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Stations of the Cross
April 2 – Presentation Parish
April 4 – St. Robert Bellarmine

All services are at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

LENTEN SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES

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March 29 – Holy Spirit Parish
April 2 – Presentation Parish
April 4 – St. Robert Bellarmine

We will start the Mass with the blessing of the Palms in Ledwidge Hall. We will then process outside and into church.

(Weather permitting)

5:00 pm
March 25 & 26
Dan’s Team

5:00 pm
March 27
Charleen Taylor

5:00 pm
March 28
Joseph Fournier by Mike & Laura Palomba

5:00 pm
March 29
Charleen Taylor

5:00 pm
March 30
Ray Scharf

5:00 pm
March 31
Charles Wise

5:00 pm
April 1
Louise’s Team

5:00 pm
April 2
Mike & Laura Palomba

5:00 pm
April 3
Peter & Katherine Sheehan

5:00 pm
April 4
Ovadia Himmelberg

5:00 pm
April 5
Steve & Gail Himmelberg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening during Lent. Starting time is 7:00 pm.

THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER

(April 13th) ~ (April 14th) ~ (April 16th)

Good Friday on Saturday (April 15th) will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

ST. BRIDGET K OF C 2017 LENTEN FISH FRY SCHEDULE

Only 1 more fish fry left this Lenten Season! Spread the word so your friends and family don’t miss it!

Friday, April 7th Last Fish Fry for 2017!
(Baseball Theme - Wear your favorite team colors!)

Dinner Served From 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ticket Prices:

Age 4 & under: Free
Age 5-12: $5.00
Age 13-64: $10.00
Seniors (65 & up): $7.50
Take Home: $10.00

Dinner includes the following:

Fried, Baked, & Grilled Fish
Spaghetti ~ Cole Slaw
Baked Potatoes ~ Corn Fritters
Green Beans ~ Desserts
Drinks: Ice Tea ~ Coffee

For your family...and family!
**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

Fourth Sunday of Lent A (BC Opt.) 1
1 Samuel 16:1b-6, 7-10a

Anointed with the Spirit

Once in a while, God gives us a sign of hope. The clouds of winter yield to the sun of spring. A new friendship develops. An infant brings new joy to a family. Although the season of Lent has urged us to think about sin, it does so against a backdrop of hope. We do not hear the story of sin without hearing also the story of salvation.

When Samuel visited Jesse to anoint a king among his sons, Israel received a sign of hope. God chose not the eldest son of lofty stature, but the youngest son who was busy tending sheep. Samuel anointed him with a horn of oil and God’s spirit rushed upon the young man. We learn his name only at the end of today’s reading: David.

David, overlooked by those who should have seen with God’s eyes, became a symbol of Jesus. The legendary kingship of David foreshadowed the blessed kingship of Jesus. Jesus is the one we call “Christ,” a title that means “anointed.”

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH OFFICE**

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. You now 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.

**ST. BRIDGET SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**NELSON GIPSON SCHOLARSHIP**

The Altar & Rosary Society offers a yearly $500 scholarship in memory of Nelson Gipson, a beloved parishioner who played the organ at St. Bridget for over 50 years. Applicants can be anyone in the immediate family of registered St. Bridget parishioners (as of 03/01/2017) who is or will be enrolled in a program of higher education in the fall of 2017. Persons meeting either criteria #1 - Graduating seniors who are members of St. Bridget Parish and are planning to pursue a degree in any field or #2 - Any parishioner who is currently enrolled in a program of higher education. #3 - Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, verifiable by the pastor and may not have received the scholarship previously.

Applications are located in the Vestibule. Applications are also available in the parish office or online at www.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org. Wait for homepage to load and click on Youth Group News. The winner of this scholarship will be notified in writing and the award will be presented during Mass.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

Eternal loving Father, aware of our human frailty, we enter the desert this Lenten season. Grateful for your Son’s sacrifice, St. Bridget Parish asks for guidance as we begin our journey of almsgiving, fasting & prayer. Empower us with the Holy Spirit to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel. AMEN

**Application Deadline:** Applications must be turned into the parish office no later than 4pm on Friday, April 14, 2017.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Dioecesan Staff Accountant

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is seeking a full-time Staff Accountant, who will support the fiscal management and financial reporting of the Diocese. This is a full-time position, based upon a schedule of 40 hours per week, and is eligible for health and welfare benefits, paid time off, and participation in a defined benefit retirement plan. This position is classified as non-exempt.

The qualified candidate will have experience in accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and finance and accounting. The qualified candidate must have completed college level coursework in accounting or business administration and/or 3+ years’ work in the accounting field. Required skills also include intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Office 2010. The preferred candidate will have an undergraduate degree in accounting, business administration, or finance, knowledge of fund accounting in a non-profit setting and knowledge of Church and parish operations.

To Apply:
https://careers.hireology.com/careers/107038/applicatio
n?subdomain=careers&careers_pathname=thecatholicdioceseofkansascitystjoseph&id=107038&ref=hireology&c

**MSGR. MURPHY**

From Msgr. Murphy:

Do you remember our “Angel Tree” that was in the vestibule before Christmas? Recently I heard from “Daniel, a prisoner-parent”: “Thank you for the gifts you gave my daughter...She wrote me a card about them and I was overwhelmed with joy.”

I hope you will be able to attend Greg Vranicar’s presentation on “Estate Planning” that will be after Mass this Sunday. He has some interesting and informative handouts that will aid all of us.

We continue to have Deanery Penance Service. This coming Wednesday there is one at Holy Spirit Parish at 7pm. Next Sunday is one at Our Lady of Presentation Parish at 6:30pm. And, of course, I hear Confessions on Saturday from 4pm until 4:45pm.

The rose-colored vestments this weekend remind us that we are at the half way mark for Lent. Like the cured blind man in today’s Gospel, are we finally seeing what is important in our faith journey?

Msgr. Robert Murphy

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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 Dioecesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@at.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 (c540).

**50TH WEDDING CELEBRATION**

A Mass honoring all couples in the diocese celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2017 will be celebrated by Bishop Johnston on Sunday, June 4th, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration will include all couples who have celebrated or will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary between January 1 and December 31, 2017. If you were married in 1967, please call the parish office so we can acknowledge you even if you cannot attend.

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

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**Jbr@diocesekcsj.org**
**WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Sunday, March 26**
  - 4th Sunday of Lent
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass-2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services
  - 10:00 am Planned Giving Seminar w/ Greg Vranicar

- **Monday, March 27**
  - 8:30 am Mass

- **Tuesday, March 28**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

- **Wednesday, March 29**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 6:00 pm TMY #23
  - 6:30 pm SOR
  - 6:30 pm Women of Faith

- **Thursday, March 30**
  - 8:30 am Mass

- **Friday, March 31**
  - 8:30 am Communion Service
  - 9:00 am Bible Study
  - 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for April 9th Bulletin

- **Saturday, April 1**
  - 4:45 pm Reconciliation
  - 5:00 pm Mass-2nd Collection for Debt Reduction

- **Sunday, April 2**
  - 5th Sunday of Lent
  - Coffee & Donuts Sunday
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass-2nd Collection for Debt Reduction
  - 6:00 pm EDGE & HSYG

**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** The Altar & Rosary Society will meet next Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm in the SOR Building. **Please join us at 6:40 pm,** in church for praying of the Rosary. Hostess: Rita Jones, Cemetery: Katy Crabtree, Altar Cloths: Marj C. Malley.

**CATHOLIC RADIO NEWS:** For the past twelve years, Catholic Radio Network has been dedicated to bring you the best Catholic programming! We know Jesus has used Catholic radio to enter your lives and help bring you closer to Him! Please pay-it-forward by giving this gift to others!

Catholic Radio Network will hold its annual Spring Pledge Drive the week of April 2nd – April 7th. During the week, we will have several guests visiting with us.

Join Bishop Johnston on Monday, April 3 from 10:00 -11:00 am, Fr. Joe Cisetti on Thursday, April 6th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm, & Msgr. Brad Offutt on Friday, April 7th from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

Kansas City – 890 AM, 1090 AM, 1190 AM, 92.9 FM
St. Joseph – 106.1 FM and 106.7 FM – Pleasanton 93.7, Springfield – 91.9 FM with additional power coming 2017

**A VERY TOUCHING THANK YOU**

**A LETTER FROM AN ANGEL TREE DAD**

"Thank you so much for the gifts you gave my daughter ... Not only did you fulfill a Christmas wish for her, but also for me, too. I received the cards and picture of Lexi at the Christmastime and when I did I cried. I have never received any mail from Lexi. Obviously Lexi is just learning to write, being in Kindergarten, and when I saw her handwriting on the card I was overwhelmed with joy. I have been attempting to make contact with Lexi for more than a year now, and as I said before, your church has helped me to get closer with her. Again, thank you for everything and thank you for bringing joy to my daughter's life. Happy New Year and Joy to you all. I appreciate everything very much." – Daniel, prisoner-parent

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following items: Tunas, Juice, Soup, Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides, Peanut Butter, Cereal, & Crackers.

We are also in need of Shampoo, dish soap & laundry soap.

**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**SPRING CLEANUP PLANNED**

**K OF C NEWS**

**MARCH**

**April**

- 07 – Last Fish Fry of 2017
- 14 – Deadline for K of C Scholarship
- 16 – K of C Easter Egg Hunt
- 20 – K of C Meeting

(Date changed due to Holy Thursday.)

**CLIP & SAVE**

**MARCH**

- 26 – Estate Planned Giving Seminar w/ Greg Vranicar

**APRIL**

- 1 – April Fool’s Day
- 2 – Coffee & Donuts Sunday
- 6 – Adoration
- 7 – Last K of C Fish Fry for Lent
- 8 – St. Bridget Spring Clean-up Day
- 9 – Palm Sunday
- 13 – Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass
- 14 – Good Friday 7:00 pm Mass

**PARRISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**WE NEED YOU!**

With Holy Week quickly approaching, we are looking for volunteers to help with our Holy Thursday Mass. We need 12 apostles to join us during the Washing of the Feet.

A signup sheet has been placed on the small table in the vestibule if you would like to volunteer.

Shelby Schaller
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
[www.fertilitycarekc.com](http://www.fertilitycarekc.com)

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**MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

Memorial Flowers and lilies used to decorate our church and altar may be purchased for a suggested donation of $15 each. Please complete the form, enclose in an envelope and place in the weekend collection. Deadline for ordering is **Wednesday, April 5th.**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

- ____________
- ____________
- ____________
- ____________

**YOUR NAME:**

- ______________________________

**For Intention of:**

- ______________________________

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- ______________________________

**To insure accuracy, we ask that you PLEASE PRINT the following information. Thank you**

**YOUR NAME:**

- ______________________________

**For Intention of:**

- ______________________________

**In Memory of:**

- ______________________________

**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](http://www.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org). If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home.