**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

**Liturgical Roles & Services**

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<td>5:00 pm Jim Holmes, Ann Seibolt 9:00 am Rick Bouchard, Chris Porter</td>
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<td>5:00 pm Ross Dale, Lisa Kehoe 9:00 am Nancy Bouchard, Dick Danjou, Pat &amp; Trudy Garry, Janti Karr, Katherine Sheehan 5:00 pm *Reddy &amp; Carolee Thompson, Marie Cramer 9:00 am To Shut-ins: Mary Alice Grimm</td>
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<td>5:00 pm Tommy Puffett, TBA 9:00 am Ryan Edmburn, Lily Spear</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m. Bob &amp; Sheryl Baldwin</td>
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<td><strong>SACRISTAN:</strong></td>
<td>5:00 pm Mike &amp; Arlene Casey 9:00 am Rick &amp; Nancy Bouchard</td>
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- December 14 Elsie’s Team
- December 15 Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes
- December 16 Joe & Gina Honegger by Mike & Laura Palomba
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- December 18 + Joe & Gina Henegger by Mike & Laura Palomba
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- December 21 Rita’s Team

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**Christmas Schedule**

- December 24th Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
- December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- January 1, 2016 New Year’s Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

**Angel Tree**

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

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Leasing at the Catholic Center

The Catholic Center (at 20 W. 9th Street in downtown Kansas City) has a leasing opportunity with 5 floors of approximately 14,300 sq. ft. per floor. The floors are finished out with open floor plans and perimeter conference rooms. Each floor can be divided into smaller offices of 2500 sq. ft.; 4000 sq. ft.; 7,000 sq. ft. or the entire floor. Parking at 4 spaces per 1000 sq. ft. ratio is also available for a monthly fee. Lease rates are starting at $12 per sq. ft. Full Service. Tenant Finish improvements would be amortized over the term of the lease.

The building has the proper zoning to permit mixed use or residential development. Anyone interested in doing residential or senior living development are welcome to contact us. For information, contact Ron Jury, Jury & Associates, Inc. 913 648-3513.

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

From Msgr. Murphy

(1) I have been having so many doctor’s appointments lately, I feel like a Medical Student’s homework.)

Dec. 8 began “The Year of Mercy” proclaimed by Pope Francis. It runs until Nov. 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King. By declaring the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has underscored the signature message of his pontificate: Mercy. He certainly exemplifies it in what he says and does.

As part of “The Year of Mercy”, you can obtain a Plenary Indulgence. The Code of Canon Law explains a Plenary Indulgence as “the remission of the temporal punishment due for sins, the guilt of which has already been forgiven in the sacrament of reconciliation”. This can be obtained for yourself or for someone else. What do you need to do?

1) Visit a designated shrine.
   (In our Diocese that would be: The Cathedral (either in K.C. or St. Joe); Conception Abbey Basilica (in Conception, Mo); Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (in K.C.); Sacred Heart/Guadalupe church (in K.C.); Sacred Heart Church (in Warrensburg); or Holy Rosary Church (in Clinton). Each of these have designated their Doors as “Holy Doors” during this Year of Grace.

2) Be in a State of Grace when making this “pilgrimage”

3) Go to Holy Mass and pray for the intentions of the “pilgrimage”

During this “Year of Mercy”, we should look to doing both THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY as well as the CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY. What are they?

**THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

1) Admonish Sinners. 2) Instruct the Uninformed 3) Correct vice and sin.

**THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

1) Feed the Hungry 2) Clothe the Naked 3) Shelter the Homeless 4) Comfort the Sorrowful 5) Visits the Sick 6) Bury the Dead.

**MSGR. MURPHY**

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Imagine the freedom they felt at these words from Zephaniah: “The Lord has removed the judgment against you.” Their time of punishment was over. They could return to their homeland to worship, to work, to reunite with family—and to play. God gave them release.

Children who delight in freedom sometimes miss another truth: Their parents are happy, too. When punishment is over and children are free, parents are proud that their children have grown.

As we journey through the Advent season and enter fully into this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we join Bishop Johnston as we strive to live out Jesus’ proclamation that “Blessed Are the Merciful.” The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal) unites us in serving not only our Catholic community but also our neighbors in need. Please give generously so others may benefit from the parish and diocesan ministries funded by the annual appeal.

Go online to www.kcycgivelogan.org or use the form in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of gran, call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363.

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 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.

**ONLINE GIVING**

**GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS**

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a Weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage everyday!

The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 29-31, 2016.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.worldwidemarriageday.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarzbz@prodigy.net

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse of children and youth. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, please contact the following organizations:

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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JenniferValenti@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 Advocate Mary Bultmann at 816-392-0011 or bultmann@diocesekc.org for more information.

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3rd Sunday of Advent C 1

Zephaniah 3:14-15a

**Lesions Learned**

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December

13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, 5 pm SOR Christmas Program & 5:30 pm Parish Potluck Dinner Deadline for Christmas Memorials

15 – Christmas Choir Practice

20 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Church Decorating

22 – Final Christmas Choir Rehearsal

24 – 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

25 – 10 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass

31 – Parish office opened today

No 5pm Vigil Mass

January

1 – 10:00 am Mass; Holy Day of Obligation “Mary, The Holy Mother of God”
Sunday, December 13
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass-2nd Collection Christmas Memorial Deadline
5:00 pm OR Christmas Program
5:30 pm Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner

Monday, December 14
8:30 am Mass
No Finance or Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 15
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group
6:30 pm Christmas Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 16
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm SOR
6:30 pm Women of Faith
6:30 pm TMY

Thursday, December 17
8:30 am Mass
Friday, December 18
8:30 am Communion Service
1 pm Deadline for Dec 27th Bulletin

Saturday, December 19
4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 20
4th Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Church Decorating
For Christmas Immediately following Mass

Join us after Mass next Sunday, December 20th to decorate St. Bridget for our upcoming Christmas Season. Many hands make for quick work. We need several men to help with bringing up the trees and heavy boxes of decorations.

Please see Donna Johnson & Susan Zaner immediately following Mass for directions.

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**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**TWO CHANCES TO HEAR MATTHEW KELLY IN PERSON ALONG WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST ELIOT MORRIS:** Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly will present Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose on Friday, April 22nd, 2016 from 6:30 pm-10:30 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13615 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS 66215. If unable to see him on the 22nd then join us Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 from 9:00 am-1:30 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Community 16000 West 143rd Street, Olathe, KS 66062.

Due to the popularity of this event, we would like to order as many tickets now before they are sold out. Tickets are available for $39. If you would like to attend one of these presentations, please contact Stephanie Lewis at 816-987-2768 or the parish office ASAP.

**Food Pantry Needs--canned soup, crackers, juice, peanut butter, jello, and bread or buns.**

**THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS will be distributed on Thursday, December 17th, during regular food pantry hours.**

**Love Fund:** To purchase gifts for children in Pleasant Hill the Angels will be on the Tree at City Hall beginning Dec 16th. The tree is refilled as applications are turned in.

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**ST. BRIDGET T'SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

Do you need ideas for a Christmas gift? What about a St. Bridget t-shirt? We have adult & youth sizes. Contact the parish office to purchase yours now! Cost is $15.00.

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Christmas Holiday:
Office will Close at 3:00 pm December 23rd
Closed December 24th
Closed December 25th

Open for regular business hours Monday, December 26th

New Year’s Holiday Hours:
Office Close at 3:00 pm on December 31st
Closed January 1st
Open for regular business hours Monday, January 4th.

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**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**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.

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**YOUTH NEWS**

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**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

**Christmas Memorial Poinsettia**

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 13th.

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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DECORATING**

For The Intention of:
St. Bridget along with Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville, the past several years has had a hat, glove, coat drive for the Morning Glory cafe downtown for those in need, males only. We are now able to expand this drive. We can take all adult male as well as female clothes, hats, gloves, shoes, dresses, virtually all clothes in good shape. What does not go to Morning Glory will go to Catholic Charities clothes closet at 850 Main. There is a blue barrel in the vestibule to place you donations.