ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

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St. Bridget Parish Council

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

Christmas Eve Mass: 6:00 pm
- Rita Jones, Chris Porter
- Dick Danjou, Susan Zaner
- Katie Crabtree, Ann Seibolt

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

LECTORS:
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass: Rita Jones, Chris Porter
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass: Liana Kilgore, Ann Seibolt
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass: Greg Dustman, DJ Breitbach
10:00 am Christmas Day Mass: Liana Kilgore, Ann Seibolt

SECRETARY:
Rita Pilcher
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USHERS:
5:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder
9:00 am Pam Kappler

ROSARY LEADERS:
5:00 a.m.
- Don & Cathy Vogel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

5:00 pm
- Nancy Bouchard, Jane Fry
- Dick Danjou, Pam Kappler, Katherine Sheehan, Cathy Vogel

To Shut-ins:
- Maria O’Malley

ST. BRIDGET FINANCE COUNCIL

Dec 19 & 20

Cathy Thurman
St. Bridget Finance Council
December 19 & 20

LITURGICAL ROLES & SERVICES

LECTORS:
5:00 pm Kathy Crabtree, Laurie Jo Holmes
9:00 am Lorraine Hamilton, Steve Heinbuch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

5:00 pm Nancy Bouchard, Parishioners of St. Bridget
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Bridget

LECTORS:
5:00 pm
- Liana Kilgore, Ann Seibolt
9:00 am
- Greg Dustman, DJ Breitbach

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

5:00 pm
- Susan Zaner

LECTORS:
5:00 pm
- Lisa Thomas
9:00 am
- Peter Sheehan

SERVERS:
5:00 pm
- TBA
9:00 am
- Martin, Heinzelman, Hummel, Kelch

MONEY COUNTERS:
December 27
- Rita’s Team

CHURCH CLEANING:
Saturday, December 26
- Jim’s Team

CANTORS:
Saturday, December 26
- Parishioners of St. Bridget

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
December 12 & 13

St. Bridget Parish: $3,214.46
Love One Another Campaign: $345.00
Parish Debt: $243,353.90
Youth Group Donation: $5.00
Votive Candle: $13.00
Religious Retirement: $989.00
Memorial Flowers: $205

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Thank you very much for your participation in the Angel Tree Project. We truly appreciate your continued support of this rewarding project.
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 2,500 sq. ft.; 4,000 sq. ft.; 7,000 sq. ft. or the entire floor. Parking at a 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.

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

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 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.

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 every day!
The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 29-31, 2016.
For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme-kyouandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbzb@prodigy.net

HEALING SERVICES CONTINUE

The OCYP is reaching out to those hurt by the church to offer support and resources through a series of Healing Services throughout the diocese. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated and will help to demonstrate the Diocese’s sincere desire to fulfill our “Pledge to Heal” in assisting those hurt by clergy sexual abuse. Recent services were well received and attended. The next services are scheduled for:

St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, 64124

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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or Jennifer.Valenti@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. Please contact Victim Advocate Mary Bullmann at 816-392-0011 or bullmann@diocesekcj.org for more information.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Fourth Sunday of Advent C 2
Hebrews 10:5-10

Why Jesus Was Born

The Letter to the Hebrews explains why Jesus was born. It quotes two phrases from the Book of Psalms. In the first, the psalmist says that God is displeased with sacrifices. Some people had been offering sacrifices without much meaning. They went through the ritual, but they put no heart into the words and actions. The psalmist sings, “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.” Whatever they were doing was to please God wasn’t working.

In the second phrase, the psalmist has a new idea—a different offering that might please God. What is this new offering? The psalmist, “Behold, I come to do your will.” If God was not pleased with the smoke of dead animals, perhaps God would be pleased with the obedience of a living psalmist.

Hebrews recalls these two phrases as they reflect on the birth of Jesus. Jesus came because whatever we were doing to God, we may treat him as sharing in common with you in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all.

Saint Ambrose

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MSGR. MURPHY

From Msgr. Murphy

Thanks to all the hard workers at last Sunday’s S.O.R. Christmas program and the Parish Christmas dinner. It was nice to see Santa although he seemed to be moving kind of slow. He looks like years of Christmas cookies have begun to have their effect.

We are in the Advent home stretch. The readings have a common theme “Expectation”. What do you “expect” this Christmas? I pray that the Lord speak to our hearts a message that will bond us closer to Him.
The writer Karl Barth wrote: “Anyone who has really understood that God became human can never speak and act in an inhuman way.”

Msgr. Robert Murphy

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

December 31st - 1st Masses at 7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

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

We learned about Your Faith

Learn about Your Faith

December

20 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Church Decorating
22 – Final Christmas Choir Rehearsal
24 – 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Parish Office Closed
25 – 10 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
31 – Parish Office Closes today at 3:00 pm

No 5pm Vigil Mass

January

1 – 10:00 am Mass; Holy Day of Obligation “Mary, The Holy Mother of God” Parish Office Closed Today

ST. BRIDGET HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE! Check out St. Bridget’s Facebook page by typing in “St Bridget Catholic Church” in your Facebook search box, then like our page to stay up to date with what is going on and to receive information about St. Bridget events throughout the year! 🌟

The 23rd Annual “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Friday, January 29, 2016 at a NEW LOCATION. 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 a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS. The dinner will be held at the Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108. 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 at 913.207.9893 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

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 to 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. 🌟

JOIN US AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY MORNING, 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. 🌟

You need ideas for a last minute 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.

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Food Pantry Needs — canned soup, crackers, juice, peanut butter, canned tuna. The food pantry is extremely low on these items.

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What’s Going on at St. Bridget?

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.

Sor Weather Cancellation Procedure

January
9th – Ladies Dinner: Knights are cooking & serving
9th & 10th – Roses for Life & Baby Bottle Campaign
14th – Knights Meeting
30th – Texas Hold Em Tournament

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Wow! What a great turnout for our Parish Christmas Dinner! Approximately, 135-140 attended the dinner. The food was fantastic, the decorations were beautiful and everyone had a great time!

A special thank you to the following people who help make our Parish Christmas Dinner a huge success! Thank you to Ed Medlock & Rita Pitcher for organizing and preparing the food. Thanks to Shelley Koehler & Arlene Casey for decorating Ledgewood Hall and thank you to our many volunteers who helped with setting up, food preparation, serving & cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule from the North Pole to visit with the children and handout treats.

St. Bridget is very blessed to have you all!