February 11 & 12

LECTORS:
5:00 pm      Rita Jones, Ann Seibolt  
9:00 am  April Riley, Jim Holmes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm  Ross & Charleen Dale, *Cindy Glass  
9:00 am  Dick Danju, June Fry, Pat & Trudy Garry,  
Pam Kappler, *Katherine Sheehan
To Shut-ins:  
Susan Zaner

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  
9:00 am  
Noah Bock
Brett Greufe, Cole Myers

ROSARY LEADERS:
5:00 pm  
9:00 am  
Bob & Shirley Baldwin

SACRISTAN:
5:00 pm  
9:00 am  
Ross & Charleen Dale
Tim Long

USHERS:
5:00 pm  
9:00 am  
TBA
Greufe, Glass, Fry, Embolf

MONEY COUNTERS:
February 4 & 5  
Stephanie’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS:
February 11  
Martin’s Team

CANTORS:
5:00 pm  TBA w/Laura Worms  
9:00 am  Rick Worms w/Daniel Yung

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ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

St. Bridget Finance Council
Chairman: Ross Dale  
Gary Crabtree  
Greg Dustman  
Joe Fleidler  
Robert Radmacher  
St. Bridget Parish Council
Chairman: Rick Kittelh

SECRETARY:
Rita Pilcher

Members:
Bob & Shirley Baldwin
Bob Davis by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Rita Barnes by Mary Ann Batliner & Stephanie Lewis
Mabelle Knorpp
Matthew James Knox
Juanita Mae Wrobel by Laurie & Steve Himmelberg  
Carl Schuster by Betty Schuster
Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
January 28 & 29

Collection EFT  Total
St. Bridget Parish: $ 2,603.00  + $563.25  $ 2,966.26  
Love One Another Campaign: $ .00  + $ 5.00  $ 5.00
Parish Debt: $62,499.99
Youth Group Collection: $ .00  + $ .00  $ .00
Votive Candle: $ 15.00
Military Collection: $ 45.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

Mission for the Week

Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.
Rachel’s Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time
There are many post-abortive women and men in our churches today who live in silent torment. They are slowly self-destructing. They believe that if their friends knew what they had done they would be rejected and condemned. Yet, Jesus’ heart is moved and He has pity upon them as they suffer in pain and grief. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, discover Jesus’ merciful heart which brings peace and comfort. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats are all about healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The next Kansas City retreat is on February 24-26, 2017. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmc@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

19th Annual Christian Education Expo
Christian K-12 Educations and College Expo, Saturday, March 4, 10-2pm. Free – 19th Annual event! Held at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd. KCromo
All are non-profit, community services events. The Expo will feature Kansas and Missouri Christian private K-12 schools, homeschooling resources, seminars, plus 50 Christian universities from 17 states! The open house will feature only K-12 Christian schools.

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

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, Jeneri Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or Jeneri.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 helping resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcs.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (cso4).

From Msgr. Murphy:
It’s Super Bowl Sunday! I hope you will enjoy it with family and friends all wearing your Chiefs regalia! (We should have done a fundraiser after Mass selling Chex Mix.)
I wanted to bring to your attention several upcoming events that are being put on in close proximity to us.

“Men of Valor” and “Women of Virtue”. Their joint theme is: “Living a Pure Life in an Impure World”. It will be conjoinly held at St. Thomas More Parish (11822 Holmes. KCmO) on Saturday April 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It is open to all people. Teens (16+) must be with parents.
Register: www.kcvalom.com Cost: $29 for individuals, $49 per couple.

“World Marriage Day Mass.” This will also be held at St. Thomas More Church (see address above) on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:00 pm. Bishop Johnston will be the principle celebrant and Archbishop Naumann will give the homily. Reception following Mass with inspiring talks by a couple from Marriage Encounter and a couple who founded the School of Love Apostolate. No registration needed.

“GIVEN’K.” This is a Catholic Young Women’s Conference. It is a one-day conference from women age 18-35. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at St. Marks Catholic Church in Independence. Find more info at GIVEN’K.org
This past week we celebrated the Feast of St. Bridget on Wednesday and Groundhog’s Day on Thursday. (I checked. There is no Saint Groundhog.)

Welcome to St. Bridget!
Please welcome to our St. Bridget family, Jesse & Myra Hawks & Pat Lasley.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2
1 Corinthians 12:26-31
God’s Choices
Jesus did not choose the best. He chose disciples who were dense, who fought with each other, who jockeyed for leadership, who asked stupid questions, and who ran away while he hung dying. They were not the best. They had no experience in public speaking, anger management, catechesis, team building, or chairing committees.

And yet the church survived. One of the proofs that Christianity is divinely inspired is that our founders did not know what they were doing, and still the faith spread far and wide.

St. Paul told the Corinthians that God chose “the foolish of the world to shame the wise, “the weak… to shame the strong, “those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something.” He was not talking about the apostles. He was talking about the Corinthians. But this was true even though they were not the best. God did this so that people would not trust in their own strengths, but would trust in God. God can use people no matter how limited their gifts are.

All around us people are God’s chosen for ministry. They may not be the best at what they do, but they do it because God wants it done. God does not always choose the best. But God chooses people anyway. God wants you for something too. Have you ever said no because you thought you could not do it? Might it be that God will do it, once you say yes?

**Parish News for All**

**Soup Bowl Sunday:** Once again, the Lay Clergy will hold their annual Soup Bowl Sunday fundraiser this weekend. Baskets have been placed in the vestibule to collect cans of soup and dollar donations that will be donated to the Pleasant Hill Food Pantry.

**Food Pantry Reminder:** Please remember that March is St. Bridget’s month to help at the Food Pantry. Look for sign-up sheet this month.

**Golden Anniversary Celebration:** Have you or will you be celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017? If you were married in 1967, please call the parish office. We would like to know.

**Coffee & Donuts Soup Bowl Sunday is Back:** Join us this Sunday morning in Ledwidge Hall immediately following Mass for coffee & donuts.

**Representative needed for Lay Clergy Council:** We could use a second representative from St. Bridget to attend the monthly meeting, held the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30. If you are interested, please contact Marijo O’Malley at (816)520-4232.

**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. The Food Pantry served 61 families last month. Our shelves are bare and we need your help to restock them. Thank you for your generosity.

Shelby Schaller
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
www.fertilitycarekc.com

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**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, February 5**
- Coffee & Donut Sunday
- Soup Bowl Weekend
- 9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
- 10:15 am Confirmation and High School Youth

**Monday, February 6**
- 8:30 am Mass

**Tuesday, February 7**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

**Wednesday, February 8**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 6:00 pm TMY #16
- 6:30 pm SOR
- 6:30 pm Women of Faith

**Thursday, February 9**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 7:30 pm K of C Meeting

**Friday, February 10**
- 8:30 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for February 19’s Bulletin

**Saturday, February 11**
- 4:45 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 12**
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Mass

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**Mardi Gras**

St. Bridget’s 8th Annual Mardi Gras Chili Cook-Off Contest
- February 25th, 2016

This is your chance to become the winner of St. Bridget’s 8th Annual Chili Cook Off! Will you take the title from last year’s 3-time winner, Ed Medlock? The contest will be held Saturday Evening, February 25th, 2017 during the Mardi Gras.

Sign-up sheets to enter the Chili Cook-off are now located on the small table & oak table in the vestibule, along with the basic instructions for the cook-off. All chili entries must be in Ledwidge Hall no later than 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 25th. Judging will begin at 6:05 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:20 pm.

**K of C News**

January
- 29 – Corporate Communion Sunday

February
- 9 – Meeting
- 19 – K of C Breakfast
- 25 – Mardi Gras/Mouse Races/Chili Cook-off (Help needed for Mouse Races)

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**Clip & Save**

**March**
- 01 – Ash Wednesday
- 03 – K of C Fish Fry
- 04 – K of C Poker Tournament
- 07 – Confirmation Practice at OLL
- 08 – Confirmation at OLL
- 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 – K of C Fish Fry

**February**
- 02 – Adoration
- 04 – Lay Clergy Soup Bowl Weekend
- 05 – Confirmation for Confirmation Class
- Lay Clergy Soup Bowl Weekend
- 06 – Finance Council
- Parish Council
- 12 – Confirmation at OLL

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Place your can of soup in the team basket you think will win.

We also need six race sponsors. For $50 you, or your business, will be the sponsor of that particular race. Please pick up a sponsorship form in the back of church. Hurry, because this fun opportunity is limited to the first 6 sponsors and 36 mice.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Which team will win this year’s 2017 Super Bowl?

For $10 you may sponsor a mouse, complete with naming rights. Unfortunately, (or maybe fortunately) you do not get to keep the mouse.

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**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Which team will win this year’s 2017 Super Bowl?

Bring a can of soup and a $1 for Souper Bowl Sunday.

A wicker basket will also be available for your $1 donation.

High School Youth! Last meeting we talked about telling the difference between friendships and the importance of those types of friendships. Encouraging each other to have good Christlike qualities is one facet of our high school discipleship. Come & join us on the third Sunday in February, the 19th, at 6:00 pm. Fun, fellowship, food! Hope to see you there!