Liturgical Roles & Services

December 16 & 17

LECTORS:
5:00 pm      Steve Himmelberg, Joan Galbraith
9:00 am      Jim Holmes, Laurie Jo Holmes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm      *Susan & *Dan Zaner, Maurice Devilder
9:00 am      *Stephanie Dustman, Linda Ochs, Dick Danjou, Laurie Jo Holmes, *Liana Kilgore, Pat & Trudy Garry
To Shut-ins: Marjio Malley

SERVERS:
5:00 pm      Noah Bock, Owen Thorndberry
9:00 am      Caitlin O’Hanlon, Kaylee Merigan

ROSARY LEADERS:
9:00 a.m.     Peter & Katherine Sheehan

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5:00 pm      Ed Medlock & Rita Pilcher
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5:00 pm      TBA
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MONEY COUNTERS:
Dec 16 & 17  Rita’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS:
December 23  Joyce Wheeldon’s Team

CANTORS:
5:00 pm      Ross & Charleen Dale, *Cindy Glass
9:00 am      *Susan & *Dan Zaner, Maurice Devilder, Pat & Trudy Garry, Laurie Jo Holmes, *Liana Kilgore
To Shut-ins: Cathy Vogel

LEADERS:
5:00 pm      April Riley, Ann Seibolt
9:00 am      Lori Merigan, DJ Breitbach

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December 9 & 10

Collection        EFT        Total
St. Bridget Parish:  $3,743.35  +  $1,475.00  $5,218.35
Dream Fund:  $5,405.00  +  $465.00  $5,870.00
Youth Group:  $50.00  +  $0.00  $50.00
Votive Candle:  $60.00
Special Collection:  $1,696.50
Extra Collection:  $50.00

Please remember our Dream Campaign
December Dream Fund MTD: $8,401.00

December 16 – December 24

12/16 + Kevin Zaner by Kathy Grattan
12/17  Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
12/19 + Mary Lou Cassidy by Mike & Sharon O’Hanlon
12/20 + Adelaide O’Hotta
12/21 + Kevin Zaner by Rick & Nancy Bouchard
12/23 + Carl Schuster by Betty Schuster
12/24  9:00 am Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
4:00 pm Larry Neville
6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Prayer
Lord, forgive me for all of my sins.
Something to Draw
Draw John the Baptist in the desert talking to the people and baptizing them.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND

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Sharing the Gospel
People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

Mission for the Week
Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.
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. SGS 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 mmmhops512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

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Third Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 16/17, 2017
In today’s second reading, Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it’s not. The two words that make this task difficult are “always” and “all.” This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewsards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

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@att.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.

From Msgr. Murphy:
Happy “Gaudete” (“Rejoice”) Sunday. We rejoice that the commemoration of our Lord's birth is near! We rejoice that we have been given faith! We rejoice that faith promises everlasting life!

One thing about John the Baptist: he knew who he was and who he wasn’t. "I'm not the light." He came to testify to the Light and make straight the way of the Lord! What can we say or do to prepare for His coming this Christmas?

Next Sunday is the shortest 4th Sunday of Advent that I can remember. It runs just a matter of a few hours. Next Tuesday (Nov. 19) is the last of the Deanery Penance Service and it’s right down the road at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you haven’t gone to confession this Advent, plan to make that one. I’ll be there as well.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Tuna, Ramen Noodles, Soup & Juice.

Food Basket Items Needed: Items that we need in addition to regular food donations are: Turkeys, cranberry sauce, & canned sweet potatoes/yams.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

2017 DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION
All Penance Services are at 7:00 pm
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.

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.
WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 17
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
9:00 am HSYG Gift Wrapping
10:00 am Church Decorating
10:00 am Confirmation
6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, December 18
8:30 am Mass
7:0-9 pm Final Christmas Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 19
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

Wednesday, December 20
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm TMF
1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for December 31st Bulletin

Thursday, December 21
8:30 am Mass

Friday, December 22
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Bible Study

Saturday, December 23
4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 24
4th Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
Christmas Eve
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THANK YOU!!

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PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE – REGISTRATION OPEN! Activity Leaders Thonya Kennedy and Laurie Jo Holmes invite you to participate in or sponsor a St. Bridget youth for the March for Life Pilgrimage, which will take place January 17-20, 2018. It includes the Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica, sightseeing on the National Mall, a Youth Rally and Mass, meetings with U.S. Legislators, a Rally on the National Mall, the March for Life, and the spiritual, educational, and social experience of a lifetime! Learn more at http://www.respectlifekc.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html.

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 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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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:
20th – No Class/Christmas Vacation
27th – No Class/Christmas Vacation

January 2018
3rd – Class Resumes

CHURCH DECORATING

Join us this Sunday morning following 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.

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

Thank you very much for your participation in the HSYG gift wrapping project. Your generosity is overwhelming and wonderful. Please place your gifts wrapped or unwrapped on the altar with the Angel Tree to be collected by the St. Bridget Youth Group. Merry Christmas to our parish!

Important Choir News

CLIP & SAVE

GIFT WRAPPING

On Sunday, December 17th the HSYG will once again like to wrap your Christmas Gifts while you are at Mass. Parishioners can drop off gifts before mass with a gift tag in the Christmas Box by the Angel Tree. We have the paper & bows! After Mass just stop by and pick up your wrapped gifts. Merry Christmas to our parish!

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CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday, December 23rd: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th – 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.

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