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Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Weekdays:
Monday & Friday - No Mass
Tuesday 12:00 pm; Wednesday 9:00 am; Thursday 9:00 am

Holy Days:
See Schedule in Bulletin

Reconciliation:
Tues 11:25 – 11:55 am
Wed & Thurs 8:25 – 8:55 am
Sun. 7:30 – 7:50 am and by appointment

Baptism:
Parent preparation session is required. Please call church office prior to the birth.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Every Thursday from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Anointing of Sick:
As requested after Mass and by appointment.

Marrige:
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.

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### Liturgical Roles & Services

**December 15 & 16**

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: DJ Breitbach, Guy Emhoff
- 8:00 am: Laura Long, Damon Carrasco

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: Dan Zanter
- 8:00 am: Tim Long, Sharon O’Hanlon, Laurie Jo Holmes

**Homebound:** Susan Zanter

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm: Curtiss & Ryan Schaller
- 8:00 am: Anna & Olivia Carrasco

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- 5:00 p.m: Rick Bouchard
- 8:00 a.m: Bob & Shirley Baldwin

**SACRISTAN:**
- 5:00 pm: Ed McEvoy & Rita Pilcher
- 8:00 am: Tim Long

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA
  - 8:00 am: Sheehan, Ruth, Thomsenber, Need 1 More

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
- December 15 & 16 Rita’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
- December 22: Delaware team

**CANTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA w/David Bremer
- 8:00 am: Katie Long w/Daniel Yung

### Liturgical Roles for Christmas Eve & Christmas

**December 22 & 23**

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Jim Holmes, Rita Jones
- 8:00 am: Mary Grahl, DJ Breitbach

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: Maurice Devolder
- 8:00 am: Pat & Trudy Gary, Cathy Vogel

**Homebound:** Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm: Tavin Glass
- 8:00 am: Owen & Kennedy Thomsenber

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- 5:00 pm: Maurice & Pat Devolder
- 8:00 am: Pat & Trudy Gary

**SACRISTAN:**
- 5:00 pm: Maurice & Pat Devolder
- 8:00 am: Pat & Trudy Gary

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA
- 8:00 am: Kelch, Heinzleiman, Saubers, Glass

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

**December 15 & 16**

**Collection**
- St. Bridget Parish: $3,834.00 + $1,563.44 $5,397.44
- Dream Fund: $5,680.00 + $305.00 $5,985.00
- Youth Group: $5.00 + $0.00 $5.00
- Votive Candle: $4.00
- Special Collection: $689.53
- Extra Collection: $245.00

**Please remember our Dream Campaign**

**December Dream Fund MTD:** $7,638.50

### 2018 DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION

2018 Penance Service

- 12/16: Presentation 6:30 pm
- 12/18: St. Robert’s 7:00 pm

Reconciliation is also available Sundays at St. Bridget from 7:30 – 7:50 am and by appointment.

Help is needed with clean up following our Christmas Potluck. A sign-up sheet is located on the small white table in the vestibule.

### ST. BRIDGET’S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**New Mass Times Begin on November 3 & 4**

**Saturday:**
- Mass – 5:00 pm

**Sunday:**
- 7:30 am – 7:50 am Reconciliation
- Rosary – 7:30 am
- Mass – 8:00 am

**Christmas Eve (December 24, 2018)**
- Mass – 4:00 pm
  - (Office Closed Christmas Eve)

**Christmas Day (December 25, 2018)**
- Mass – 8:00 am
  - (Holy Day of Obligation) (Office Closed)

**Mary Mother of God (January 1, 2019 Holy Day of Obligation)**
- Mass – 9:00 am
  - (Office Closed)

**Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019)**
- No Daily Mass
- Mass – 7:00 pm

We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR children’s Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm and immediately afterwards 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.

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.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED! BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!!!**
If you are wanting to donate money specifically for the Chapel to our Mother Mary or to help in placing our Tabernacle in the middle of our church, please write your checks to “St. Bridget Catholic Church,” and write the word “Chapel” on the memo line. You can also put your money in any kind of envelope (meaning it does not need to be a church envelope specifically) with the word “Chapel” on the front of the envelope and your name so that we can credit your tithing for your taxes at the end of the year. These can be put into the collection basket or turned in to the parish office.

God the Holy Spirit continues to guide us today. We all may recall that in 2011, the Roman Missal (this is the big fat book that the priest says the prayers from during Mass) was updated in its translation from Latin into English. The Roman Missal is one of the governing books in how Mass is to be done according God the Holy Spirit’s instruction from Vatican II. Another book, known as the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (the acronym to this is the “GIRM” and yes, it is pronounced like “germ”) is another governing text that helps us as Catholics to learn how Mass is to be celebrated according to God the Holy Spirit’s instructions from Vatican II.

According to the GIRM from the introductory paragraph, paragraph #1, it states, “As Christ the Lord was about to celebrate with the disciples the paschal supper institutes the sacrifice of His Body and Blood, he commanded that a large, furnished upper room be prepared (Lk 22:12). Indeed, the Church has always judged that this command also applied itself whenever she decided about things related to the disposition of people’s minds, and of places, rites, and texts for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist [meaning the Mass]. The present norms, too, presided in keeping with the will of the Second Vatican Council, together with the new Missal with which the Church of the Roman Rite will henceforth celebrate the Mass, are again a demonstration of this same solicitude of the Church, of her faith and her unaltered love for the supreme mystery of the Eucharist, and also attest to her continuous and consistent tradition, even though certain new elements have been introduced.”

I have always found that most Catholics love candles, whether for the Advent wreath, lighting a candle account or of a saint’s statue or the Blessed Virgin Mary, etc. What about candles on the Altar? Here is what the GIRM states. Remember, the GIRM is one of the governing books on how the Mass is to be done because it’s God the Holy Spirit giving us these instructions, thus we are giving worship according to God’s instructions. On the paragraph about candles on the Altar, from paragraph #17, we read, “The altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candles with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a Holyday of Obligation, if the Diocesan Bishop celebrates, then seven candles with lighted candles. Likewise, on the altar or close to it, there is to be a cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified.”

Here we notice that God the Holy Spirit is telling us that it is worthy to have, “…four or six [candles on the Altar] for each Sunday Mass or a Holyday of Obligation” (my emphasis added). Furthermore, “…on the altar or close to it, there is to be a cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified.” Since God the Holy Spirit is instructing us to have six candles for Sunday Mass and for there to be an Altar crucifix, we will have these at both St. Bridget and St. Patrick's parishes. We will also be following the example of the Shepherd for our diocese, meaning Bishop Johnston. Whenever our bishop celebrates Mass at the Cathedral in Kansas City, he always has this arrangement of six candles and Altar crucifix on the Altar, showing his preference and adherence to God the Holy Spirit’s instructions as we just read in the paragraph above. Plus, he has this on his own private Altar as well at his residence.

The six candles also remind us of our Jewish heritage. The six candles should prompt us to recall the Jewish menorah, but the 7th candle is replaced by the Altar Crucifix. The Altar crucifix has the body of Jesus Christ on it, Jesus, as we read from St. John’s Gospel, He is the Light of the world, giving light to the absolutely everything and most particularly our lives as we journey more into the Truth. We see this most explicitly at the Easter Vigil Mass with the Easter Paschal Candle and it is carried on too with the Altar Candles. We also see this at Christmas, when in the darkest time of the year, the true Light of the world is born amongst us in a manger in Bethlehem. The true Light in the Babe of Jesus Christ piercing the darkness of the world and bringing forth hope.

This arrangement of six Altar candles and Altar Crucifix is all about giving God more Glory. The congregation’s focus is forced even more to be at the Altar, not the priest, but on the Altar thanks to the six Altar candlesticks and Altar Crucifix. Why? So as to draw our eyes to the mystical yet very real reality of the bread and wine being changed, being transformed into the Body and Blood of God in the Person of Jesus Christ as we enter into the amazing re-presentation of the Sacrifice of the Cross being made present on our altar. (To be continued...)
WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

CHURCH DECORATING: Following Mass this Sunday morning we need your help to decorate St. Bridget for our upcoming Christmas Season. Many hands make for quick work. We will also need several men to help with bringing up the trees and heavy boxes of decorations following Mass. ⬇

ANGEL TREE GIFTS: Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Angel Tree. If you have not brought your gift yet, please do so as soon as possible. ⬇

The Pleasant Hill Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Soups, Peanut Butter, Pasta & Spaghetti & Sauce. Thank you for your generous support of the Food Pantry.

WELCOME!

If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and register with us. Forms are available in the vestibule, parish office or online at www.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org.

If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home.

ST. BRIDGET’S YOUTH NEWS

EDGE meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. If you would like to join or have any questions you may contact Bill Kennedy for more information.

High School Youth Group: HSYG meets on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like to join or have any questions, please contact Ryan O’Hanlon at rmohanlan@gmail.com or (816) 726-2746

SOR SCHEDULE:

December

16 – St. Bridget Christmas Program & Potluck Dinner with a visit from Santa
19 - 26 Christmas Break

Attention Christmas Choir Members: We only have 2 more practices before Christmas Eve. It is extremely important that everyone please attend these last two practices.

Next practice is this Sunday, Dec 16th at 9:30 am following Mass in Ledwidge Hall.

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 16th.

December

16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Christmas Choir Practice
Parish Program & Christmas Dinner
Church Decorating Following Mass

23 – 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve Choir Practice
24 – 4pm Christmas Eve Mass
Parish Office Closed

25 – 8am Christmas Day Mass
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Parish Office Closed
31 – New Year’s Eve
Parish Office Closes @ 3:00 pm

January

01 – New Year’s Day
Parish Office Closed
Holy Day of Obligation Mass 9 am

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Next practice is this Sunday, Dec 16th at 9:30 am following Mass in Ledwidge Hall.

Last practice Sunday, Dec 23rd, 9:30 am.

For Our St. Bridget Christmas Program & Parish Pot Luck Dinner This Sunday Evening, December 16th at 5:00 pm