St. Bridget Parish
March 26 & 27, 2016

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: stbridgetparish@embargmail.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

ANONTING 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 540-4156
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant, Director of Stewardship & Development
l.himmel@embargmail.com
Lisa Thomas, High School Youth Director
Diocesan Victim Advocate:
Kim Shirk - (816) 392-0011
Ombudsman:
Jennifer Valenti – (816)812-2500
JenniferValenti@att.net

203 N. Armstrong
Pleasant Hill, MO 816-540-5550

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MANAGING DR - J. C. Edmiston
**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**March 26 (Easter Vigil)**

**LECTORS:**
- 7:00 pm 1st Reading: Ann Seibolt 2nd Reading: Rita Jones
- Exodus: Caleb Long
- 3rd Reading: Greg Dustman 4th Reading: Shirley Baldwin

**Epistle:**
- Kaitlin Long

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 7:00 pm Maurice & Pat Devolder, Ross & Charleen Dale, Susan Zaner, Tim Long

**SERVERS:**
- 7:00 pm Tyson Edenburn, Noah Bock, Caitlin O’Hanlon, Brent Greene

**SACRISTAN:**
- 7:00 pm Tim Long

**USHERS:**
- 7:00 pm TBA

**CANTORS:**
- 7:00 pm Kaitlin Long & Choir w/Robin Christie

**March 27 (Easter Sunday)**

**LECTORS:**
- 9:00 am Lucas Ochs, Chris Porter

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 9:00 am Nancy Bouchard, Cathy Vogel, Pat & Trudy Garry, Laiana Kulgore, Jane Fry
- To Shut-ins: Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS:**
- 9:00 am Garrett Canaan, Cole Myers

**SACRISTAN:**
- 9:00 am Rick & Nancy Bouchard

**USHERS:**
- 9:00 am Hummel, Kelch, O’Connell, Palomba

**CHURCH CLEANING:**
- Saturday, April 2 Donna’s Team
- Saturday, April 9 Joyce Wheeldon’s Team

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
- March 26 & 27, 2016 Dan’s Team
- March 26, 2016 Stephanie’s Team

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**Chairman:** Cathy Thurman  
cbturman@bankofleesummit.com

**Ross Dale** charleene@gmail.com  
**Greg Dustman** gregd21@hotmail.com  
**Joe Feidler** jacnome@gmail.com  
**Robert Radmacher** radbrowx@aol.com

**St. Bridget Parish Council**

**Vice-Chairman:** Rick Kitchell  
rickkitchell@gmail.com

**Secretary:** 
Rita Pilcher  
ritapilcher@gmail.com

**Members:**
- Bill Heintzelman  
- Lisa Thomas  
- Peter Sheehan  
- Bill Ruth

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

March 19 & 20

**St. Bridget Parish:** $3,407.00

**Love One Another Campaign:** $183.00

**Parish Debt:** $159,460.26

**Youth Group Collection:** $5.00

**Votive Candle:** $7.00

**Special Collection:** $95.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,066.77 for principal and interest payment.  
March Debt (Collected mid) $18,537.00 - $18,066.77 (Obligation) = 
Overage $10,562.25 (Deficit) ($)

**Mission for the Week**

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.
“Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend was the most joyous and stimulating time of our lives. We had the chance to see how each of us needs to love and be loved and it has made such a difference in our relationship ever since.”

The next weekend in Kansas City is May 13-15, 2016.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmeme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarb@prodigy.net

“INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?” Contact Msgr. Murphy at fmr Murphy@hotmail.com

Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefl y towards the poor, that you may treat them as sharers in common with you in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all. Please contribute generously to “Blessed Are the Merciful” the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal) in support of parish and diocesan programs and ministries. Go on line to www.kcsjgives.org for more information or use the form available in the Catholic Key. To make a gift from an IRA or of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares and gifts of grain, call, Greg Vranicar at (816) 714-2363.

Celebrating Our Religious Enthusiastically “Blisters for Sisters” 10th Annual Walk-a-thon Saturday, May 7th, 2016

St. Thomas More Parish
11822 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

All proceeds from this walk go to the ministries of the religious orders in the area served by participating Serra clubs.

Registration forms are available on the small table in the vestibule.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Blessings

From Msgr. Murphy
When people ask you what is this “Good News” that they hear about, you can answer in one word “Easter”. Easter transformed the disciples from a band of despairing people into a band of daring missionaries. But what about us? Is Easter a one-day event? I sure hope not. We need “Easter people” here at St. Bridget. We need people to live their faith every day and commit to Christ and His Church every day.

Last week, my friend Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, wrote a column entitled: “Where’s the Catholic Sandy Koufax?” It might make some folks squirm but I think it is a good meditation for All of Us on Easter. Let me take a few selections from his reflection and share them with you.

“One of my favorite memories of baseball is about the pitching legend Sandy Koufax. This cherished recollection about one of the game’s greatest pitchers did not occur on the mound, however, it came in 1965 when Sandy informed the manager of the Dodgers that he would not be able to pitch on the Jewish high holy day, Yom Kippur. For Sandy, his faith was more important than even baseball.

Or think about the committed Christian Olympic runner, Eric Liddell, who would not compete on Sunday, the Sabbath. Or this year’s Jewish graduates at Baruch University who asked that the late Friday afternoon graduation ceremony be rescheduled earlier so as not to interfere with Sabbath. God bless them.

As for observing the Sabbath, only 25% of us attend Mass on Sunday when we seem to prefer sporting events.

The Bible tells us that we need the Sabbath. Because of Easter, Sunday is our Sabbath.

Many Catholic colleges will compete in “March Madness” even on Good Friday and Easter.

Sociologists tell us that religion needs what they call “markers” to flourish, external signs (like going to Sunday Mass and honoring the Sabbath) to flow from internal conviction.

Have we Catholics lost it? Where’s the Catholic Sandy Koufax?

I think Cardinal Dolan’s challenge is an Easter Challenge. It challenges us to be strong enough as Catholics to take the narrow and hard path rather than just conform. That will make us Easter people all year long.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

Easter Sunday ABC 1
Acts 10:54a, 37-43

All Is New

“What’s new?” That is what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew.

If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your dependence upon God’s help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor. Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God’s Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you! You are now a witness of all that God can do.

This Easter Day, tell your story. Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! Jesus lives!

Easter Blessings

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@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 Advocate Mary Bullmann at 816-392-0011 or bullmann@diocesekc.org for more information.
**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**THURSDAY APRIL 14 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. BRIDGET**

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**SOR NEWS:** Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT SIGN-UP:** A sign-up sheet has been placed on the small white table in the vestibule for team sign-ups. Please include on the sign-up sheet the name of the team captain.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, March 28th in observance of the Easter Holiday. We will resume our regular business hours on Tuesday, March 29th.

**LAY CLERGY NEWS**

Food Pantry: The food pantry had to buy spaghetti sauce last week. Please add this to your shopping list. We give this in each monthly order, along with noodles and hamburger because it provides a complete meal. We are also very low on peanut butter and juice. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in Pleasant Hill and being a part of our mission to provide the love of Jesus to our community.

Spaghetti Dinner: First Presbyterian Church is having a fund raiser for The Lay Clergy, April 16th 5:00 to 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. $7 for adults $3 for children. Served with bread, salad and a variety of desserts.

**CLIP & SAVE**

March
27 – K of C Easter Egg Hunt Rain or Shine
28 – Parish Office Closed
31 – Confirmation Choir Practice

April
3 – Coffee & Donuts Sunday
2nd Collection for Debt Reduction
6 – TMY Last Session
7 – Adoration
Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
Confirmation Choir Practice
9 – K of C 4th Degree Exemplification
11 – Deadline for Altar & Rosary & K of C Scholarships @ 4pm
14 – K of C Meeting
Confirmation Practice
15 – Confirmation @ St. Bridget Parish
23 – 2nd Annual Trivia Night
28 – 1st Communion Dress Rehearsal

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**CONFIRMATION**

Our new Confirmation date will be 
FRIDAY APRIL 15 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. BRIDGET

Confirmation practice will be 
THURSDAY APRIL 14 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. BRIDGET

**CSR RICE BOWL**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we’ve changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the CRS Collection basket in the Vestibule.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd in Ledwidge Hall

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Hey Kids Did You Bring Your Easter Baskets!!!!

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**WELCOME TO ST. BRIDGET!**

If you are just visiting St. Bridget welcome! We pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home. 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