St. Bridget Parish
December 3 & 4, 2016

2103 N. Lexington Road
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

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Liturgical Roles & Services

December 3 & 4

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Katy Crabtree, Joan Galbraith
9:00 am  Rick Bouchard, Adrain Johnson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm  Maurice & Pat Devolder, *Ross or Charleen Dale
9:00 am  Nancy Bouchard, Dick Danjou, *Trudy Garry, Pam Kappler, Katherine Sheehan

To Shut-ins:  Susan Zaner

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Shain Hammond
9:00 am  Garrett Canaan & Ryan Canaan

ROSARY LEADERS:
5:00 pm  Rick & Nancy Bouchard
9:00 am  Pam Kappler

SACRISTAN:
5:00 pm  Maurice & Pat Devolder
9:00 am  Pam Kappler

USHERS:
5:00 pm  TBA
9:00 am  Ruth, Shehan, Thornberry, Vogel

MONEY COUNTERS:
December 10 & 11  Stephanie’s Team

CHURCH CLEANING:
Saturday, December 10  Louise’s Team

CANTORS:
December 10 & 11
Sat: Leilani, Pat & Steve w/Laura Worms
Sun: Rick Worms w/Dan Yang

Liturgical Roles & Services

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 8

LECTORS:
8:30 am  Shirley Baldwin, Katy Crabtree
7:00 pm  Laura Long, Mary Levy Grail

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
8:30 am  *Jane Fry
7:00 pm  *Cindy Glass, *Jami Kaur

SERVERS:
8:30 am  TBA
7:00 pm  Caleb Long, TBA

SACRISTAN:
8:30 am  Mike & Arline Casey
7:00 pm  Tim Long

CANTORS:
8:30 am  No Music
7:00 pm  Greg Oska & Choir w/David Bremer

Liturgical Roles & Services

December 10 & 11

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Guy Emhoff, Rita Jones
9:00 am  Larissa Hammond, Lori Merrigan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm  Ross & Charleen Dale (Only 2 needed)
9:00 am  Nancy Bouchard, *Jane Fry, *Pam Kappler, Dick Danjou, Cathy Vogel, Tim Long

To Shut-ins:  Cathy Vogel

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Noah Bock
9:00 am  Caitlin O’Hanlon, Kayler Merrigan

ROSARY LEADERS:
5:00 a.m.  Chris Porter

SACRISTAN:
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9:00 am  Rick & Nancy Bouchard

USHERS:
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2016 CLOTHING DRIVE
END’S NEXT SUNDAY

If you have not checked your closets yet or brought in your donations, it is not too late. You still have until NEXT Sunday before the drive ends. We are in need of clothing for babies, toddlers, children, teens, women, and men, virtually all clothes in good shape. All donations will go to Catholic Charities. This is always a great drive and this year we need your help even more as we help more and more families who are struggling. The Clothing Drive ends next Sunday, December 11th. A barrel is located in the vestibule for your donations. God Bless and thank you!

ANGEL TREE

The Secret Santa’s of St. Bridget set up an Angel Tree in the Vestibule to help make a few families Christmas extra special this year. Please consider taking a gift tag. Thank you!

- WRAPPING: Please attach gift-wrapped packages with the Ornament Gift Tag. Santa will match them with the correct child’s name.

- DELIVERY: Since Santa will be delivering gifts into the community, he needs enough time to make sure ALL the children’s gifts are under the tree very early Christmas morning. Please deliver all Christmas gifts by the 3rd Sunday of Advent!

- MONEY: If you are giving a gift card, cash or checks please put in envelope and mark with Ornament #.

- REMINDER: When buying gifts please take into consideration, the following things not allowed:
  1.) Parental advisory CD’s (nothing with cuss words or sexual content) Wal-Mart CD’s are all edited
  2.) Videos/DVD movies that are PG17 or Rated R

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 the Ornament tag in the Christmas Box by the Angel Tree a soon as possible. Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
November 26 & 27

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Please remember our Love One Another Campaign. Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,008.35 for our principal and interest payment.

November Debt (Collected only) $3,303.50 - $7,827.10 (Obligation) + Overage $576.40 (Deficit) ($)

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET CONTINUED!

SOR Christmas Program & Parish Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 11

Join us next Sunday for our SOR Christmas Program and then join us for our Parish Christmas Dinner Immediately afterwards!

We will begin our Christmas event with our SOR Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm followed immediately by our Parish Christmas dinner and the arrival of our very special North Pole guest. Our parish Christmas dinner is a wonderful and well-attended event for our parish family & friends, especially with the children’s program.

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

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There is no cost for this event and all parishioners are welcome. Parishioners are asked to please bring a side dish & dessert to share (large enough to feed a family of four to six).

We are asking that if you plan to attend the parish dinner to please sign-up on the attendance sheet in the vestibule by this Sunday, December 4th so we will know how many to expect.

A sign-up sheet is also available for volunteers who would like to help with this event. Please contact Rita Pilcher or Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office.

Many hands make light work!
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Second Sunday of Advent A 1

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Gifts of this type satisfy your “required minimum distribution (RMD)” and will help you avoid paying income tax on whatever amount you transfer directly to charity.

Are you 70 ½ or older?

Do you want to save federal and state income taxes?

Giving directly from your IRA to a qualified charity like your parish, school, Annual Catholic Appeal, diocesan or parish ministry can be a tax-wise strategy. Please consult your legal or tax advisor or Greg Vanranc at 816-714-2363 or vanranc@diocesekcj.org at the Office of Stewardship and Development.

Better than IVF for infertility. Register for the Fertility Care™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycare.com, or call the Fertility Care™ Center of KC at (816)858-0198. Para Espanol llama Brooklyn Salazar, FCPI (816)-398-9327.


**MSGR. MURPHY**

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

Second Sunday of Advent A 1

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Jesse Tree

Today’s first reading inspired the Advent custom of the Jesse tree. During Advent some households read stories from the Bible about the people and events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Those who hear the stories create depictions of them and hang these on a tree. The idea of decorating a tree comes from Isaiah’s prophecy that “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.” A “Jesse tree” reminds us of God’s marvelous plan for salvation.

The entire passage is filled with words of comfort. The shoot sprouting from Jesse is to be a leader filled with God’s spirit—a spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. The reign of that ruler will even bring peace to animals. The lamb will host the wolf.

Because Jesse was the father of David, the prophecy foretells an idealized time under a great king. When Christians hear this prophecy during Advent, we look farther down Jesse’s lineage all the way to Jesus. Jesus was anointed with God’s spirit and brought enemies together around a common belief in God’s mercy. The Jesse tree does not stop growing with Jesus. It continues to make it somewhere. We need the intercession of the Blessed Mother more than ever.

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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@diocesekcj.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x350).
**WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

### PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

**MARK YOU CALENDAR:** On Sunday, December 18th immediately following Mass Donna Johnson & Susan Zaner will begin preparing St. Bridget for the Christmas Season. It takes many volunteers both men & women to get this big job done in a timely manner. Here is a list of just some of the help needed. Bring trees & decorations up from downstairs, hooking all the lights together on the trees located on the altar, decorating each statue area, placing decorations in each windowsill and decorating the vestibule. This is a tremendously big job for just a few people and so many volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet is located on the oak table in the vestibule for those who would like to sign up to help. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Johnson or Susan Zaner.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Soup, juice, canned pasta, Mac & Cheese, & tuna.

The Christmas Food Baskets: Through the end of November, families may sign up for a Christmas Food Basket at the Food Pantry located at 100 Veterans Pkwy, Pleasant Hill. Distribution dates are December 1, 8, 15 and 22 during normal Food Pantry hours.

Donation Items that we need in addition to regular food donations are: Turkeys, turkey breast, and hams (both large and small ones), cake mixes & frosting, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, chicken or turkey gravy, potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, jello and canned fruit.

Living Nativity: The City of Pleasant Hill, during their annual Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting, has agreed to let The Lay Clergy use the city lot at the corner of Cedar & Veterans for a living Nativity. **Saturday December 3rd starts at 5-meet earlier at 4pm.** TLC is bringing the story of Christ’s Birth to this annual celebration. We will have the Holy Family, the wise men, animals, cookies and hot chocolate. We are looking for families, individuals, anyone to join us in caroling. We have two great musicians who have agreed to lead us. Let us announce with great joy and singing that our Savior was born.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR NEWS

Christmas Choir Practice 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm.

Last Christmas Choir Practice is December 19th.

### DAY CLERGY NEWS

### LADIES DINNER 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 SOR Schedule:**

7th – Class – Practice for Christmas Program
11th – Christmas Program & Parish Potluck Dinner
14th – Class – In the room Christmas Celebrations
21st – No Class/Christmas Vacation
28th – No Class/Christmas Vacation

### PRISON MINISTRY

Through the past 6 years, parishioners of St. Bridget have actively participated in the Prison Ministry by supporting Tyler Toomay with prayers, letters and money for his college courses. Please do remember him again this Christmas by sending him a card and your prayers. Your cards will be all the Christmas decorations he will see and is allowed to have. Address labels are on the table in the vestibule. We also would like to send him a small amount with a money order through Missouri Department of Correction in Jefferson City. Tyler is able to buy personal items, paper, stamps and some food in the commissary.

On behalf of Tyler, thank you and God Bless you.

Tyler Toomay #1234157-6-D-272
Crossroads Correctional Center
1115 E Pence Road
Cameron, MO 64429-8804

### AN ADVENT SERIES FOR WOMEN: HOLY WOMEN

A series designed to examine holiness by introducing Holy Women of every age. **Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-6:30 pm Social & Gathering Time; 6:30 – 7:30 pm Presentation. Adult Ed Classroom in the SOR Building**

December 7: St. Teresa of Lisieux
December 14: Mary, Mother of God

**LADIES DINNER NEWS**

Ladies the sign-up sheet for the Ladies Dinner on Saturday, December 17th is now located in the vestibule on the small white table. Please sign up by Sunday, December 11th. Social Hour begins immediately following 5:00 pm Mass with dinner being served at 6:20 pm. All Ladies of the parish are invited.

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### K OF C NEWS

**December**

8th – 8:00 pm K of C Meeting *(Please Note Time Change)*

17th – Parish Ladies Dinner

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL Poinsettia 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 11th.

**In Memory of:**

**For The Intention of:**

**Name:**

Please Print

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