St. Bridget Parish
January 6 & 7, 2018

King for All People

• 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

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Can it be?

It sure can!

20th Century

What a world

Where SOLD Means More

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Church No. 3110
200 N. State Route 7
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Jef & Allison Light, Directors

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Wouldn’t that be nice?

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Liturgical Roles & Services

January 6 & 7

LECTORS:
5:00 pm    Katy Crabtree, Ann Seibolt
9:00 am    Matt Breinhach, Lori Merrigan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm    Maurice Devolter
9:00 am    Linda Ocho, *Cathy Vogel, *Lara Kilgore

To Shut-ins: Susan Zaner

SERVERS:
5:00 pm    Noah Bock, Kennedy & Owen Thornsberry
9:00 am    Caitlin O’Hanlon, Kaylere Merrigan

ROSARY LEADERS:
5:00 pm    Chris Porter
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9:00 am    Rick & Nancy Bouchard

USHERS:
5:00 pm    TBA
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MONEY COUNTERS:
January 6 & 7   Elsie’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS:

January 13

CANTORS:
5:00 pm    Laurie & Steve Himmelberg
9:00 am    Greg Ochs w/Deborah Yang

COMMUNITY SERVICE for Fri, January 12: Steve Himmelberg

January 6 – January 14

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December 30 & 31

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Please remember our Dream Campaign
December Dream Fund MTD: $15,242.50

ANGEL TREE RECIPIENTS

This is a photo of just two of the recipients who’s hearts were touched by your generosity this Christmas through the Angel Tree.

Thank you Laurie Jo Holmes for taking care of the Angel Tree and giving those of us here at St. Bridget the chance to give others a wonderful Christmas as well.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

W I S E   M A N   M E S S I A H   G I F T S
S T A R   W O R S H I P   W A R N E D
H E R O D   E N C I T E D   D R E A M
U N A H R T Y   H R S F
O M I Y U B A U W E T
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S O Y I E   M A S T U
T I B V A   H U D H Y M
A S U L   M E S S I A H
R E W A Y I   L E P O Y

Sharing the Gospel

Iguss puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God’s promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

Prayer Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

Something to Draw

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SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**Is your marriage going down the right 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 better 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 @ 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com or RetroKC.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 Outreach, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2580 or Jennifer.Valenti@art.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 816-132-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcsj.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

The Epiphany of the Lord ABC 2

My New Year’s Day Cartoon from the New Yorker

**My New Year’s resolution is to lose thirty-eight thousand pounds.** I’ll go with the Blue Whale’s resolution!

From Msgr. Murphy:

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we have many epiphanies of the Lord in this New Year. May the light of Christ be in us to lead others home.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

**RESERVED PARKING SPACES**

Beginning January 1, 2018 – January 31, 2018 the 1st parking space in front of church will be reserved for Joan Galbraith and the 2nd parking space will be reserved for Peter & 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!

**ATTENTION HS YOUTH**

High School youth and parents: **Called to Protect for Youth** is coming to St. Bridget on Jan. 7th. This program teaches youth about their physical, emotional, and behavioral boundaries and how to respond if someone tries to violate them. Youth learn why it can be difficult to report abuse that has occurred to them or someone they know. It also teaches them words to say if they, or someone they know, are being abused. St. Bridget will offer **Called to Protect** to all high school youth on Sunday, January 7, 2018 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Adult Education Room. Chris Homan, a counselor at Lee’s Summit High School, will present the program, which includes videos and facilitated group discussion. All high school youth are strongly encouraged to attend. The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, following the guidelines set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, mandates that this offer is yearly in an effort to protect our youth. This is a very important program and it is done well. Please give serious consideration to going. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Monsignor Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com or (816) 540-4563.

**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 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 the parish office.

**FERTILITYCARE™ CENTER of Kansas City**

Is your marriage down the right 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? FertilityCare can help and offers hope for a better relationship.

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**The Epiphany of the Lord ABC 2 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Secret Plan

The birth of Jesus became the worst kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God’s secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done. But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God’s two great surprises: Jesus was born as the prophet of Messiah, and he cannot just for his own race, but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God’s mystery “was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.” Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we came from, what we believed, or how we behaved. The mystery of God’s love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God’s secret.
**WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

Coffee & Donuts Sunday
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
Dream Fund & Catholic Key Subscription Renewal
10:00 am Called To Protect for all HS Youth
6:00 pm HS YG

**Monday, January 8**
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm Finance Council
7:30 pm Parish Council

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

**Wednesday, January 10**
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm TMY
6:30 pm SOR
6:30 pm W of F
7:00 pm 2nd Grade Parents Meeting

**Thursday, January 11**
8:30 am Mass
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

**Friday, January 12**
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for January 21st Bulletin

**Saturday, January 13**
4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 14**
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Middle School EDGE

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**HELP NEEDED:** You help is needed this Sunday morning following Mass as we will take down the Christmas decorations. We need some men to help carry down the trees & boxes.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16th.

**FREE:** St. Bridget has a 23 cubic foot older chest freezer that we would like to give away. It does need some insulation repair to the lid but works great otherwise. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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**K OF C NEWS**

- 6 & 7 Roses for Life Campaign
- 11 Meeting
- 20 Texas Hold-em Tournament
- 21 Breakfast

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**K OF C EVENT**

**ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** The Knights of Columbus Council is hosting their annual Roses for Life Campaign on January 6th & 7th. The Knights of Columbus throughout the world are vigilante 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.

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

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

Contact Chris Koehler @ 816-885-3687 or Kofc pokerphill@gmail.com

Food and check-in for poker will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cards dealt at 6:30 p.m.

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**WELCOME TO ST. BRIDGET!**

Please welcome to our St. Bridget Family Nathan Heiman, Kaley Tirk, Mikah, Fynlee, & Kale. If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home.

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**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
- Tuna, Ramen Noodles, Soup & Juice.
- Thank you St. Bridget parishioners for your continued support!

**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.

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**K OF C NEWS**

- January 6 – K of C Roses for Life Campaign
- January 7 – Coffee & Donuts Sunday
- January 8 – Mardi Gras & Chili Cook-Off
- January 14 – Valentine’s Day
- January 16 – K of C 1st Fish Fry of 2018
- January 20 – HSYG Free:
- January 21 – K of C Breakfast

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**CLIP & SAVE**

**January 9-11**
- Finance & Parish Council Meetings
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Parish Office Closed

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**ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – REGISTRATION OPEN!**

Activity Leaders Thonya Kennedy and Laurie Jo Holmes invite you to participate in or sponsor a St. Bridget youth for the March for Life Pilgrimage, which will take place January 17-20, 2018. It includes the Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica, sightseeing on the National Mall, a Youth Rally and Mass, meetings with U.S. Legislators, a Rally on the National Mall, the March for Life, and the spiritual, educational, and social experience of a lifetime! Learn more at http://www.respectlifecksj.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html.

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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

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