ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

St. Bridget Finance Council
Chairman: Ross Dale charleerd@comcast.net
Gary Crabtree garycrabtree@comcast.net
Greg Dustman gregdustman@comcast.net
Joe Fiedler jacomojoe@comcast.net
Robert Radmacher radbroex@aol.com

St. Bridget Parish Council
Chairman: Rick Kitchell rickkitchell@gmail.com
Secretary: Rita Pilcher ritapilcher@gmail.com
Members:
- Bill Ruth pandrush@yahoo.com
- Melissa Thornsberry irish_girl@7979@yahoo.com
- Bob Dostal bidos@comcast.net
- Mark Block markbbeck@sheglobal.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
July 15 & 16
Collection EFT Total
St. Bridget Parish: $7,800.00 + $2,521.50 $10,321.50
Love One Another Campaign: $460.00 + $38.00 $1,298.00
Parish Debt: $8,499.00
Youth Group Collection: $80.00 + $40.00 $120.00
Votive Candle: $3.00
Special Collection: $1,525.00
Extra Collection: $50.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.
Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $7,791.41
July Debt (Collected until 6/6/06) $7,791.41 (Obligation) =
Overage + $ (Deficit) ($7,858.41)

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time & talent in making our VBS a huge success! Everyone one had a great time and all the hard work paid off with a great turnout!

Dinner served before VBS by our Altar & Rosary Society & our Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to the St. Bridget Finance Council for providing financial support.
Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Weekend in Kansas City is July 28-30, 2017. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmenewayland.mo.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbe@prodigy.net.

“I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter.” (St. John Paul II)

**BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Thinking about religious life? We have the tools for your spiritual journey! Explore the rhythm of a semi-cloistered, contemplative monastic life, learn to devote time and prayer to God, delve into discernment and meet other women who share your questions and thoughts about the future! Come and See Weekend, Oct 13-15, 2017, Clyde Missouri. For single women, 18-40 years old. For more information, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at (660)944-2221 or vocations@vendenclidesisters.org

**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 transaction is secure and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

---

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

From Msgr. Murphy:

I had a nice trip to Branson and Bentonville. As the lady was letting us into our “B+B” in Bentonville, she causally asked: “Did you hear about the tornadoes that we had in the Spring? This was the most damaged house in Bentonville!” The house no longer had two bathrooms!

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom this Sunday and Jesus’ parable of the wheat and the weeds gives us one way to help us understand the problem of evil. It is that God is patient while waiting and urging the evil does to change their ways. In the end, aren’t we grateful that God is patient for we’re all sinners and we have all failed at times!

---

**FAMILY VOCATION DAY**

**Saturday, August 19, 2017, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Come and spend the day immersed with Holy men and women and be inspired by religious and priests from six states. Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions, and have a lot of fun throughout the day. His Excellency, Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:30 a.m. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is $5 per person or $30 per family. All ages can attend – there will be tracks for young adults, parents, and children by age group.

Register online or learn more about the religious orders and priests as well as activities planned for the day at www.kcpriest.org or call the Family Life Office 816.714.2373.

---

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Skils and Spirituality – ENCOUNTERING CHRIST THROUGH MUSIC MINISTRY.

A day of workshops, singing, and praying for music ministers to be inspired for growth, building relationships and support networks.

WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 2017
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: St. Therese Parish, North, 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, 64152.

COST: $20 per person or $15 per person for groups of five or more.

CONTACT: Dr. Mario Pearson at mpearson@kcceoldime.org for registration information.

---

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 and Saturday, September 30. Both will take place at The Catholic Center. Both will run from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

St. Bridget is in need of more volunteers in this ministry. If you would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office.

---

**PRISON MINISTRY**

Again, the friends of Tyler Toomay would like to sponsor Tyler’s 8th college course. Because Tyler has no access to a computer, his choice of courses is limited. The next course he would like to take is Communications Arts 1. The cost is $55.00 and the book is $39.99. If you wish to help, please make your check out to St. Bridget Church with “Prison Ministry” in the memo section of your check.

---

**EME TRAINING**

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@art.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deanon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing to those whom it has wronged and their families. Please contact Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekc.org, or for more information contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 756-1850 (x540).

---

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2

Romans 8:26-27

Praying Hard

There are many ways to pray. When alone, we may pray in silence, or meditate on verses from the Bible, or say the rosary, or read from a prayer book. When with others, we may pray before a meal, bow our heads during an invocation, or join in the Mass.

On some days prayer seems less satisfying. It is hard to concentrate. We are distracted by our surroundings or by the affairs of the day. The words do not make much sense. Or we are just too tired.

Those troublesome days come, but there are other days when prayer works. We feel drawn into the presence of God. The songs truly give praise. Our needs prompt us to call upon God more directly. The faith of others inspires us. We may feel discouraged by a lesser prayer once we have experienced all that prayer could be.

Even when we cannot pray the way we wish, our prayer still pleases God. When you do something for someone you love, you may not always have the right words, and you may not always select the perfect gift, but the beloved knows what is in your heart.

St. Paul tells the Romans, “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” The Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.

If we do not feel like prayer, all we have to do is try. The Spirit will take it from there.


---

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

---

**PLANS UNDERWAY!**

Plans are underway for our upcoming annual AutumnFest. The date has been set for Saturday, October 1st. More details will be coming soon, but for right now, we really need volunteers to help with this big event.

This is St. Bridget’s biggest fundraiser event and it takes many volunteers to help. It is very hard to plan for an event when we are not sure we will have enough volunteers. On Thursday evening, August 17th at 6:00 pm we will hold a meeting for anyone who is interested in being a part of this event. Perhaps you have suggestions. Or just would like to find out more about what would be involved with helping? If so, please mark your calendars and plan to join us at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 17th.
**PRODUCE AND BAKED GOODS NEEDED:** Do you have an abundance of produce from your garden and not sure what to do with it? Why not donate it to the Altar & Rosary Society’s Garage Sale. They are also looking for baked items to sell during their event as well. Signup sheets are located on the small table in the vestibule if you would like to let them know you can help donate these items.

**AUTUMNFEST RAFFLE TICKETS:** Starting this weekend following each Mass the AutumnFest committee will be selling chances for a side of beef or a fire pit. The raffle will be held during our AutumnFest on Sunday, October 1st. You need not be present to win. One chance for $1.00 or six chances for $5.00.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** The Altar & Rosary Society will meet Thursday, August 3. We will begin the Rosary at 6:40 pm in church. Our meeting will begin immediately following the Rosary at 7:00 pm in the Adult Ed Room of the SOR Building; August Hostess: Ginny Hayward; Altar Cloths: Donna Johnson; Cemetery: Patty Ruth.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Canned mixed vegetables, Hamburger Helper, Tuna, and Juice.

**CLIP & SAVE**

**SHOES, SLEEPWEAR, FURNITURE, SMALL APPLIANCES, TOYS, BRING YOUR BABY STUFF**

**We are extremely short on volunteers this year to help with this event. Please, consider signing up to help! Several time slots are still available.**

**ADOPTION DAY**

Saturday, August 26, 2017

**THE ROUTE:** Gail’s Harley-Davidson, Belton, 5586 Belton, 6550 Harrisonville, MO

**Pre-register before August 10, 2017 to guarantee a T-Shirt! Go to www.fertilitycarekc.com for registration forms**

**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.