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LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
November 30 and December 1
LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Rita Jones, Ann Siebolt
8:00 a.m. Lori Merrigan, April Riley
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Pat DeVolde
8:00 a.m. Cathy Vogel
Homebound D.J. Breitbach
SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Leland Edsburn
8:00 a.m. Brett Grutle, John Glassmann
ROSY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Rock and Nancy Bouchard
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel
SACRISTAN
5:00 p.m. Mike and Arlene Casey
8:00 p.m. Rita Pilcher and Ed Medlock
USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Ruth, Glass
MONY COUNTERS
December 1 Mary Ann’s Team
CHURCH CLEANERS
December 14 Joyce A’s Team
CANTORS
5:00 p.m. Grace Riley w/TBA
8:00 a.m. Renee Edsbum w/Daniel

GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH
November 23 and 24, 2019
Collection EFT Total
St. Bridget Parish $1602.00 $ 477.83 $2079.83
Dream Fund $ 3.00 $ 733.00 $736.00
Youth Group $ 3.00 $ 11.00 $14.00
Votive Candle $ 5.10 $ 0.00 $ 5.10
Special Collection $ 3.00 $ 0.00 $ 3.00
Extra Collection $ 0.00 $ 0.00 $ 0.00
Please remember our Dream Campaign. Dream Fund MTD: $4,020.00

DECORATING THE CHURCH
Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 22nd when we will be decorating the church for Christmas following 8:00 a.m. Mass. Many hands make for light work. Your help is appreciated.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following food items for the Christmas boxes. You may leave your items in the vestibule.

- Extra Collection
- Votive Candle
- Special Collection
- Youth Group
- Dream Fund
- St. Bridget Parish

PLEASANT HILL LAY CLERGY ANGEL TREE
The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy yearly sponsors an “Angel Tree” for the wider communities of Pleasant Hill, East Lynne and Strasburg. It is separate from our Parish Angel Tree. If you know a family that needs help for Christmas, please direct them to the Thrift Store or Food Pantry to pick up a form by 11/22/19. During the week of Thanksgiving the “Angel Tree” will be at City Hall. Those wishing to adopt child(ren) may pick up an “Angel” and a letter with information. The last day to return gifts to City Hall is 12/14. Any questions, please call Marjio O’Malley at (816) 520-4232.
REFLECTION: The Obltacle of Pride

This reflection can be found at https://divinemercy.life/2019/11/18/reflection-322-the-obstacle-of-pride/

The Lord, in His abundant Mercy, comes to you day and night and joyfully enters your soul when it is open to Him. Even the greatest struggles do not deter our Lord from coming to you. But one thing, especially, keeps our Lord away. And that is pride. Pride is the mother of all sins and, simply put, is selfishness. It’s a way of turning in on yourself as your primary concern. The problem with this is that you were made, by God, for the purpose of giving yourself away. It’s in your very nature to become a gift to others. And only in giving of yourself to God and to others do you discover who you are and, in that act, you become who you were made to be. So pride, in its attempt to become self-centered, actually has the effect of destroying you. Pride leaves you with yourself and allows no room for another, not even God (See Diary #1563). Reflect upon the sin of pride today. Here is an examination for this sin: Pride is an untrue opinion of ourselves, an untrue idea of what we are not. Have I a superior attitude in thinking, or speaking or acting? Am I snobbish? Have I offensive, haughty ways of acting or carrying myself? Do I hold myself above others? Do I demand recognition? Do I desire to be always first? Am I ready to accept advice? Am I in any sense a “bully” or inclined to be “bossy”? Do I speak ill of others? Have I lied about others? Do I make known the faults of others? Is there anyone to whom I have not spoken of myself? In my arguments? Am I self-conscious? Am I sensitive? Am I easily wounded? Reflect honestly on these sins today and seek freedom from them. Lord, please free me from the self-centeredness that comes from pride. May I seek the good of others with all humility and sincerity. Free me from this sin, dear Lord, and help me to give myself away to You and to others, for in giving of myself I know I will find myself. Jesus, I trust in You.

DAILY READINGS
Saturday - Sunday, November 30 - December 1
The First Sunday of Advent
IS 2:1-5 | PS 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | ROM 13:11-14 | MT 24:37-44

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cf. Ps 25 (24): 1-3
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me, and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Ps 86 (84): 13
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Monday, December 2
IS 4:2-6 | PS 122:1-2, 3-4, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9 | MT 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3
St. Francis Xavier
IS 11:1-10 | PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | LK 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 5
IS 26:1-6 | PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A | MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6
St. Nicholas
IS 29:17-24 | PS 37:1, 4, 13-14 | MT 9:27-31

Saturday - Sunday, December 7-8
The Second Sunday of Advent
IS 11:1-10 | PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | ROM 15:4-9 | MT 3:1-12

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cf. Is 30: 19, 30
O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Bar 5: 5; 4: 36
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, November 30
5:00 p.m. + Carl and Betty Schuster
By Gary and Katy Crabtree

Sunday, December 1
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget

Monday, December 2
No Mass

Tuesday, December 3
9:00 a.m. + Sheila Dostal
By Gary and Katy Crabtree

Wednesday, December 4
6:00 p.m. For the intentions of Maria Paula Gonzalez & John Alexander Baquero

Thursday, December 5
8:00 a.m. Ed Volmer

Friday, December 6
No Mass

Saturday, December 7
5:00 p.m. + Mg. Henry Bauer
By Gary and Katy Crabtree

Sunday, December 8
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget

+
In Memory of Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses Rosary prayed 30 min. prior to weekend Masses Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed

2019/20 Second Collections Schedule
Please be generous. Thank you.

Dec. 1 DREAM Fund
Dec. 8 Religious Retirement
Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Jan. 5 DREAM Fund and Subscription Sunday for The Catholic Key
Jan. 20 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

REPORTING ABUSE
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:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at (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@ombudsmankcj.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 Services Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-3011 or chastain@diocesekaj.org for more information.

PARISH ANGEL TREE
The Secret Santas of St. Bridget set up an Angel Tree in the Vestibule to help make a few St. Bridget families’ Christmas extra special this year. Please consider taking a gift tag. Thank you!

• WRAPPING: Please attach gift-wrapped packages with the Ornament Gift Tag. Santa will match them with the correct child’s name.
• DELIVERY: Since Santa will be delivering gifts into the community, he needs enough time to make sure ALL the children’s gifts are under tree very early Christmas morning. Please deliver all Christmas gifts by the 3rd Sunday of Advent!
• MONEY: If you are giving a gift card, cash or checks please put in envelope and mark with Ornament #.
• REMINDER: When buying gifts please take into consideration the following things not allowed:
• 1.) Parental advisory CD’s (nothing with cuss words or sexual content) Walmart CD’s are all edited.
• 2.) Videos/DVD movies that are PGG or Rated R

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confirmation Class
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE Middle School Program
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, December 2
No Mass
7:00 p.m. Penance Service @ St. Margaret’s

Tuesday, December 3
8:25 a.m. Thursday, December 5
7:30 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Penance Service St. John LaLande

Wednesday, December 4
5:25 - 5:55 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. SOR beginning with Mass
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith
6:30 p.m. That Man Is You
7:00 p.m. **Penance Service @ St. Bridget**

Thursday, December 5
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 6
No Mass
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, December 7
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 8
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confirmation
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE Middle School Program
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve
St. Bridget 4:00 p.m. (Holy Day of Oblig.)
St. Patrick’s 6:30 p.m. New Year’s Eve 12/31
St. Bridget Midnight St. Patrick’s 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day
New Year’s Day 1/1/20
St. Bridget 8:00 a.m. St. Bridget 9:00 a.m.
St. Patrick’s 10:15 a.m.

ADVENT WREATHS & CANDLES FOR SALE
The Altar Society Advent wreaths & candles for sale in the vestibule. Wreath w/ candles are $15.50. A wreath is $12. Candles $3. Contact Pat Devolder.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR
As we now enter into the noble Season of Advent in our Catholic Faith, it is a time of preparation for our Lord’s Coming on Christmas Day. Let us recall that as the world keeps on pushing the envelope in selling Christmas items earlier and earlier so that before you know it, we will be preparing for Christmas starting in the month of August, we as Catholics do not carry out the same idea of Christmas as the consumerist culture we live in is pushing us to believe. Christmas is Christmas. It is a Catholic holy day. It is a day of unique beauty and wonderment at the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas gifts, these do not make Christmas special. They are secondary to the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our God into our world and becoming one of us to redeem us.

People always have a million ideas on how to make Christmas better. The straightforward way for us as Catholics is to dive into a better spirit of prayer, almsgiving to the poor, and sacrificial love for others. Christmas Day is grander due to our Lord’s more intimate encounter in our hearts and souls. Advent has begun. Let us do what we know we should be doing already. Let us invite those who have strayed from the Faith back for Christmas Day Mass. Let us invite those who don’t have any faith life at all. Let us have the true spirit of charity that is the self-emptying of our own wants and desires out of sacrificial love for others so as to help them draw closer to our Lord Christ Jesus this Christmas Day in 2019.

Father Vogel

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
A note from Father Vogel
Mark your Calendars for Advent Penance Services. This week is ours on Wednesday, December 4th. The regular parish confession schedule is as usual. All Penance Services are at 7:00 p.m. unless indicated otherwise.

Mon. Dec. 2 St. Margaret of Scotland in Lee’s Summit
Tue. Dec. 3 St. John LaLande in Blue Springs
Wed. Dec. 4 St. Bridget
Tue. Dec. 10 St. Patrick’s in Holden
Sun. Dec. 15 Our Lady of the Presentation in Lee’s Summit 6:30 pm
Tue. Dec. 17 Holy Spirit in Lee’s Summit
Wed. Dec. 18 St. Robert Bellarmine in Blue Springs
Thur. Dec. 19 Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville

Doing this differently from past years, at St. Bridget and St. Patrick’s, we will be opening our time for Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the time of silent prayer with our Chant music playing over the speakers, we will have priests available to hear your Confessions in the church. We will formally conclude with Benediction at 8:00pm. If you need to leave early, that’s ok. If you haven’t made your Confession yet and we are beginning the concluding ceremonies, please stay in your Confession line until you have made your Confession.

I wanted to provide the opportunity for people to pray in front of our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament during our Confessions at both parishes. Please take advantage of God’s Merciful Love that is always present in the Sacrament of Confession. It helps us all become a holier person thus helping us more to walk down the narrow path so as to enter into heaven and better prepare ourselves for His Coming on Christmas Day.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & DINNER
Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m.
Our annual Parish Christmas Program and Dinner is quickly approaching. We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR children’s Christmas Pageant at 5 p.m. in the church followed immediately by our Parish Christmas dinner (approximately at 5:15 p.m.) in Ledwidge Hall and the arrival of our very special North Pole guest. Our parish Christmas dinner is a wonderful and a well-attended event for our parish family & friends, especially with the children’s program. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for those who plan to attend. Our special North Pole guest will arrive in Ledwidge Hall during dinner where he will visit with the children! There is no cost for this event and all parisioners are welcomed. All we ask is that you bring a side dish & dessert to share (large enough to feed a family of four to six). We will provide the turkey and ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, and drinks. If you have any questions please, contact Rita Pilcher ritapilcher@gmail.com or the parish office.

LADIES DINNER
Saturday, December 7th. At 6:00 p.m.
Ladies mark your calendars for the Ladies Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 7th. This evening is very popular with our ladies here at St. Bridget! It’s an evening of wine, great food (served by our Knights of Columbus in tuxedo’s) and lots of fun & laughter. If you are new to St. Bridget, this is a great event to meet some of the ladies from our parish. Social Hour begins immediately following 5:00 p.m. Mass with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited, and guests are welcome. The cost is $10.00 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the oak table in the vestibule. Please sign-up by this weekend.