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St. Bridget Parish
February 25 & 26, 2017

“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?” - Mt 6:26

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Liturgical Roles & Services

February 25 & 26

LECTORS: 5:00 pm Clare Fleischmann, Laura Long 9:00 am Rick Bouchard, Liana Kilgore

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST: 5:00 pm *Pat & Maurice Devolder, Tim Long 9:00 am *Nancy Bouchard, Jane Fry, Pat & Trudy Garry, *Cathy Vogel, Pam Kappeler

To Shut-ins: Susan Zaner

SERVERS: 5:00 pm Aidan Fleischmann, Caleb Long 9:00 am Shawn Hammond, TBA

ROSARY LEADERS: 7:00 a.m. Rick & Nancy Bouchard

SACRISTAN: 8:30 am Mary Ann Batliner & Stephanie Lewis 7:00 pm Tim Long

USHERS: 8:30 am TBA 7:00 pm TBA

CANTORS: 7:00 pm Cantor: Laurie Jo Holmes & 2

February 25 – March 5

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00 pm  Clare Fleischmann, Laura Long 9:00 am  Rick Bouchard, Liana Kilgore

8:30 am  Chris Porter, Katy Crabtree 7:00 pm  Greg Daumian, Lori Merrigan

ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

LECTORS: 8:30 am Chris Porter, Katy Crabtree 7:00 pm Greg Daumian, Lori Merrigan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

8:30 am *Susan Zaner & Katherine Sheehan 7:00 pm *Clare Briggs & *Nancy Bouchard

SERVERS: 8:30 am TBA 7:30 pm Shawn Hammond, Caleb Long

SACRISTAN: 8:30 am Mary Ann Batliner & Stephanie Lewis 7:00 pm Tim Long

USHERS: 8:30 am TBA 7:00 pm TBA

CANTORS: 7:00 pm Cantor: Laurie Jo Holmes & 2nd Sunday Choir w/ David Bremer

Liturgical Roles & Services

for ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND

February 18 & 19

St. Bridget Parish: $4,875.00 + $2,166.88 = $7,042.88

Love One Another Campaign: $90.00 + $863.00 = $953.00

Parish Debt: $49,999.99

Youth Group Collection: $10.00 + $41.00 = $51.00

Votive Candle: $11.00

Special Collection CCEEA: $1,631.00

Prison Ministry: $550.00

Ticket Prices:

Age 4 & under: Free
Age 5-12: $5.00
Age 13-64: $10.00
Seniors (65 & up): $7.50
Take Home: $10.00

Dinner includes the following:

Fried, Baked, & Grilled Fish
Spaghetti – Cole Slaw
Baked Potatoes – Corn Fritters
Desserts
Drinks: Ice Tea – Coffee

2017 LENTEN SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES

March 1, 2017 MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.  Fast & Abstinence

Beginning Friday, March 3rd and every Friday during Lent starting at 7:00 p.m.

2017 LENTON RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

March 7 – St. John LaLande
March 15 – St. Bridget Parish
March 21 – St. Margaret
March 29 – Holy Spirit Parish
April 2 – Presentation Parish
April 4 – St. Robert Bellarmine

All services are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

THE TRIDUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday (April 15th) will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

ST. BRIDGET’S 2017 LENTEN FISH FRY SCHEDULE

We only have 3 Fish Fries so mark your calendar and tell your friends and family so you don’t miss any!

Dates for our 2017 Fish Fries are as follows:

Friday, March 3rd (Mardi Gras Theme)  (St. Patrick’s Day Theme)  (Wear your Green!)

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $7,791.41 for our principal and interest payment.

February 18 Fish Fry (Collected until): $3,430.40 ($7,791.41 Obligation) =

Overage = $4,341.00 (Deficit) = $1,00

ST. BRIDGET’S K OF C 2017 LENTEN FISH FRY SCHEDULE

Join us on Wednesday, April 5th for "St. Bridget’s Shadow Stations of the Cross" Beginning at 7:35 pm

RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE THIS WEEKEND

April 8th & 9th

We will start the Mass with the blessing of the palms in Ledwidge Hall. We will then process outside and into church. (Weather permitting)
**ST. BRIDGET SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**NELSON GIPSON SCHOLARSHIP**

The Altar & Rosary Society offers a yearly $500 scholarship in memory of Nelson Gipson a beloved parishioner who played the organ at St. Bridget for over 50 years. Applicants can be anyone in the immediate family of registered St. Bridget parishioners (as of 03/01/2017) who is or will be enrolling in a program of higher education in the fall of 2017. Persons meeting either criteria #1-Graduating seniors who are members of St. Bridget Parish and are planning to pursue a degree in any field or #2-Any parishioner who is currently enrolled in a program of higher education. #3-Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, verifiable by the pastor and may not have received the scholarship previously.

Applications are located in the Vestibule.

**Application Deadline: Applications must be turned into the parish office no later than 4pm on Friday, April 14, 2017**

**MARRIED COUPLES:** It’s spring training time. Play ball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 28-30, 2017

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmne4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonymbz@prodigy.net

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@at.net, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).

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 your parish office.

**MSGR. MURPHY**

Lent begins this coming (Ash) Wednesday. Are you ready? This will put us out of step with the rest of society who will only be thinking about baseball; spring; and warmer weather. The age-old question is “What do I need to give and/or give up to grow closer to the Lord?” Don’t wait until Ash Wednesday to answer that question. I’ll be praying for you and ask for your prayers as well that we all make this a great Lent.

Once again, this Lent we will have the “Purple Box” on the oak table in the vestibule. If you have something that you would like all of us to pray for, drop your request in the purple box and I’ll include it the Prayers of the Faithful for the following Sunday.

The Knights of Columbus have their first Fish Fry this coming Friday. After the Fish Fry, come up to Church as Deacon Gary leads the Stations of the Cross.

(I picked up my new hearing aids on Friday. Now I’ll be able to hear my homily. Lucky me)

Mgr. Robert Murphy

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The Church requires the abstinence from meat to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday. By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1

Isaiah 49:14-15

Forsaken, Forgotten

A teacher might forget you. So might the boss you once had. Classmates—your good friends from school—even some of them will forget you years after graduation.

If no one at the parish returns your phone call, it feels like the church has forgotten you.

Graduating seniors who are members of the church have forgotten you.

The prophet Isaiah raises a doubt because even mothers are human. If you were ever coldly received by a mother who... who rejected a personal choice you made, you know it is possible. A mother, in spite of herself, could forget—or turn away.

The fear of loneliness and abandonment haunts many a human life. We crave the compassion that comes from someone who knows us, loves us, and remembers us. Yet even those to whom we feel close may one day not be there.

There is One who never forgets. Even when the child died, ran away from home, or was given up for adoption, a mother would remember. Wouldn’t she?

The prophet Isaiah raises a doubt because even mothers are human. If you were ever coldly received by a mother who suffered dementia, or if you were ever spurned by a mother who rejected a personal choice you made, you know it is possible. A mother, in spite of herself, could forget—or turn away.

There is One who never forgets. Even when we feel abandoned, lost, or betrayed, even when we cannot feel the love, God never forsakes us and never forgets.


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**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?** Contact Msgr. Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 26
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass

Monday, February 27
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, February 28
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary

Wednesday, March 1
8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass
No TMIY
No SOR
No Women of Faith

Thursday, March 2
8:30 am Mass
2 – 7 pm Adoration
6:00 pm TMIY#19
7:00 pm Altar & Rosary Society

Friday, March 3
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for March 12th Bulletin
5:00 pm K of C Fish Fry (Mardi Gras Theme)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4
4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass – 2nd Collection
K of C Poker Tournament

Sunday, March 5
1st Sunday of Lent
Coffee & Donuts Sunday
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
10:15 am Last Confirmation Class
6:00 pm EDGE & HSYG

MAGNIFICAT & RICE BOWLS NOW AVAILABLE: Lenten Magnificat & Rice Bowls are available this weekend and located in the vestibule. Magnificat copies are free and we ask that each family take only one copy.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: The Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the SOR Building. Please join us at 6:30 pm, in church for praying of the Rosary. Hostess: Chris Porter, Cemetery: Joan Galbraith, Altar Cloths: Chris Porter.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT: Girl Scout Troops 409 & 1013 in conjunction with the Lay Clergy Council have developed a Pet Pantry at the Tucker Renewal Center in downtown Pleasant Hill. Through donations, we have been providing pet food for the local community in need. Since our demand has outgrown our supply, we are reaching out to see if you are able to help us collect donations of pet food (small packages). We will be happy to pick up all donations from your church location or feel free to come to the Pet Pantry that is open February 27th (every other Monday) from 4-6pm. If your church doesn’t already have a Pet Pantry drop off box, we will be happy to provide one! Thank you for your support, Tiffany Hamilton: troop409tiffany@gmail.com Carrie Brockman: cdbrockman@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following items: Tuna, Juice, Soup, Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides, Peanut Butter, Cereal, & Crackers. Our shelves are bare and we need your help to restock them. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Practice with sponsors is Tuesday evening March 7th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Harrisonville at 7:00 pm.

Confirmation is Wednesday evening, March 8th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Following Confirmation, everyone is invited to attend a reception at OLL Parish Hall following Mass.

K OF C NEWS

February
25 – Mardi Gras/Mouse Races/Chili Cook-off (Help needed for Mouse Races)
March
3 – 1st Fish Fry
4 – Poker Tournament
9 – K of C Meeting
16 – Admission Degree - 7 pm O’Hara Council
19 – K of C Breakfast
24 – 2nd Fish Fry

K OF C POKER TOURNAMENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

K OF C POKER TOURNAMENT
Saturday, March 4th, 2017 @ 5:30 pm
Tournament location is at Brinkoetter’s Big Iron Town
Located at 29608 E. 179th Street, Pleasant Hill, East on Country Club Drive just past the golf course.

Event is open to everyone!

Cost: $35 in advance, $40 @ the door.

Prizes: $250 for 1st ~ $125 for 2nd ~ $75 for 3rd
(Based on minimum of 40 players)

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SOR NEWS

Food and check-in for poker will begin @ 5:30 p.m. Cards dealt @ 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction items will be available for anyone who wishes to bid. Items include Custom Fire ring by Brinkoetter’s Iron Works, Milwaukee cordless drill driver, 4 Royals tickets, Royals bobble head, and more.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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ADORATION

ADORATION THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Eucharistic Adoration

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Holy Hour is an hour spent in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Christ Himself, the One who alone is Holy. The most important thing to realize about making a private Holy Hour is that all you have to do is

TO BE PRESENT TO THE ONE WHO IS PRESENT TO YOU.

This silent presence to the Lord is a precious treasure for here in the silence the Lord speaks to us. Let Him minister to you with His healing, merciful love, making reparation for our sins and those of the whole world and thanking Him for His gifts to us.

Please use the sign up sheet in the vestibule

CLIP & SAVE

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CHILI SUPPER

Chili Supper

Cost includes chili dinner, desserts, snacks and a seat at the poker table.

$5 if you would like to join us for food but are not interested in playing poker

Beverages (soda, beer, & wine) will be available for a donation

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