St. Bridget Parish
January 14 & 15, 2017

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’” — John 1:29-30

2103 N. Lexington Road
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Visit our web site: www.StBridgetcatholicchurch.org
2103 N. Lexington Road • Pleasant Hill, MO 64080 or Email: ombudsman@stbridgetparish@embarragmail.com
Phone: (816) 540-4563 • Fax (816) 540-2162

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Weekdays:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS:
See Schedule in Bulletin

RECONCILIATION:
Sat. 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
by appointment

BAPTISM:
Parent preparation session is required. Please call church office prior to the birth of the child.

EUCHARISTICADORATION:
First Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm
until 7:00 pm

ANOINTING OF SICK:
As requested after Mass and by appointment.

MARRIAGE:
Please call when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

CONFIRMATION:
Program for High-School students, according to Diocesan guidelines.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST:
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at 540-5980

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! Please register after Mass or stop by the Parish office for more information.

STAFF:
Monsignor A. Robert Murphy, Pastor
Gary Kappler, Deacon (816) 540-4156
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant, Director of Stewardship & Development
L.Himmel@embarragmail.com

LISA THOMAS, High School Youth Director

Victim Services Coordinator:
Kathleen Chastain - (816) 392-0011
Ombudsman:
Jennifer Valenti – (816)812-2500
JenniferValenti@att.net

2013 N. Armstrong
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

We offer personalized Traditional, Graveside, Memorial & Cremation Services. Professional Funeral Plans & Memorials.

www.stanley-dickeyfuneralhome.com
Owner – Jerald Dickey
ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

ST. BRIDGET PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairman: Ross Dale  
Gary Crabtree  
Greg Dustman  
Joe Fiedler  
Robert Radmacher  

Chairman: Rick Kittell
Secretary: Rita Pilcher
Members:  
Bill Ruth  
Melissa Thornsberry  
Bob Dostal  
Peter Sheehan

ST. BRIDGET FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairman: Ross Dale  
Gary Crabtree  
Greg Dustman  
Joe Fiedler  
Robert Radmacher  

Chairman: Rick Kittell
Secretary: Rita Pilcher
Members:  
Bill Ruth  
Melissa Thornsberry  
Bob Dostal  
Peter Sheehan

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND

January 7 & 8

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Collection</th>
<th>EFT</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>St. Bridget Parish</td>
<td>$5,136.25</td>
<td>$9,227.51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Love One Another Campaign</td>
<td>$4,091.26</td>
<td>$4,742.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Debt</td>
<td>$62,499.99</td>
<td>$7,791.41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Youth Group Collection</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Votive Candle</td>
<td>$9.50</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Collection</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Prayer

Lord, I will be a good disciple by learning and sharing your words.

Something to Draw

Draw John pointing out Jesus as the Son of God.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.

Mission for the Week

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).
Curious about the benefits of Natural Family Planning and how it can be a blessing in your marriage? Do you wonder whether NFP is reliable? An introductory class in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP takes place at 9:30am on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Mark Parish, 3736 S. Lee’s Summit Rd., Independence, MO. The $35 fee may also be applied toward the cost of a complete NFP class series offered by the Couple to Couple League (CCL), one provider of Natural Family Planning (NFP) services in the United States. For more information or to register for this class, call Mary Kathleen or Tom Morgan at (816) 795-0790 (ckcck@sbcglobal.net). Pre-registration is required.

Is God calling you? Come and See!
The Benedicte Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO, March 18-22, 2017. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and to learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at www.benedicensisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedicensisters.org.

The Parish office will close Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will resume our regular office hours Tuesday, January 17 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

MARRIED COUPLES – Worth out from the Holidays?
Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blues? How about a special weekend, just for the 2 of you?
Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today!
The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 27-29, 2017
For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmmeigungus.org or call Tony or Barb Zimmerman, 913-741-4066 or email tobyntzbj@prodigy.net

OFFICE CLOSED

From Msgr. Murphy:
With the end of the Christmas season-except at our house-we move bravely into the New Year. But before we do I wanted to share with you a “Thank You” card that was sent from two girls helped out by our "Angel Tree". One girl wrote, in part, “I wish I could say this in person to the people who donated and spent their money on the many wonderful gifts I opened up on Christmas day… It means so much that people would go out of their way in order to help others who, perhaps, are less fortunate than themselves.” The other girl wrote, in part, “It was such a blessing to open up all the gifts from St. Bridget… Every gift was so special…Also a big thank you for the gift of food you provided…Thank you to all at St. Bridget for these wonderful Christmas blessings.”

Another Christmas blessing was several unexpected donations to our Parish. What a true blessing these are as we struggle mightily to pay off our debt. This Sunday (Jan. 15) my boyhood friend, Father Benedict Neenan, O.S.B. becomes the new Abbot of Conception Abbey. Tommy (as he was known growing up) is one of twelve children.

My “baby” brother Charlie turns 59 on Thursday. We are ten years apart. My Mother still talks about us as though we were children. But if you are going on 101 like Mom, I guess we are.

Mgr. Robert Murphy
The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “...I myself did not know him.” John 1:29-31
John is not the only one who can fail to see Jesus... we can too. In this new year, let’s make an effort to look for Jesus in the many persons and circumstances of our lives.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY. WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR OFFICE hours TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 FROM 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone who helped last weekend to take down all the Christmas decorations. Many hands made for quick work!

Thank You
Donna Johnson & Susan Zaner

OFFICE CLOSED
WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 15
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass-2nd Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal
10:00 am K of C Breakfast
10:15 am Confirmation Class
6:00 pm EDGE & HSYG

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Parish Office Closed Today
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, January 17
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

Wednesday, January 18
8:30 am Mass
NO TMIY
6:30 pm SOR
6:30 pm Women of Faith

Thursday, January 19
8:30 am Mass

Friday, January 20
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for January 29th Bulletin

Saturday, January 21
4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass-2nd Collection for Military

Sunday, January 22
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass-2nd Collection for Military

UPCOMING LITURGICAL WORKSHOP: The diocese will be hosting a Liturgical Workshop on Saturday, January 28th at the Catholic Center, 28th W. 9th St., Kansas City, MO 64105.

The workshop schedule is as follows:
8:30 am - Reader training begins
9:45 am - Break & (EMHC check in)
10am - Theological presentation for both EMHC and Readers
11am - Theological presentation will end (Reader training is complete and readers are free to leave.)
10am - 1pm EMHC training.

If you would like to attend these trainings, please contact the parish office before the 28th and we will get you registered.
There is no cost to you to attend.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION: Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs; Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS receives no funding from government or military for its programs and services, including the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which provides priests from home dioceses and for the military chaplaincy. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

Due to the bad weather last month, our Parish Ladies Dinner had to be rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, January 29, 2017.

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

Food Pantry Needs: Soup, juice, canned pasta, Mac & Cheese, & tuna.

Start the new year right by attending the new YDisciple program we have going just for you! We will meet January 15th at 6 pm in the education building.

Then we will meet again on January 29th instead of February 5th. Come see what the Lord has in store for you!

Shelby Schaller
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
www.fertilitycarekc.com

LADIES DINNER RESCHEDULED

Ladies Dinner had to be rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, January 29th, 2017.

CLIP & SAVE

K OF C NEWS

January
15 – K of C Breakfast
28 – Ladies Dinner

February
9 – Meeting
19 – K of C Breakfast

K of C Breakfast!
Join the K of C for breakfast this Sunday Morning, January 15th immediately following Mass in Ledwidge Hall.

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.

January SOR Schedule:
18th – Class
25th – Class

Due to the bad weather last month, our Parish Ladies Dinner had to be rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, January 28th, 2017.

SOR NEWS

Due to the bad weather last month, our Parish Ladies Dinner had to be rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, January 28th, 2017.

A NEW sign-up sheet is located on the oak table in the vestibule. We ask that if you signed up last month to attend to please do so again.

Please sign up by Next Sunday, January 22nd.

Social Hour begins immediately following 5:00 pm Mass with dinner being served by our K of C at 6:20 pm.

All Ladies of the parish are invited to this wonderful event.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!