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ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

**January 6 & 7**

**LECTORS:**
5:00 pm  Laura Long, Guy Emhoff
9:00 am  Mary Grattan, Linda Ochs

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
5:00 pm  *Dan & Susan Zaner, Tim Long
9:00 am  *Liana Kilgore, Dick Danjou, Pat & Trudy Garry, *Joni Kar, Cathy Vogel, TBA (Need 1 More)

To Shut-ins:  Marjorie O’Malley

**SERVERS:**
5:00 pm  Noah Bock
9:00 am  Brett Greufe, Owen & Kennedy Thornsberry

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
9:00 a.m.  Rick Bock

**SACRISTAN:**
5:00 pm  Tim Long
9:00 am  Mike & Arlene Casey

**USHERS:**
5:00 pm  TBA
9:00 am  Vogel, Thornsberry, Sheehan, Ruth

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
Dec 30 & 31  Stephanie’s Team
January 6

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
5:00 pm  Rick Worms w/ Laura Worms
9:00 am  Katie Long w/Daniel Yung

**CANTORS:**
5:00 pm  Rick Worms w/ Laura Worms
9:00 am  Kaitlin Long w/Daniel Yung

**ST. BRIDGET FINANCE COUNCIL**

Chairman: Ross Dale  charleerd@comcast.net
Gary Crabtree  garycrabtree@comcast.net
Greg Dustman  ggd21@hotmail.com
Joe Fiordi  jasonmyer@comcast.net
Robert Radmacher  radbroex@aol.com

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman:
5:00 pm  Rick Kirchell  rickkirchell@gmail.com

**ST. BRIDGET ANNUAL CAMPAIGN:**

*Thank you to all who participated in this year’s campaign!*  Collection: $22,567.00  EFT: $231.38  Total: $22,848.38

Dear God, you give me a new year and new chances to love you. I want to tell everyone about you like the shepherds. I want to think about your love like Mary.

**Sharing the Gospel**

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.

Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby. You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.
SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

From Msgr. Murphy:

Dear Christ Child

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as non-religious couples.

Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Kansas City Telephone @ 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com or RetroKC.com

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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 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. SOS 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 mmmhopsa512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
2) For those reporting to these civil and law enforcement agencies, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to Diocese of Oshkosh, at 816-812-2500 or JenniferValenti@art.net, or 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.

Contact Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@dioceschks.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).

The Christmastime feast of the Holy Family celebrates the newly born children of two of my nephews. The new Dads are brothers. Their wives gave birth: one just before Thanksgiving and one just after Thanksgiving.

I want to thank Donna Johnson and Susan Zaner for the beautiful decorations! What a delight to come into such a beautiful Church. I know it aids all of our prayers. Thanks too to the musicians and choirs that aided the celebration of our Christmas masses.

Thinking of the on-going celebration of Christmas, I came upon this quote from Dom Helder Camara:

Dear Christ Child
Help me to Discover
Even in the most earnest
And the most severe people
The child asleep in their hearts.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ABC 1

From Msgr. Murphy:

With Christmas and New Year’s Day (NOT a Holy Day of obligation this year) both falling on a Monday I’m getting a might turned around.

We celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Holy Family but I suspect our thoughts are on the New Year of 2018. Let’s make a New Year’s resolution to be more like the Holy Family in this New Year.

This Saturday, Dec. 30, I had the baptisms of the newly born children of two of my nephews. The new Dads are brothers. Their wives gave birth: one just before Thanksgiving and one just after Thanksgiving.

Do not earn it. We just receive it because of who we are.

Today we remember the care that Mary and Joseph gave to Jesus. We recognize the sacrifice they made. We imagine the many ways they thought less of themselves to improve the life of the son entrusted to their care. Our respect for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018. This event benefits ... Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. SOS 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 mmmhopsa512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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The Church, following the guidelines set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, mandates that this is offered yearly in an effort to protect our youth. This is a very important program and it is done well. Please give serious consideration to going, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Monsignor Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com or (816) 540-4563.

High School youth and parents: Called to Protect for Youth is coming to St. Bridget on Jan. 7th. This program teaches youth about their physical, emotional, and behavioral boundaries and how to respond if someone tries to violate them. Youth learn why it can be difficult to report abuse that has occurred to them or someone they know. It also teaches them words to say if they, or someone they know, are being abused. St. Bridget will offer Called to Protect to all high school youth on Sunday, January 7, 2018 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Adult Education Room. Chris Homan, a counselor at Lee's Summit High School, will present the program, which includes videos and facilitated group discussion. All high school youth are strongly encouraged to attend.

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The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child...
**Join us for coffee & donuts next Sunday, January 7th in Ledwidge Hall following Mass.**

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**What’s Going On at St. Bridget!**

**Calendar of Events**

- **Sunday, December 31**
  - New Year’s Eve
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass

- **Monday, January 1, 2018**
  - **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
  - 9:00 am Mass
  - Parish Office Closed

- **Tuesday, January 2**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

- **Wednesday, January 3**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 6:30 pm TMIY
  - 6:30 pm SOR
  - 6:30 pm W of F

- **Thursday, January 4**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 2-7 pm Adoration

- **Friday, January 5**
  - 8:30 am Communion Service
  - 9:00 am Bible Study
  - 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for January 14th Bulletin

- **Saturday, January 6**
  - K of C Roses for Life Weekend
  - 4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
  - 5:00 pm Mass – 2nd Collection
  - Dream Fund & Catholic Key Subscription Renewal

- **Sunday, January 7**
  - K of C Roses for Life Weekend
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
  - Dream Fund & Catholic Key Subscription Renewal

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**Parish News for All**

**Altar & Rosary Society News:** The Altar & Rosary Society will not meet in January. Altar Cloth & Cemetery is Chris Porter. Their next regular meeting will be held on February 1st at 7:00 pm.

**Free:** St. Bridget has a 23 cubic foot older chest freezer that we would like to give away. It does need some insulation repair to the lid but works great otherwise. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 540-4563 ASAP.

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**Food Pantry Needs**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Tuna, Ramen Noodles, Soup & Juice.

Thank you St. Bridget parishioners for your continued support!

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**Roses for Life Campaign:**

**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.respectlifekcsj.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html.

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**Youth News**

**Sor classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3.**

**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.

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**Adoration**

Adoration Thursday, January 4th

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursdays of the month from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

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**Look What’s Going On At St. Bridget!**

January

- 6 & 7 Roses for Life Campaign
- 11 Meeting
- 20 Texas Hold-em Tournament
- 21 Breakfast

**Clip & Save**

January

- 01 – New Year’s Day
- Parish Office Closed Today
- 04 – Adoration
- 06 – K of C Roses for Life Campaign
- 07 – Coffee & Donuts Sunday
- K of C Roses for Life Campaign
- 08 – Finance & Parish Council Meetings
- 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Parish Office Closed
- 20 – K of C Texas Hold-em Tournament
- 21 – K of C Breakfast
- 27 – Confirmation Practice
- 28 – Confirmation at St. Bridget

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**Welcome to St. Bridget**

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.