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ST. BRIDGET PARISH
December 10 & 11, 2016

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Phone: (816) 540-4563 ● Fax (816) 540-2162

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

Holy Days:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am

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

Annointing 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 (816) 540-4156
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thomsen, Secretary, Director of Youth Religious Education
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant, Director of Stewardship & Development
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Victim Services Coordinator:
Kathleen Chastain - (816) 392-0011
Ombudsman: Jenifer Valenti - (816) 812-2500
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Monsignor A. Robert Murphy
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WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET CONTINUED!

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**Liturgal Roles & Services**

December 10 & 11

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Guy Emhoff, Rita Jones
- 9:00 am: Larissa Hammond, Lori Merrigan

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: *Ross & Charleen Dale (Only 2 needed)
- 9:00 am: Nancy Bouchard, *Jane Fry, *Pam Kappler, Dick Danjou, Cathy Vogel, Tim Long

To Shut-ins:
Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm: Noah Rock
- 9:00 am: Caitlin O’Hanlon, Kaylerey Merrigan

**SCHEDULE**

SOR Christmas Program

Greg Dustman
grd21@hotmail.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

& Parish Christmas Dinner

Joe Fiedler
josefiedler1230@comcast.net

5:00 pm *Ross & *Charleen Dale (Only 2 needed) 9:00 am Nancy Bouchard, *Jane Fry, *Pam Kappler, Dick Danjou, Cathy Vogel, Tim Long

dbroex@aol.com

12/10 + LaDonna by Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes
12/11 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
12/12 + John Grimm by Gary & Katy Crabtree
12/13 + Andy Dix by Mary Alice Grimm
12/14 + Kilian Harvkey by Kilian’s Family
12/15 + Claudia Arendale by Ann Seibolt
12/16 Happy 93rd Birthday to Betty Heintzelman by Bill & Linda Heintzelman
12/17 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
12/18 + Gina Honegger by Mike & Laura Palomba
12/19 + In Memory of

MOBILE PHONE:

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Matthew 11:3

There are so many distractions in our world, it can be hard to focus on the important issues, God’s issues. The season of Advent encourages us to focus our faith, energies and interests on building up God’s kingdom.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

December 3 & 4

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Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,008.35 for our principal and interest payment.

December Debt (Collected only) $5,204.10, $4,004.38 for principal and interest payment

There is no cost for this event and all parishioners are welcome.

Parishioners are asked to please bring a side dish & dessert to share (large enough to feed a family of four to six).

If you have any questions please, contact Rita Pilcher or Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

December

11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Memorial Order Deadline
2nd Collection for Religious Retirement
5 pm SOR Program
5:20 Potluck Dinner
16 – 4th Sunday for December 25th Bulletin
17 – Parish Ladies Dinner
18 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Church Decorating
19 – Final Christmas Choir Rehearsal
23 – Parish Office Closed Today
24 – 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
25 – 10 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
31 – No 5pm Vigil Mass

We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm followed immediately by our Parish Christmas dinner (approx. 5:20 pm) and the arrival of our very special North Pole guest. Our parish Christmas dinner is a wonderful and well-attended event for our parish family & friends, especially with the children’s program.

Our special North Pole guest will arrive in Ledwidge Hall during dinner where he will visit with the children!

**SOR Christmas Program & Parish Christmas Dinner**

This Sunday Evening

Join us THIS Sunday evening for our SOR Christmas Program and then join us for our Parish Christmas Dinner immediately afterwards!

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**NO 5 pm Mass**

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

**NO 9 am Mass**

Sunday, January 1, 2017
New Year’s Day Mass:
9:00 a.m.
**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS:** The 24th annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. 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, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, Kansas and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception Seminary College. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The reservation price is $175 per person with ten seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913)207-9893 or mmhodss512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

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**From Msgr. Murphy:**

As you can tell from the rose-colored vestments this Sunday, this is “Gaudete” Sunday. “Gaudete” means “Rejoice.” We rejoice that the birth of Christ is near. We hear the prophecy of Isaiah today that when the Messiah comes, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, and the mute will speak. When John the Baptist sent word from prison asking Jesus if he was the Messiah, Jesus quoted from this Isaiah reading that, indeed, those with infirmities were brought cured.

I give thanks this weekend for everyone who is working so hard on our School of Religion presentation and our Parish Dinner. (I love turkey and will hover around the leftovers hoping to swoop in and get a little white meat to take home! If I don’t get any turkey, I can depend upon Santa to put some in his bag for me.)

We have two remaining Deenery Penance Services this week. Both are at 7:00 pm, Wednesday is at Holy Spirit and Thursday is at St. Robert. If you haven’t gone yet, plan to go. You can feel the sanctifying grace!

Msgr. Robert Murphy

**Angels Tree**

Thank you very much for your participation in the Angel Tree Project. Your generosity is overwhelming and wonderful.

Please package presents (wrapped or unwrapped) with the ornament tag in the Christmas Box by the Angel Tree as soon as possible. Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity.

**In Thanksgiving for Life, attend the FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198, Para Espanol llama Brooklyn Salazar, FCPI 816-398-9327.**

Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph has an immediate need for a handymen at the Northwest Missouri office in St. Joseph, MO working between the hours of 8:30-5:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Basic repair skills and experience required. Volunteers are also needed at the St. Joseph, MO office to answer the telephone between the hours of 8:30-5:30pm, Monday-Thursday.

The St. Joseph office is located at 1123 S. 10th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64503. Interested candidates and volunteers can contact Tara McGranaghan, Chief Human Resource Officer at tmgranaghan@ccharities.com or 816-659-8220.

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

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 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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@at.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@diosseek.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).
**WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 11**
- 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Ladies Parish Dinner by Today
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass - 2nd Collection
- Deadline for Christmas Memorials
- 5:00 pm SOR Program immediately followed by Christmas Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 pm Presentation Penance Service

**Monday, December 12**
- 8:30 am Mass
  - No Finance Council
  - No Parish Council

**Tuesday, December 13**
- 8:30 am Mass
  - 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

**Wednesday, December 14**
- 8:30 am Mass
  - 6:00 pm TMIY #13
  - 6:30 pm SOR
  - 6:30 pm Women of Faith
  - 7:00 pm Holy Spirit Penance Service

**Thursday, December 15**
- 8:30 am Mass
  - 7:00 pm St. Robert’s Penance Service

**Friday, December 16**
- 8:30 am Communion Service
  - 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for December 25th Bulletin

**Saturday, December 17**
- 4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
  - 5:00 pm Mass
  - 6:20 pm Altar & Rosary Group

**Sunday, December 18**
- 4th Sunday of Advent
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Church Christmas Decorating
  - 10:15 am Confirmation
  - 6:00 pm EDGE & HSYG

**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

16 CLOTHING DRIVE ENDS THIS SUNDAY: If you have not checked your closets yet or brought in your donations, it is not too late. The Clothing Drive ends this Sunday. We are in need of clothing for babies, toddlers, children, teens, women, and men, virtually all clothes in good shape. All donations will go to Catholic Charities.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

Join us after Mass next Sunday morning, to decorate St. Bridget for our upcoming Christmas Season. Many hands make for quick work. A volunteer sign-up is located on the Oak table.

We will also need several men to help with bringing up the trees and heavy boxes of decorations. Please see Donna Johnson & Susan Zaner immediately following next Sunday’s Mass for directions.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Soup, juice, canned pasta, Mac & Cheese, & tuna.

The Christmas Food Baskets: Distribution dates for the Christmas Food Baskets at the Food Pantry located at 100 Veterans Pkwy, Pleasant Hill can still be picked up December 15 and 22 during normal Food Pantry hours.

Donation Items that we need in addition to regular food donations are: Turkeys, turkey breast, and hams (both large and small ones), cake mixes & frosting, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, chicken or turkey gravy, potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, jello and canned fruit.

**LADY CLERGY NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL Poinsettia Flowers**

$15 each. Please complete the form and return to the parish office or place in the weekly collection basket by December 18th.

**LADIES DINNER NEWS**

Ladies the sign-up sheet for the Ladies Dinner on Saturday, December 17th is now located in the vestibule on the small white table. Please sign up by this Sunday, December 17th. Social Hour begins immediately following 5:00 pm Mass with dinner being served at 6:20 pm. All Ladies of the parish are invited.

**PRISON MINISTRY**

Through the past 6 years, parishioners of St. Bridget have actively participated in the Prison Ministry by supporting Tyler Toomay with prayers, letters and money for his college courses. Please do remember him again this Christmas by sending him a card and your prayers. Your cards will be all the Christmas decorations he will see and is allowed to have. Address labels are on the table in the vestibule. We also would like to send him a small amount with a money order through Missouri Department of Correction in Jefferson City. Tyler is able to buy personal items, paper, stamps and some food in the commissary.

On behalf of Tyler, thank you and God Bless you.

Tyler Toomay #1234157-6-D-272 Crossroads Correctional Center
1115 E Pence Road
Cameron, MO 64429-8804

Please Print Your Name: _______________________________

For The Intention of: _______________________________

Please Print In Memory of: _______________________________

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**SOR NEWS**

SOR WEATHER CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

The St. Bridget SOR cancellation procedure will follow the Pleasant Hill School District for cancellation of classes due to bad weather. If Pleasant Hill Schools have been dismissed early or cancelled completely due to bad weather, St. Bridget’s SOR program will be cancelled that evening as well.

December SOR Schedule:
- 11th – Christmas Program & Parish Potluck Dinner
- 14th – Class – In the room Christmas Celebrations
- 21st – No Class/Christmas Vacation
- 28th – No Class/Christmas Vacation

**AN ADVENT SERIES FOR WOMEN: HOLY WOMEN**

A series designed to examine holiness by introducing Holy Women of every age. Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-6:30 pm Social & Gathering Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Presentation. Adult Ed Classroom in the SOR Building

December 14: Mary, Mother of God

Last Christmas Choir Practice
- Monday, Dec 19th
- 7:15 pm.
- All Christmas Choir Members are asked to please attend.

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 11th.

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