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LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES

November 16 and 17

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Ann Siebholt, Katy Crabtree
8:00 a.m. Mary Grabl, D. J. Breitbach

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Cindy Glass
8:00 a.m. Tim Long
Homebound Cathy Vogel

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Tavian Glass
8:00 a.m. Brett Gruze,

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Batliner, Stephanie Lewis
8:00 a.m. Tim Long

SACRISTAN
5:00 p.m. Marilyn Kennedy
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Ruth, Sheehan, Roch, Breitbach

MONKY COUNTERS
Nov 16 Rita’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
Nov 23 Joyce W’s Team

CANTORS
5:00 p.m. Penni w/ Daniel
8:00 a.m. Daniel w/ Katiein

LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES November 23 and 24

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. April Riley, Lori Merrigan
8:00 a.m. Rick Bouchard, D. J. Breitbach

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Ross Dale
8:00 a.m. Sharon O’Hanlon
Homebound D. J. Breitbach

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Wyatt Newman, Schallers

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Rick and Nancy Bouchard
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

SACRISTAN
5:00 p.m. Ed Medlock and Rita Pilcher
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Gayle, Himmelberg, Himmelberg, Hawkins

MONKY COUNTERS
November 24 Dan’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
November 29 Hilda’s Team

CANTORS
5:00 p.m. Katiein w/TBA
8:00 a.m. Daniel w/Katiein

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GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH
November 9 and 10, 2019

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Please remember our Dream Campaign. Dream Fund MTD: $2,821.00

PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO RCIA
Those who are entering the Catholic faith will be learning about Catholicism in RCIA. This class is open to everyone who is interested in learning more. One parishioner, a cradle Catholic, who went through RCIA in another parish, gained an entirely new appreciation for the faith as a result of learning things they never knew. This is the perfect opportunity to learn. The class meets on Tuesdays at 8 pm (not every Tuesday.) Please contact Fr. Vogel if you would like to join.

RETREAT
“Entering into the Season of Advent Light”
Friday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, December 7, 4:30 pm | Sophia Spirituality Center, 751 South 8th Street, Atchison, KS | This silent weekend retreat will explore ways the light of Christ touches our lives during this season of Advent. Presented by Sister Mary Pat Johnson, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth. Suggested donation of $140 includes retreat, a private room, and meals. Scholarships available. To register, call (913)360-6173 or visit the website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

REPORTING ABUSE
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 (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 the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victims Services Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@dioceseckcj.org for more information.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS
Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together? Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at formed.org/advent o para español formed.org/advento

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REFLECTION: Sleepless Nights

This reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2019/11/09/reflection-313-sleepless-nights/

There are some who easily fall asleep each night and remain asleep until morning. There are others who struggle greatly with sleep and this becomes a great burden and a source of discouragement. If you are one who struggles with sleep on a regular basis, or even on rare occasions, see this as an opportunity rather than as a burden. A sleepless night offers one particular opportunity to you. It can be seen as an invitation to spend the night with our Lord. Though it is healthy to work to deal with the cause of sleeplessness so as to remedy it, it is also good to embrace it in the moment if it happens. Even something as seemingly insignificant as this can become a source of holiness. Seek to use a sleepless night as an opportunity to pray and meditate upon the life of our Lord. One good reflection on such an occasion is to prayerfully meditate upon the night of Jesus’ arrest and imprisonment. His night that night in prison would have most certainly been one of constant prayer to His Father. Recall also that there were many nights when our Lord chose not to sleep. Scripture reveals that Jesus regularly “spent the night in prayer” (e.g., Luke 6:12). Thus, in this act, Jesus gives great power to pulling an “all-nighter” with Him in meditation and prayer. By embracing this Cross with our Lord you will see an abundance of Mercy pour forth on your life (See Diary #1515).

If this is a struggle that you face, try to look at it from a new perspective. Seek the Lord in your sleepless night and enter into communion with Him in His. Much Mercy awaits you as you seek to transform this cross into grace.

Lord, I pray that every cross I carry will be transformed by Your Mercy into an opportunity for holiness. I especially offer my nights to You, dear Jesus, I trust in You. 

FIFTH FRIDAY 24-HOUR ADORATION

Sign up sheets are in the vestibule for adoration slots for the Fifth Friday 24-Hour Adoration. When there is a fifth Friday in the month, we have 24 hours of adoration beginning at 5:00 p.m. on that day and going until 5:00 Saturday night Mass begins. This month it is the day after Thanksgiving. If you are in town, please consider making a holy hour. There are no regular adorers for 24 hour adoration. This is a wonderful opportunity for silent prayer when you can listen to the voice of Jesus in silence or through reading the Living Word of God.

DAILY READINGS

Saturday - Sunday, November 16 - 17
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Jer 29: 11, 12, 14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will heal back your captives from every place.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Ps 73 (72): 28
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.
Or: Mk 11: 23-24
Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.
MAL 3:19-20a / PS 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 / 2 THEES 3:7-12 / LK 21:5-19

Monday, November 18

Tuesday, November 19
2 MC 6:38-31 / PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / LK 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20
2 MC 7:1, 20-31 / PS 17:1BCD, 5, 6B AND 15 / LK 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 MC 2:15-29 / PS 50:10-12, 5-6, 14-15 / LK 19:41-44

Friday, November 22
St. Cecilia
1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59 / 1 CHRONICLES 29:10BCD, 11ABC, 11D-12A, 12BCD / LK 19:45-48

Saturday - Sunday, November 23 - 24
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cf Ps 85 (84): 9
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Psalm 29(28):10-11
The Lord sits as King forever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

MSS SCHEDULE
Saturday, November 16
5:00 p.m. + Patty Ruth
by Peter and Katherine Sheehan

Sunday, November 17
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget

Monday, November 18
No Mass

Tuesday, November 19
9:00 a.m. + Siefried Stockinger
by Peter and Kathleen Sheehan

Wednesday, November 20
6:00 p.m + Trisha Livingston
by Denny and Maureen Liston

Thursday, November 21
9:00 a.m. + Mary Jane Aebly

Friday, November 22
No Mass

Saturday, November 23
5:00 p.m. + Carl and Betty Schuster
By Gary and Katy Crabtree

Sunday, November 24
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget

- In Memory of Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses
Rosary prayed 30 min. prior to weekend Masses
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed prior to Tuesday morning Mass

2019 Second Collections Schedule

Please be generous. Thank you.

Dec. 1 DREAM Fund
Dec. 8 Religious Retirement
Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Jan. 5 Subscription Sunday for The Catholic Key

The Happy Community

Living in community is hard. In a family, a school, or the workplace, it is hard to get along with others. There are benefits to community life. When you cannot make it on your own, others lift you up. You benefit from the skills and love they share. And when others need help, you are there. You feel satisfied when you use your gifts to help someone else. A happy community enjoys many blessings. The gifts of individuals are marvelous to behold, but even more so is the result—the community becomes its own living force, with its own love, devotion, and commitment.

It works as long as everyone helps out. As soon as someone does not, resentment creeps in, and the beauty of the community is destroyed.

Paul the Apostle faced this problem when he and his companions visited the Thessalonians. Some people were taking advantage of others. It was not working, and it would never work. So the missionaries set an example. They were guests. They did not have to do anything to help out, but they did. “We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,” Paul wrote. “When we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.” There is no such thing as a free lunch.

Your church is a community. It relies on your faith, your participation, and your help. You eat and drink the Eucharist. Do you also work?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 16
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 17
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE Middle School Program
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, November 18
No Mass

Tuesday, November 19
8:25 - 8:55 a.m. Confession
8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, November 20
5:25 - 5:55 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. SOR (begins with Mass)
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith
6:30 p.m. That Man Is You

Thursday, November 21
8:25 - 8:55 a.m. Confession
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 22
No Mass
9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 23
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Men’s Poker Night

Sunday, November 24
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This past week the Parish Council and I met and we began our discussions based on the results of our Listening Session and comments from the surveys. We realized that this is not something that we could settle in one meeting due to the quantity and good quality comments we received at the Listening Session, so we are taking the results home, taking them to prayer, and coming back to a later meeting to address the points that each Parish Council member believes God wants the parish to focus upon. Please keep us in prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide us to fulfill our Lord’s Will.

On a different note, the one-and-only-Bob-Dostal has been working harder than a squirrel collecting nuts for the winter time on our Tabernacle Mensa. Thanks to his wife, Nancy, making him scrumptious breakfasts every morning, Bob has had the energy of a 33 year old man in constructing our Tabernacle Mensa for St. Bridget Catholic Church over the past few months, and he is now done. Weather permitting, the Tabernacle Mensa will be erected in our beautiful church in time for our 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass on November 23, just in time to celebrate the great and royal Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe for that weekend’s Masses.

I have been looking at the pieces at various moments throughout these past few months as the one-and-only-Bob-Dostal has been working on the Tabernacle Mensa. Without any doubt, this finished piece is a work of art and beauty.

A NOTE FROM MARY ADAMS

I continue to recover from my recent accident, which resulted in my broken hip. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I am so blessed to be a member of our warm and caring parish. With love, Mary Adams

PLEASANT HILL LAY CLERGY ANGEL TREE

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GENTLEMEN’S POKER NIGHT

There will be a poker night for all men in the parish on November 23rd in the Adult Education Room of the SOR Building. It will start around 6:30 p.m. It’s shaping up to be a good evening, so mark your calendars.