following Mass. It will be in the adult education room of the Education Building. Classes (twice a month) begin the following week. Students who have attended 7th and 8th grade School of Religion, Catholic school or home school in 9th grade or above are eligible candidates. Confirmation is the final of three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic faith (baptism, confirmation and confirmation.) Please choose to finalize this process by receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this sacrament. If you have any questions, contact Monsignor Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com or at the parish office at 540-4563.

PARENTS: Your child must have been in School of Religion for 7th and 8th grade or home schooled in religious education to be in Confirmation.

FURTHER BY FAITH

A book “Further By Faith” Celebrating the art & architecture of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will be available after all the masses in the upcoming weeks in the vestibule. The cost is $35.00 with $10.00 going back to the parish. Please stop by and take a look. It would be a terrific Christmas gift.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

Welcome to St. Bridget! If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey. If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and register with us. Forms are available in the vestibule, parish office or online at www.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org

CONFIRMATION NEWS

High school youth!!!
Our first meeting of the year will be Sept 13 at 6:00-7:30 in the education building.
If you are a returning high schooler, I can’t wait to see you again! If this is the first time for you to attend, welcome! We need to organize for our outdoor mass on Sept 27th. If you can’t make the meeting but want to sing, read, or serve, contact me at maestrathomas@gmail.com
Please come with your wants & needs for our group!
Spend a little time talking about your faith with others your age.

SOR NEWS

SOR HELP NEEDED: If you would like to be an SOR (School of Religion) teacher, teacher’s aide, or a substitute for the 2015-16 SOR session, please contact Melissa Thombsbery or the parish office as soon as possible. We are looking for help for all grades as well as SOR teachers for 3rd & 6th grade.
St. Bridget SOR Teachers meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd. SOR will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm. SOR sign-up sheets are located on the small table in the vestibule.
SOR students must be registered parishioners of St. Bridget parish.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY AT SAVEALLNEWORN.org

SLIDESHOW

Life-Saving Blood
Thursday, August 27th
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Located in Ledwidge Hall
Book your appointment at saveallnewborn.org Enter Sponsor Code: St. Bridget
You may also contact D. J. Breitbach at (816)540-3296 or djkim1zz@gmail.com

WRAP UP

High School Youth Group News

Lay Clergy News

Food Pantry – We have a great need for Peanut Butter, Tuna, Spaghetti, Canned Meat, Canned Pasta (ravioli), rice and Cereal. We will gladly accept any other items also. Also so, as garden harvest begins, please do not forget the food pantry.
We gladly accept any garden produce. We have had donations of eggs and broccoli, which are so appreciated by our clients. If you have questions, call Jane Fry (816)540-4487.
There were eleven families in July that accessed the Love Fund for assistance for the first time in July. With the help of our many community partners over 100 backpacks with school supplies were distributed. Meals on Wheels delivers 25 meals a day in addition to a little conversation for seniors.
The TLC is an active, loving expression of our commitment to Jesus. To be able to continue to meet the command of our beliefs in serving others we need everyone to get involved.
Some ways to become involved: 1) Donate food to the pantry, 2) Shop at the Thrift Store or donate items that you no longer need.
All money earned from the Thrifts store support the local missions of the Lay Clergy. 3) Volunteer your gifts.
Call Julie at 987-3600. There is a need for help on completing the Web page (TLCphil.com), sorting clothing at the thrift store, ideas on fund raising.
If you call, we will find a place for you to use your gifts.
4) Drivers and back up drivers for Meals on Wheels.

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!