St. Bridget Parish
December 2 & 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

2103 N. Lexington Road
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Weekdays:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS:
See Schedule in Bulletin

RECONCILIATION:
Sat: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
and by appointment

BAPTISM:
Parent preparation session is required. Please call church office prior to the birth of the child.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
First Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm until 7:00 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 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.

STAFF:
Monsignor A. Robert Murphy, Pastor
Gary Kappler, Deacon
(816)540-4166
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
(816)987-2773
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant
lhimmel@embarqmail.com
Bill Kennedy,
Middle School EDGE
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High School Youth Director
maestrihomasi@gmail.com
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Kathleen Chastain – (816) 392-0011
Ombudsman:
Jennifer Valenti – (816)987-2500
JenniferValenti@att.net
ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

December 2 & 3

ST. BRIDGET PARISH Finan
ce Council

Chairman: Ross Dale charleerdy@comcast.net
Gary Crabtree garycrabtree@comcast.net
Greg Dustman ggd21@hotmail.com
Joe Fidler joesamvvc@comcast.net
Robert Radmacher radbroex@aol.com

St. Bridget Parish Council

Chairman: Rick Kirchell rickkirchell@gmail.com
Secretary: Rita Pilcher ritapilcher@gmail.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

5:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder, *Claire Briggs
9:00 am Tim Long, Dick Danjou, *Stephanie Dymas, Dana Kilgore, Linda Ochs, *Janti Karr, Cathy Vogel

To Shut-ins: Marijo O’Malley

SERVING:

5:00 pm Kolvin Kincaid
9:00 am Seth, Adam, & Ella Greenwald

LADIES DINNER NEWS

Our special North Pole guest will arrive in Ledwidge Hall during dinner where he will visit with the children!

We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR children’s Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm followed immediately 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. A sign-up sheet will be available next weekend for those who plan to attend.

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ST. BRIDGET PARISH

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

LADIES DINNER NEWS

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, December 23rd: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th – 9:00 am

(Please note that the above Masses DO NOT 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.

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

DINNER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND

November 25 & 26

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Please remember our Dream Campaign
November Dream Fund MTD: $5,124.00

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LITURGICAL ROLES & SERVICES

December 2 & 3

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Steve Himmelberg, Chris Porter
9:00 am Laura Long, Greg Dustman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

5:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder, *Claire Briggs
9:00 am Tim Long, Dick Danjou, *Stephanie Dymas, Dana Kilgore, Linda Ochs, *Janti Karr, Cathy Vogel

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SACRISTAN:

5:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder
9:00 am Tim Long

USHERS:

5:00 pm TBA
9:00 am Enhoff, Breithaupt, Bock, Vogel

MONEY COUNTERS:

5:00 pm TBA
9:00 am Enhoff, Breithaupt, Bock, Vogel

CHURCH CLEANERS:

December 9 Joyce Anderson’s Team
December 10 Rick Worms, Laurie Himmelberg & Mary Puffett w/ Laura Worms

December 11 Greg Ochs w/ Daniel Yung

CHURCH CLEANERS:

December 12 Stephanie’s Team

December 13 TBA

December 14 TBA

December 15 TBA

December 16 Donna’s Team

December 17 TBA

December 18 TBA

December 19 TBA

December 20 TBA

December 21 TBA

December 22 TBA

December 23 TBA

December 24 TBA

December 25 TBA

December 26 TBA

December 27 TBA

December 28 TBA

December 29 TBA

December 30 TBA

December 31 TBA

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR DECEMBER 15: Steve Himmelberg

This weekend 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 tuxedos!), 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 pm Mass with dinner being served at 6:20 pm. All Ladies of the parish are invited and guests are welcomed. The cost is $10.00 per person. The sign-up sheet is now located in the vestibule. Please sign-up by Dec 10th.

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**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 28, 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. SOJ 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 mmmh10512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

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Shelby Schaller, FertilityCare Practitioner sschaller@fertilitycarekc.com www.fertilitycarekc.com

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will sponsor a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Sunday, December 3 at 11:00am in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Protecting God's Children is intended to raise awareness of child sexual abuse. Adults who attend will come away with practical information about the warning signs of child abuse, ways to prevent abuse, strategies for handling suspicions of abuse, and ways to respond. If you would like to attend our session, please pre-register online at www.virtus.org. Click on Registration at the left, select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO and follow the requests for the information, which follow.

If you experience any difficulty pre-registering, please contact Laurie Jo Holmes at holmes@diocesekc.org or (816) 714-2564; she will help sign you up for the workshop. ALL volunteers working in children's programs of our parish are required by the diocese to attend this session once; however, all persons interested in making our world safer for children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided.

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 report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to Diocese Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2590 or JeniferValenti@art.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 Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekc.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).

From Msgr. Murphy:

Did you race through stores on "Black Friday" or stay away? As a family, we quit buying presents a number of years ago so I was freed of the haste.

We begin Advent this weekend. As our Gospel reminds us: "Be watchful! Be alert". Listen for His voice in the weeks ahead as we prepare for His birth. "Do you hear what I hear?"

Plan to go to Confession this Advent. The list of Deenary Penance Services are listed in the bulletin and in the Christmas card from the Parish. Speaking of which, I made a major goof-up! NEW YEARS DAY THIS YEAR IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! HENCE, WE WILL NOT HAVE A NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS AS LISTED IN THE CHRISTMAS CARD. WE WILL HAVE THE 9 A.M. MASS ON NEW YEAR’S DAY BUT IT IS NOT A MASS OF OBLIGATION.

Next Friday, Dec. 8 IS a Holy Day of Obligatory: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7 pm.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

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

The Christmas Food Baskets: Non Client families may sign up for a Christmas Food Basket until December 1 at the Food Pantry located at 100 Veterans Pkwy, Pleasant Hill on Thurs from 10am -12 pm & 4-4:45 pm.

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

Online Giving is here at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by scanning this 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 data and online giving. All transactions are secure and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**ONLINE GIVING**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**MASSEr CHANGE**

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.

First Sunday of Advent A
Isaiah 2:1-5

Swords into Plowshares

The first reading of the entire Advent season presents Isaiah’s famous dream of a people at peace: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” How can we get that peace?

In Isaiah’s vision, that peace comes from the word of the Lord. That word comes from Jerusalem.

The city of Jerusalem sits on a hill, but it is a stubby little hill. Other hills are larger. But Isaiah prophecies that Jerusalem’s hill will be established as the highest mountain. All will stream toward it to hear God’s word.

For Christians, when we hear this prophecy on the First Sunday of Advent, we imagine Isaiah’s dream on a grander scale. We see heaven as the new Jerusalem, established higher than anywhere else. We see all peoples streaming toward it for instruction. The word that comes from the new Jerusalem is the Word made flesh at Bethlehem. We yearn to hear that word and form our lives by it.

This day, let us hear the word of God. Let us take the weapons we hurl at our neighbors—the angry words, the hurtful deeds—and beat them into plowshares that open fertile soil of communication and into pruning hooks that weave renewed relationships of peace.


**2017 DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation is also available Saturdays at St. Bridget from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment.

**ALL PENANCE SERVICES ARE AT 7:00 PM**

Tuesday, December 5th – St. John LaLande Parish
Wednesday, December 6th – St. Bridget Parish
Tuesday, December 12th – Holy Spirit Parish
Wednesday, December 13th – St. Robert’s Parish
Thursday, December 14th – St. Margaret’s Parish
Sunday, December 17th – Presentation Parish
Tuesday, December 19th – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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CALANDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 3
1st Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
“Dream Fund”
10:00 am Confirmation
6:00 pm YG

Monday, December 4
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, December 5
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

Wednesday, December 6
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm TMV
6:30 pm SOR
6:30 pm W of F
7:00 pm St. Bridget’s Penance Service
1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for December 17th Bulletin

Thursday, December 7
2 - 7:00 pm Adoration
9:00 am Mass

Friday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception
Parish Office Closed Today
8:30 am Mass
NO Bible Study
7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, December 9
4-4:15 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass – 2nd Collection
“Religious Retirement”

Sunday, December 10
2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
“Religious Retirement”
Deadline for Christmas Memorials
5:00 pm - Christmas Program & Parish Potluck Dinner w/ arrival of Santa & Treats
7:00-8:30 pm Christmas Choir Practice

ADORATION THIS THURSDAY
December 7th from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sign-up sheet is located on the oak table in the vestibule.


PARISH POTLUCK SIGN-UP: Don’t forget to sign-up by this Sunday, Dec 3rd for the Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner!

TURKEY PICKUP: If you have signed up to bake a turkey for the Potluck Dinner, Thank You! You may pick them up on Wednesday, December 6th during office hours. Please return baked turkey with drippings by 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 9th to Ledwidge Hall.

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.respectlifeksj.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html.

ADVENT WREATHS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: Are you ready for Advent? Do you have your wreath & candles? If not, the Altar & Rosary Society have 12” Advent Wreaths for $7.00 and 10” taper candles 4 per box at $5.00 each for sale in the vestibule. Please contact Pat Devolder or the parish office.

THANK YOU!

Pam and I would like to extend our warmest thank you to our family at St. Bridget for the grand reception this past weekend. Moving on is always tough however new experiences are always welcome. How can we express 39 years of very fond memories in a few sentences? Impossible, the answers are in the smiles, handshakes, hugs and loving comments Saturday and Sunday. Of Course, that is what St. Bridget is about. Our prayers moving forward are for all especially our youth; somehow, someway we as a parish faithfully impart our love and devotion of the Eucharist to and through them. May the Lord always be in your hearts and the Holy Spirit there to guide as St. Bridget moves forward!

Pam and Deacon Gary
Gary & Pam Kappler, 513 N. Ely, Carrollton, MO 64633

816-726-4267 / 816-540-4156

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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.

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mass times on Friday, December 8th
8:30 am & 7:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8th in observance of this Holy Day. Regular office hours will resume Monday, December 11th at 8:00 am.

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Bridget. We are grateful for all that you do and the contributions you make.

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December
14th – Meeting
16th – Ladies Dinner

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CLIP & SAVE

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 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 10th.

Your Name:
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For The Intention of:
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Christmas Choir Practice for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass is next Sunday evening, December 10th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
Last practice date & time is Monday, Dec 18th from 7 - 9:00 pm. All Choir Members asked to please attend.