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St. Bridget Parish
January 2 & 3, 2016

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Monday 9 AM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7 AM – 4:40 PM
Thursday 10 AM – 6:40 PM

Friday 9:00 – 6:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 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.

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

Anointing of the 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 Kappeler, Deacon 540-4156
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry,
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ST. BRIDGET EVENTS CONT.

K of C Poker Tournament
COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

**K OF C POKER TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, JANUARY 30th, 2015  @ 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 is $35 in advance, $40 day of the event.

**Chili Dinner begins at 5:30 pm.**
Beverages (soda & beer) will be available for a donation

**Prizes:**
- $250 for 1st
- $125 for 2nd
- $75 for 3rd

Reserve your spot now. Tournament will be limited to 64 players. Contact Chris Koehler @816-885-3687 or kofcpokerphill@gmail.com.

If you are a new parishioner to our parish, this is a great time to get to meet some of our ladies from the parish. It’s an evening of great food, entertainment, games & prizes! Our very own knights prepare the food and serve it up in tuxedos!

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**St. Bridget Parish: $3,412.19**
**Love One Another Campaign: $3,057.00**
**Youth Group Collection: $10.00**
**Votive Candle: $35.00**
**Phillip-Pilcher Emergency Fund - $1,970.00**

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,175.39

For our principal and interest payment:

St. Bridget Parish: $3,412.19
Love One Another Campaign: $3,057.00
Parish Debt: $195,874.89
Youth Group Collection: $10.00
Votive Candle: $35.00
Special Collection: Christmas - $10,152.25
Phillip-Pilcher Emergency Fund - $1,970.00

To Shut-ins: Cathy Vogel

**CANTORS:**
Sat: TBA w/Laura Worms
Sun: Rick Worms

**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**LECTORS:**
- January 2 & 3
  - 5:00 pm  Katy Crabtree, Laura Long
  - 9:00 am  Rick Bouchard, Chris Porter

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm  Ross & Charleen Dale, Tim Long
  - 9:00 am  Nancy Bouchard, Dick Danjou, *Laurie Jo Holmes, Jani Karr, Cathy Vogel, *Katherine Sheehan

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Caleb Long, TBA
- 9:00 am  Cole Meyers, Brett Greufe

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- 9:00 a.m.  Peter & Katherine Sheehan

**SACRISTAN:**
- 5:00 pm  Ross & Charleen Dale
- 9:00 am  Rick & Nancy Bouchard

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm  TBA
- 9:00 am  Fry, Brenchall, Glass, Greufe

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
- January 2/3  Stephanie’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANING:**
- Saturday, January 9  Delores Team

**CANTORS:**
- Sat: TBA w/Laura Worms
- Sun: Rick Worms
Leasing at the Catholic Center

The Catholic Center (at 20 W. 9th Street in downtown Kansas City) has a leasing opportunity with 5 floors of approximately 14,300 sq. ft. per floor. The floors are finished out with open floor plans and perimeter conference rooms. Each floor can be divided into smaller offices of 2500 sq. ft.; 4000 sq. ft.; 7,000 sq. ft. or the entire floor. Parking at a 4 spaces per 1000 sq. ft. ratio is also available for a monthly fee. Lease rates are starting at $12 per sq. ft. Full Service. Tenant Finish improvements would be amortized over the term of the lease.

The building has the proper zoning to permit mixed use or residential development. Anyone interested in doing residential or senior living development are welcome to contact us. For information, contact Ron Jury, Jury & Associates, Inc. 913 648-3513.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a Weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!

The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 29-31, 2016. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmeminourlandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator: it binds God with man and man with God. Saint Catherine of Siena

Please contribute generously to “Blessed Are the Merciful”, the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in the past years, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal). Go online to www.kesjgive.org or use the form in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363.

HEALING SERVICES CONTINUE

The OCYP is reaching out to those hurt by the church to offer support and resources through a series of Healing Services throughout the diocese. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated and will help to demonstrate the Diocese’s sincere desire to fulfill our ‘Pledge to Heal’ in assisting those hurt by clergy sexual abuse.

Recent services were well received and attended. The next services are scheduled for:

St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, 64124

MSGR. MURPHY

From Msgr. Murphy

Happy New Year! Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Today’s Feast continues the Christmas season (which lasts through this coming week until next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So keep those Christmas trees up!

I was thinking that today’s Feast is a bit like coming to weekly Mass. Like the Magi, we are all searchers and we find “The Christ” in Mass as they did in the stable at Bethlehem. They were guided by a star. We are guided by the Word of God. They saw a simple stable. We see a priest, an altar, statues and candles, and one another. Very ordinary. They brought gifts. We bring gifts. May our journey in this New Year lead us to know and love Christ even better and to serve him even better.

I baptized Braden Patrick Wank this Saturday. He is the son of my nephew Patrick and his wife Hailey. (Hailey is a nurse practitioner and has taught Irish clog dancing. I think Braden should start walking before he tries Irish clog dancing!)

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, 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 Advocate Mary Bullman at 816-392-0011 or bullmanm@diocesekcj.org for more information.

DECO BRATION REMOVAL

Christmas decorations will be removed from church immediately following Mass next Sunday, January 10th. If you are available to help, please see Donna Johnson or Susan Zaner following Mass next Sunday. Please mark your calendars for this event. We will once again need strong men to help take the Christmas trees and decorations downstairs. Many hands make for quick work. Thank you!

CLIP & SAVE

January
1 – 10:00 am Mass; Holy Day of Obligation “Mary, The Holy Mother of God”
Parish Office Closed Today
2 – Adoration
9 – Ladies Dinner
K of C Roses for Life & Baby Bottle Campaign
10 – K of C Roses for Life & Baby Bottle Campaign
11 – Finance Council & Parish Council Meetings
18 – Parish Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr Day

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

The Epiphany of the Lord ABC 1
Isaiah 60:1-6

Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah’s prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!” he proclaims— “Your light has come.”

In Matthew’s story, the magi realize that Jerusalem’s light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.


SHELBY SCHALLER
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
www.fertilitycarekc.com
LADIES DINNER:  If you have not signed up for the Annual Parish Ladies Dinner, you still have this weekend to do so.  Ladies if you see someone new to our parish, please invite them to join us for this wonderful event.  All ladies of St. Bridget Parish are invited.  Sign-up sheets are located on the small table in the vestibule.  Please see more information located elsewhere in this bulletin.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING NEWS:  The Altar & Rosary Society will not hold their regular meeting in January due to the Parish Ladies dinner.  They will resume their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm.

ADORATION:  Please join us for Adoration this Thursday, January 7 from 2-7:00 pm.  Sign-up sheets are located on the oak table in the vestibule.

ST. BRIDGET HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!  Check out St. Bridget’s Facebook page by typing in “St. Bridget Catholic Church” in your Facebook search box and then like our page to stay up to date with what is going on and to receive information about St. Bridget events throughout the year.

The 23rd Annual “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS”:  Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Friday, January 29, 2016 at a NEW LOCATION.  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 a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Sweetland, President of Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS.  S.O.S. will be held at the Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.  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 at 913.207.9893 or mmmh666@sbcglobal.net.

TWO CHANCES TO HEAR MATTHEW KELLY IN PERSON ALONG WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST ELIOT MORRIS:  Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly will present Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose on Friday, April 22nd, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13615 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS 66215.  If unable to see him on the 22nd, then join us Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Community 16000 West 143rd Street, Olathe, KS 66062.  Due to the popularity of this event, we would like to order as many tickets now before they are sold out.  Tickets are available for $39.  If you would like to attend one of these presentations, please contact Stephanie Lewis at 816-987-2768 or the parish office ASAP.

We still have several St. Bridget t-shirts available ranging in sizes small thru 3XL for adults & medium thru large for youth.  Contact the parish office to purchase yours now!  Cost is $15.00.

Food Pantry Needs—canned soup, crackers, juice, peanut butter, canned tuna.  The food pantry is extremely low on these items.

Thank you St. Bridget parishioners for your continued support!

ST. BRIDGET T’SHIRTS AVAILABLE

ST. BRIDGET’S SOR:  The St. Bridget SOR program will be cancelled that evening as well.

THE K OF C NEWS

ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:  The Knights of Columbus Council is hosting their annual Roses for Life and this year Baby Bottle Campaign on January 9th & 10th.  The Knights of Columbus throughout the world are vigilant supporters of Life in all of its forms from conception to natural death.  Please show your support for the right to life by completing the name and address information on a Rose and returning it to a Knight.  The completed Roses are then sent to state and national political leaders to encourage their support of Pro-Life legislation.  Monetary donations will also be accepted and donated to the Missouri Right to Life.  Thanks for your support of the Knights of Columbus and their efforts.

Thank you!