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St. Bridget Parish
December 1 & 2, 2018

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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: Tue 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 Sickness: 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 parishesioner.

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:
Fr. Curt Vogel, Pastoral Administrator
Fr Vogel2015@gmail.com
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
Irish girl7976@yahoo.com
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant lhimmelberg@embarqmail.com
Bill Kennedy, Middle School EDGE
BillKennedy2009@gmail.com
Ryan O’Hanlon, High School Youth Director rohanlon@gmail.com

Please note the NEW Liturgical Schedule for St. Bridget Weekend Masses & Reconcilliation:

Saturday
No Confessions
5:00 pm Mass
Sunday
Confession 7:30 - 7:50 am
8:00 am Mass

Daily Mass Schedule will stay the same
December 1 & 2

LECTORS:
5:00 pm Katy Crabtree, Rita Jones
8:00 am Rick Bouchard, DB Breitbach

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm Navy Glass
8:00 am Dick Danzus, Chris Porter, Cathy Vogel

Homebound: Cathy Vogel

SERVANTS:
5:00 pm Tavin Glass, Need 1 More
8:00 am Aidan Fleischmann, Wyatt Newman

RASPY LEADERS:
5:00 p.m Bill Kennedy
8:00 a.m. Rich Bouchard

SACRISTAN:
5:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder
7:00 am Rick & Nancy Bouchard

USHERS:
5:00 pm TBA
8:00 am Homezain, Saubers, Glass, Hawkins

MONEY COUNTERS:
December 1 & 2 Stephanie’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS:
December 5 Louise’s team

CANTORS:
5:00 pm Kaitlin Long w/Justin Hurst
8:00 am Laurie Jo Holmes w/Judy Wolf

December 8 & 9

LECTORS:
9:00 am Katy Crabtree, Chris Porter
5:00 pm Lori Merrigan, Greg Dustman
8:00 am Mary Grahl, Shirley Baldwin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
9:00 am Mary O’Malley
5:00 pm Stefanie Dusman
8:00 am Marijo O’Malley, Pat & Trudy Garry

Homebound: Marijo O’Malley

SERVANTS:
9:00 am Adam, Seth, Ella Greenwald
5:00 pm Kaylee Merrigan, Need 1 More
8:00 am Leland Edernban, Garrett & Ryan Canaan

RASPY LEADERS:
5:00 p.m Barry Schaller
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter

SACRISTAN:
9:00 am Mike & Arlene Casey
5:00 pm Mary Ann Batliner & Stephanie Lewis
8:00 pm Pat & Trudy Garry

ROASRY LEADERS:
5:00 p.m. Barry Schaller
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter

MONEY COUNTERS:
December 8 & 9 Breitbach Team

CHURCH CLEANERS:
December 15 Mario’s team

CANTORS:
9:00 am TBA w/TBA
5:00 pm Kaitlin Long w/Justin Hurst
8:00 am Greg Ochs & 2nd Sunday Choir w/Judy Wolf

St. Bridget Christmas Dinner

December 1 & 2

ST. BRIDGET’S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Mass Times Begin on November 3 & 4

Saturday:
Mass – 5:00 pm

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

Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2018)
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass – 9:30 am (Does not fulfill the Sunday Obligation for this weekend)

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)
Mass – 9:00 am
(Office Closed)

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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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 using our online giving portal. Set up a regular monthly donation transaction, change your current transactions, or give a one-time gift to St. Bridget.

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 tithe for the next year. These can be put into the collection basket or turned in to the parish office.

St. Bridget is currently looking for a few more ushers to help during our weekend & special Masses. Ladies, we would like you to also consider signing up to become an usher. If you have any questions, you may contact Bill Ruth for more information.

A sign-up sheet has been placed on the small white table in the vestibule for those who would like to join this ministry.

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Understanding Why Mass is Done The Way It Is In the Catholic Church and Other Catechetical Notes on the Catholic Faith:
This is also an interesting point to bring up for Catholics in the USA. We live in a country that is a democracy. This has seeped into our mindset for the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church never has been a democracy. It is a hierarchy. Why? Because that is how God in the Person of Jesus Christ established it upon the Rock of St. Peter, as we have read from Matthew 16:18. This is seen in the entire structure of the Catholic Church. From Christ to the pope to the cardinals to the bishops to the priests. Priests in charge of parishes should have the humility to listen to his flock, the parishioners, because they are in a wisdom that should be isolated. At the same time, very similar to the CEO of a major company, someone has to make the decision and that someone is the parish priest. That is who is the right to listen to the advice from his parishioners but at the same time being able to attend to God’s Truth as it is taught in His Church, which is the Catholic Church. This can unfortunately create tension, but if the priest is not clinging to God's Truth as the Catholic Church teaches, then he is not doing his duty and responsibility as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Catholics believe that God the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Catholic Church. We see this in many ways, one of the prominent ones being in the big councils of the church where a vast number of bishops, cardinals, priests, and the pope meet to discuss issues within the Catholic Church and in the world at large. These are called ecumenical councils, and as was stated before, the most recent ecumenical council is known as Vatican II. (To be continued)

The Christmas Season is coming! Many hands make for quick work. We will also need several men to help with bringing up the trees and heavy boxes of decorations.

LADIES DINNER NEWS

If you have not signed-up for the Ladies dinner next Saturday, December 8th, it’s not too late!

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 6:30 pm. All Ladies of the parish are invited, and guests are welcomed. The cost is $10.00 per person. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the small white table in the vestibule. Please sign-up on or this Sunday, December 2nd.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 16th following 8 am Mass to help decorate St. Bridget for our upcoming Christmas Season. Many hands make for quick work.

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PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Saturday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9:00 am. This Mass does NOT fulfill the Sunday obligation for this weekend.

SERVER TRAINING NEWS: Due to December 8th being a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass at 9:00 am that morning, there will not be a server training on Saturday, December 8th.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Altar & Rosary Society will not meet during the month of December. Our next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 3.

December Cemetery: Ann Seibolt
December Altar Cloths: Susan Zaner & Chris Porter.

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

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice Dates & Times: Saturday, Dec 1st, 3:00 pm Sunday, Dec 16th, 9:30 am Sunday, Dec 23, 9:30 am

It’s important to make as many of the scheduled practices as possible.

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

KOFG NEWS

December
8 – Ladies Parish Dinner
13 – K of C Meeting
January
10 – Meeting
19 – Texas Hold-Em Poker Fundraiser