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Sharing the Gospel
Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings’ Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is a tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today’s Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

Mission for the Week
Ask your family if you could include Kings’ Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

Prayer
Lord, call me by name. I am listening.

Something to Draw
Draw Jesus at home giving Simon the new name, “Peter.”

Puzzle
Circle the group in each row that has more. Then color in all the pictures.

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Engaged? Married? Need NFP? Infertility? The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it’s helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it’s better than IVF for infertility. Register now, visit www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

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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 our 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.

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 civil 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 Ombudsmen, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JenniferValenti@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 healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcsj.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850.

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 mmmihops512@gmail.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com

IS YOUR MARRIAGE ON THE RACK?

Is your marriage going down the 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 well 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 at 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com or RetroKC.com

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH

The theme of our readings this weekend is “Vocation”. Samuel heard God’s voice aided by his mentor Eli. Paul reminds the Corinthians that following Christ demands a new way of life. And John, in his Gospel, tells us that we are all called to bring others to Christ. How would you describe your vocation?

MSGR. MURPHY

From Msgr. Murphy:

We have suspended receiving Holy Communion under the form of the consecrated wine. After the fall season, we will resume. You receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ under the consecrated host or the consecrated wine. Both species are a fuller sign but there is no division between the two.

Monday, we observe Martin Luther King Day. It was 60 years ago that the Rev. Martin Luther King made the case for political nonviolence in the face of racism, segregation and violence. Sadly, we have seen those three scourges rise again in our society. As Catholics, we can expand what we believe about “The Right To Life” to these challenges.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
1 Samuel 3:8b-9, 19

Sleep on It

Many of the problems that seem unsolvable by day disintegrate with the dawn. It’s almost as if God speaks to us when we sleep. It happened to Samuel. Even while he was a young child, Samuel heard the voice of God calling him. But he did not know that it was God. He told Eli the priest. Eli did not know that it was God.

Not until God spoke for the third time did Eli figure out the mystery. God was speaking to Samuel in his sleep.

Eli gave Samuel some very simple advice: Listen. If God is trying to speak to you, listen. Tell God you are listening. Too often our world is cluttered with unnecessary noise. We leave the television on when no one is watching. We turn on the radio behind our conversation with a friend. We disturb our lead shepherd. We are so loud it is hard to hear. What do you do when God is trying to speak to you? Follow Eli’s advice. Listen.

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, “Go back to sleep; and if the Lord calls you again, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3:8b-9.

This verse is actually the third time that the Lord called out to Samuel; the first two times, Samuel failed to recognize the Lord’s voice. We can certainly identify with that! It’s hard to distinguish God’s call among so many voices in our life. Perhaps Jesus offers some help here: he suggests we listen to the call of the poor, the unhappy, the other, the hungry, the needy, the afraid.


RESERVED PARKING SPACES

Beginning January 1, 2018 – January 31, 2018 the 1 parking space in front of church will be reserved for Joan Galbraith and the 2nd parking space will be reserved for Cherie & Katherine Sheehan who won the bid for these spaces during our Autumn Fest Silent Auction. Reserved Signs have been posted at these parking spaces. Congratulations!

“INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?” Contact Msgr. Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com
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6:00 pm Middle School EDGE

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

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Join us Saturday, January 20th for a night of poker and great food!

Where: Brinkoetter’s Big Iron Town
29608 E. 179th St., Pleasant Hill, MO
East Country Club Drive just past the golf course.

Cost: $40
Includes: Chili and all the fixings, desserts, snacks and a seat for poker
$5 if you would like to join us for food but are not interested in playing poker
Beverages (soda, beer and wine) will be available for a donation

Prizes: $175 for 1st - $125 for 2nd - $75 for 3rd (Based on minimum of 40 players)

Reserve your spot now. Tournament will be limited to 48 players

Contact Chris Koehler @ 816-885-3687 or Kofcpokerphill@gmail.com
Food and check-in for poker will begin @ 5:30 p.m. Cards dealt @ 6:30 p.m.

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.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal next weekend! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs – such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training – to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.