St. Bridget Parish
December 9 & 10, 2017

**Mass Schedule:**
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
**Weekdays:**
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am

**Holy Days:**
See Schedule in Bulletin

**Reconciliation:**
Sat: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
and 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

**Anointing 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 Kappeler, Deacon
- Tim Long, Business Manager
- Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth
  Religious Education
- Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant
- Bill Kennedy, Middle School EDGE
- Lisa Thomas, High School Youth Director

**Victim Services Coordinator:**
Kathleen Chastain - (816) 392-0011

**Ombudsman:**
Jennifer Valent - (816) 812-2500

Visit our web site: www.Stbridgetcatholicchurch.org
2103 N. Lexington Road  •  Pleasant Hill, MO 64080 or Email: stbridgetparish@embarqmail.com
Phone: (816) 540-4563  •  Fax (816) 540-2162
**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**December 9 & 10**

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Shalay Baldwin, Guy Einhorn
- 9:00 am: Rick Bouchard, Lorraine Hamilton

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: Ross & Charleen Dale, Clare Briggs
- 9:00 am: Pat & Trudy Garry, Liana Kilgore, Jami Karr, Katherine Sherban, Cathy Vogel, TBA

To Shut-ins:
- Susan Zaner

**SERVERS**
- 5:00 pm: Tommy Puffett, Ryan Schaller
- 9:00 am: Garrett & Ryan Csanad

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- 9:00 a.m.: Pat & Trudy Garry

**SACRISTAN:**
- 5:00 pm: Ross & Charleen Dale
- 9:00 am: Rick & Nancy Bouchard

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA
- 9:00 am: Thomsberrry, Sherban, Ruth, O'Connell

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
- Dec 9 & 10: Ellie’s Team
- Dec 15: Donna’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
- December 16: Donna’s Team

**CANTORS:**
- December 9 & 10: Laurie, Mary, & Steve w/ Laura Worms
- 9:00 am: 2nd Sunday Choir w/Daniel Yung

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND December 2 & 3**

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**ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**St. Bridget Finance Council**

**Chairman:** Ross Dale

**Gary Crabtree:**

**Greg Dustman**

**Joe Fedler:**

**Robert Radmacher**

**St. Bridget Parish Council**

**Chairman:**

**Rick Kirchell**

**Secretary:**

**Rita Pilcher**

**Members:**

**Bill Ruth**

**Melissa Thornsberry**

**Bob Dostal**

**Mark Bock**

**LADIES DINNER NEWS**

This evening is very popular with our ladies here at St. Bridget! It's an evening of wine, great food (served by our K of C 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 pm Mass with dinner being served at 6:20 pm. All Ladies of the parish are invited and guests are welcomed. The cost is $10.00 per person. The sign-up sheet is now located in the vestibule. Please sign-up by Dec 10th.

**CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday, December 23: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24: 9:00 am

(Please note that the above Masses DO NOT full fill your Christmas Mass Obligations.)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass
10:00 a.m.

Monday, New Year’s Day
9:00 a.m.

“INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?” Contact Msgr. Murphy at irmurphy@hotmail.com

**WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

Join us next Sunday following our 9 am Mass as we prepare St. Bridget for the upcoming Christmas Season. Many hands will make for quick work. See Donna Johnson & Susan Zaner after Mass next Sunday.

We will also need several men to help with bringing up the trees and heavy boxes of decorations.

We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR children’s Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm followed immediately by our Parish Christmas dinner (appx. 5:15 pm) 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 will be available next weekend for those who plan to attend.

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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 parishioners 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 & Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls, & drinks. If you have any questions please, contact Rita Pilcher or Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office.

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- **Total:** $5,815.38

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- **Total:** $135.00

**Votive Candle:**

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- **Total:** $1,035.00

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It’s HERE!! Join us this Sunday evening as we celebrate the story of the birth of baby Jesus told by our SOR children! Then following the program, join us in Ledwidge Hall for Dinner and to visit with Santa Clause!
**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

The 25th annual “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Archbishop James P. Keleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The reservation price is $175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913)207-9893 or mmmhspas512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

**FERTILITYCARE™ CENTER of Kansas City**

Freedom from contraception - a beautiful gift! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fullfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVP for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0196.

Shelby Schaller, FertilityCare Practitioner sschaller@fertilitycarekc.com www.fertilitycarekc.com

**Second Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 9/10, 2017**

Today’s second reading is about Christ’s coming again, “The day of the Lord,” Peter calls it, but that day isn’t December 25th. It’s that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

**The Jesse Tree**

Because Jesse was the father of David, the prophecy foretells an idealized time under a great king. When Christians hear this prophecy during Advent, we look farther down Jesse’s lineage all the way to Jesus. Jesus was the wolf. The calf and young lion will be the playmates of a child. The Jesse tree does not stop growing with Jesus. It continues with us. Through the new birth of baptism and the anointing of confirmation, God has filled us with the gift of anointed with God’s spirit and brought enemies together around a common belief in God's mercy.


**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Isaiah 11:1-10

**The Jesse Tree**

Today’s first reading inspired the Advent custom of the Jesse tree. During Advent some households read stories from the Bible about the people and events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Those who hear the stories create depictions of them and hang these on a tree. The idea of decorating a tree comes from Isaiah’s prophecy that “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.” A “Jesse tree” reminds us of God’s marvelous plan for salvation. The entire passage is filled with words of comfort. The Jesse tree is just one of the surprising ways through the voices of our children.

Second Sunday of Advent

**Online Giving**

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 to set up a regular 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 an easy 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.

All Penance Services are at 7:00 pm

**New Year's Day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018 as it falls on a Monday. Therefore, we will NOT have the previously scheduled New Year's Eve Mass. We WILL have Mass on New Year’s Day at 9 a.m. This will not be a Mass of Obligation.**


**2017 DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

All Penance Services are at 7:00 pm

- Tue, December 12th – Holy Spirit Parish
- Wed, December 13th – St. Robert’s Parish
- Thurs, December 14th – St. Margaret’s Parish
- Sun, December 17th – Presentation Parish
- Tue, December 19th – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reconciliation is also available Saturdays at St. Bridget from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment.
The Secret Santa’s of St. Bridget set up an Angel Tree in the Vestibule to help make few children and homeless individuals 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 person’s name.
- DELIVERY: Since Santa will be delivering gifts into the community, he needs enough time to make sure ALL the gifts are under the tree very early Christmas morning. Please contact Marj O'Malley or Laurie Jo Holmes if your gift might be a bit late.
- MONEY: If you are giving a gift card, cash or checks please put in envelope and mark with Tag #.
- 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) Wal-Mart CD’s are all edited.
  2.) Videos/DVD movies that are PG17 or Rated R.

Christmas Choir Practice for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass is next Sunday evening, December 10th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Last practice date & time is Monday, Dec 18th from 7 - 9:00 pm. All Choir Members asked to please attend.

New Address for Deacon Gary & Pam Kappler. Please write, call or come for a visit

Gary & Pam Kappler
513 N. Ely, Carrollton, MO 64633
816-726-4267/816-540-4156

Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Flowers

Remember your loved ones by purchasing memorial poinsettias that will help decorate our church during the Christmas Season. The price is $15 each.

Please complete the form and return to the parish office or place in the weekly collection basket by Sunday, December 10th.

Christmas Pageant & Parish Potluck Christmas Dinner
Christmas Choir Practice
Parish Ladies Dinner Following Mass
Church Decorating for Christmas
HSYG Gift Wrapping during Mass
Christmas Choir Practice
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