St. Bridget Parish
August 24 & 25, 2019

“When you are invited, go and take the LOWEST place so that when the HOST comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a HIGHER position’. For every one who EXALTS himself will be humbled, but the one who HUMBLES himself will be exalted.”

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**St. Bridget Parish Leadership**

**Chairman:** Ross Dale  
**Secretary:** Rita Pilcher

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Pat Devolder  
- **8:00 a.m.** Barry Schaller

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Rick Bouchard  
- **8:00 a.m.** Rick Bouchard

**SACRAMENT:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Maurice & Pat Devolder  
- **8:00 p.m.** Don & Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Tavin Glass  
- **8:00 a.m.** Owen & Kennedy Thornsberry

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
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**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
- **August 31** Joyce W’s Team

**Mowing & Trimming August 30:**
- Rick Bouchard, Liana Kilgore

**Mowing & Trimming July 30:**
- Bob Dostal & Fred Bevar

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

**August 17 & 18**

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**Please remember our Dream Campaign**

**August Dream Fund MTD:** $3,242.50

**August 24 & September 1**

**LECTORS:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Rick Bouchard, Liana Kilgore  
- **8:00 a.m.** Mary Grabl, Jim Holmes

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Pat Devolder  
- **8:00 a.m.** Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Tavin Glass  
- **8:00 a.m.** Ryan & Curtiss Schaller

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**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
- **August 31** Joyce W’s Team

**CANTORS:**
- **5:00 p.m.** Katlin Long w/ Justin Hurst  
- **8:00 a.m.** Laurie Jo Holmes w/ Daniel Yung

**Mowing & Trimming August 30:**
- Bob Dostal & Fred Bevar

**Sharing the Gospel**

**If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be “it” first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.**

**Mission for the Week**

When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.
Online Giving is here at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by adding www.stbridgetph.weconnect.com to your address bar. Your transactions are secure, and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or hopkins@ccharities.com.

VOLUNTEERS

There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at Catholic Charities KCSJ. If you’re looking for something rewarding to do with your free time or can only help occasionally on a project, we are the place for you. Different times of the year find us working on various projects and often people are looking for service hour opportunities. To find out what specific needs are, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or hopkins@ccharities.com.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Catholic Bishops of Missouri invite you to attend the Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference on Saturday, October 5th, in Jefferson City. Come learn about public policy from the experts who are involved in advocacy on a daily basis. The theme of this year’s gathering is “Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates.” The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. A youth track is available for students in middle school and up and includes a mock legislature where students can debate bills on the floor of the Missouri Senate. To register for the event, go to MOCatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 5th!

K of C DICE RUN

Spirit Rider tickets will be sold following Mass this weekend.

The Pleasant Hill, Holden, Warrensburg, Blue Springs, and Lee’s Summit Councils of the Knights of Columbus are co-hosting their 9th annual Dice Run for Special Olympics Missouri.

Over the last eight years we have raised over $29,000 for Special Olympics Missouri and we are looking to add to that total. Join us on Saturday, September 7th for a 110-mile trek through the countryside. Leaving Pleasant Hill and stopping in Warrensburg, Odessa, and Blue Springs to roll the dice, with a final roll and lunch in Lee’s Summit. High and low score totals will win a cash prize and high rollers will win at each stop.

This dice run isn’t just for motorcycles, take this opportunity to cruise in your classic car, your hot rod, heck even your daily driver! $35 Rider $15 Passenger

Pre-Register before August 17th to guarantee a T-Shirt!

For more information or sponsorship opportunities contact:

Don Vogel (816) 786-8951
Mark Wells (816) 674-5258

CLIP & SAVE

THE MESSAGE OF THE LORD

Stop the medical and moral worrying! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations andlong distances. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it’s helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it’s better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of 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
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org. 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
**ST. BRIDGET AUTUMN FEST:** The date for this year’s Autumn Fest is set for Sunday, September 29th. This is one of our biggest events and many volunteers are needed to help make it a success from the planning stage to working during the event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katy Crabtree or any committee member.

**FLEXIBILITY OF OFFICE HOURS:** With our parish secretary retiring, we will have an interim period as we carry out the process to hire a new secretary. Furthermore, after the new parish secretary is hired, the office staff will need a grace period as the new secretary learns their tasks and also gets into the groove as our parish secretary. The office staff is asking for understanding and flexibility in office hours during this whole process and time. There will be moments when the whole office is closed. Thank you ahead of time, please keep our parish strongly in your prayers, and God bless you all.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 5th. Rosary will begin at 6:40 pm in church and our meeting will begin immediately afterwards. Altar Cloth, Hostess, & Cemetery for September: Chris Porter

**WOMEN OF FAITH NEWS:** Women of Faith will begin September 11th and follow the SOR schedule. This fall we will begin a study of the Holy Spirit using Formed. We would love for any women of the parish to join us on our faith journey!

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**FOND FAREWELL**

A Fond Farewell to our Parish Secretary

After a long and hard decision to make, Laurie Ann Himmelberg, after 12 years as our parish secretary is now resigning from her position. We are sad to see her go. She has been the face to our parish office as our secretary for all of these years. She has helped in numerous ways beyond the normal duties of a secretary, including lots of volunteer hours in decorating our parish hall and office for our different events and for holidays over these past years. When asked what she will miss the most from no longer being the parish secretary, she said it will be to no longer have the ability to pick up on Tim at the office. Not really. What she really said is not being as present at the parish and particularly with the parishioners as they come into the office.

As the days and weeks go by, please share a sincere thank you to Laurie Ann for all that she has done for the parish as our secretary for all of these years. She will be missed. Let her keep in our prayers as she transitions, and may God bless her too.

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**MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF LA SALLETE**

The weekend of September 7 & Fr. Anoop Manchirayil will preach the annual parish mission appeal for St. Bridget & St. Patrick’s parishes.

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. “They went forth and preached everywhere” (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, “Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people. Echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission oriented. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines.

With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God’s reconciling message to the poor.

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**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will sponsor a Protecting God’s Children Workshop on Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 am in the Adult Education Room at St. Bridget Parish Education Building. Protecting God’s Children is intended to raise awareness of child sexual abuse. Adults who attend the 3-hour session will come away with practical information about the warning signs of child abuse, ways to prevent abuse, strategies for handling suspicions of abuse, and ways to respond. If you would like to attend our session, please pre-register online at www.virtus.org. Click on Registration at the left, select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO and follow the requests for the information which follow.

If you experience any difficulty pre-registering, please contact Laurie Jo Holmes at holmes@diocesekcsj.org or (816) 820-0656; she is happy to help sign you up for the workshop. ALL volunteers working in children’s programs of our parish are required by the diocese to attend this session; however, all persons interested in making our world safer for children are welcome and encouraged to attend. You’re invited to join us beforehand for Mass at 8:00 am and/or a quick breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am.

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**WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

**YOUTH NEWS**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

This year’s Confirmation classes will be starting on Thursday, September 5. If you have a youth who is going into 9th grade, and you would like for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office. Father Vogel, or you can contact Matt and Penni Warner at (660) 233-9159. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or just learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes will be beginning in September. If you interested in attending classes, please contact the parish office, Father Vogel, or you can contact Matt and Penni Warner at (660) 233-9159. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING**

If you have a youth who is planning on being Confirmed this year, there will be a parent meeting August 24 after the 8:00 am Mass. If you cannot make it, please contact Matt and Penni Warner at (660) 233-9159.

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**2019 Second Collections Schedule**

*Aug 31-Sept 1: Dream Fund  
*Sept. 8: Visiting Missionary Collection  
Sept. 15: Latin America Apostolate  
Oct. 6: DREAM Fund  
Oct. 20: Mission Sunday  
Nov. 3: DREAM Fund  
Nov. 10: Archdiocese for Military Services  
Dec. 1: DREAM Fund  
Dec. 8: Religious Retirement  
* Change in 2nd Collection Schedule

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**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

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September

07 – Dice Run  
12 – Meeting  
15 – K of C Breakfast

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**LABOR DAY**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. Our regular office hours will resume Tuesday, September 3rd.