WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET CONTINUED!

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm *Maurice & Pat Devolder, Susan Zaner
9:00 am *Jane Fry, Dick Danjou, Pam Kappler, Mary Levy Grahl, Tim Long, Katherine Sheehan
To Shut-ins: Cathy Vogel
garycrabtree@comcast.net

ST. BRIDGET Altar & rosary
Gary Crabtree
5:00 pm Clare Fleischmann, Liana Kilgore
9:00 am April Riley, Laura Long

SOCIETY NEWS
November 19 – 27
Greg Dustman grd21@hotmail.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
5:00 pm Joe Fiedler
9:00 am Mary Levy Grahl, Tim Long, Cole Meyers

Through December 11

To Shut-ins: Cathy Vogel
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SACRISTAN:
November 19 & 20
Mary Ann Batliner & Stephanie Lewis
5:00 pm
9:00 am
Tim Long

MONEY COUNTERS:
November 19 & 20
Rita’s Team

LITURGICAL ROLES & SERVICES
November 26 & 27

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Shelley Schaller
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
www.fertilitycarekc.com

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1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18),
2) Contact the local law enforcement agency or call 911,
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The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

The 24th annual “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Lee’s Summit, Kansas, and Dr. Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception Seminary College. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Fund to support our local seminarians.

Please come and join us in celebrating our seminarians and support the future leaders of our Church. For more information, please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development.

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**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

From Msgr. Murphy:

Today is the Feast of the Christ King. It is the end of the Liturgical year. Next week is the First Sunday of Advent. The Feast of the Christ King reminds me of the story of the train carrying the body of FDR. People lined the route. One woman was heard to say to her daughter as the train went by: ‘Honey that man died for you!’ Today we remember that is what Christ did for us.

Our second collection today aids the expenses of educating seminarians. They are our future priests. Perhaps one of them is a future pastor of our Parish. Please give generously.

Also, if you haven’t pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please pick up a card in the pew. There is a general consensus of everyone who has met Bishop Johnston that he is a great priest and a great Bishop for our Diocese. Let’s show him our support in a practical way.

Tonight (Sunday) is our High School Youth Group. I invite High School students to stop by at 6 p.m. and experience the new program: “Y” Disciple.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The High School Youth Group will be selling Christmas Cards following each Mass this weekend. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cash or checkbooks to Mass this weekend if they would like to order Christmas cards from the youth Group.

**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.

**AN ADVENT SERIES FOR WOMEN: HOLY WOMEN**

A series designed to examine holiness by introducing Holy Women of every age. Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-6:30 pm Social & Gathering Time; 6:30 – 7:30 pm Presentation. Adult Ed Classroom in the SOR Building.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1
2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Camelot Restored**

Christ is our king. If you live in a country with a king this sounds like treason. If you live in a country without a king it sounds like mutiny. No matter where you live, it sounds like faith.

The image of a king comes primarily from the stories of David, the ideal king of Israel. David ruled many years and sounds like mutiny. No matter where you live, it sounds like faith.

As we acclaim Christ our King, we do so knowing he is our model of leadership, prayer and power.


**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 protected is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THIS SUNDAY**

We thank all who have pledged or given to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit by the programs and services that the Appeal supports. Educating children in Catholic Schools, training for future priests in seminaries, reaching out to the poor to provide housing and food for their families, and helping ensure healthy marriages are all direct benefits of your gift. Next Sunday you will find pledge envelopes in your pews. Please use these envelopes to help us meet our financial goal to enable the Catholic Church in Northwest Missouri to be a beacon of hope to those in need.
WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

CALANDER OF EVENTS

Parish Office Holiday Hours for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 23rd - Close at 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 24th – Closed
Friday, November 25th – Closed
We will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, November 28th.

PARISH NEWS FOR ALL

TOMORROW’S PRIEST SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Our diocese is blessed with 33 men currently studying for the priesthood at six different seminaries. At the moment, our diocese has more parishes than we do parish priests, so the need for more vocations to the priesthood is significant. We are truly fortunate to have such a large number of quality seminarians in formation. It is a blessing that also comes with a cost. The average rate per seminarian per year is nearly $35,000 for tuition, room and board. Funding seminary education can only be accomplished with your generosity. Please help us to support our seminarians, “Tomorrow’s Priests”.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Please join us at St. Bridget, Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. Bring an item from your Thanksgiving table and we will place it in front of the altar to be blessed during Mass.

ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER: The First Presbyterian Church invites the community to join them at their Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24th. They will be serving from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. There will be no charge and no religious service. Meal delivery is also available. Call the church office by November 20th at (816) 540-6179. They are located at 210 N. Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill, MO.

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.

November SOR Schedule:
November 23: NO Class/Thanksgiving Eve
November 28: Class - Practice for program with main characters.

SOR NEWS

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Soup, juice, canned pasta, Mac & Cheese, & tuna.

The Christmas Food Baskets: Through the end of November, families may sign up for a Christmas Food Basket at the Food Pantry located at 100 Veterans Pkwy, Pleasant Hill. Distribution dates are December 1, 8, 15 and 22 during normal Food Pantry hours.

Donation items that we need in addition to regular food donations are: Turkeys, turkey breast, and hams (both large and small ones), cake mixes & frosting, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, chicken or turkey gravy, potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, jello and canned fruit.

Living Nativity: The City of Pleasant Hill, during their annual Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting, has agreed to let The Lay Clergy use the city lot at the corner of Cedar & Veterans for a living Nativity. We will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, November 28th.

December 3rd starts at 5-meet earlier at 4pm. TLC is bringing the story of Christ’s Birth to this annual celebration. We will have the Holy Family, the wise men, animals, cookies and hot chocolate. We are looking for families, individuals, anyone to join us in caroling. We have two great musicians who have agreed to lead us. Let us announce with great joy and singing that our Savior was born.

THE K OF C NEWS

November
20th – Sunday K of C Breakfast
December
8th – 8:00 pm K of C Meeting
(Please Note Time Change)
17th – Parish Ladies Dinner

Join us for breakfast!

K of C Breakfast
Sunday, November 20th
Following Mass

Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Flowers
Remember your loved ones by purchasing memorial poinsettias that will help decorate our church during the Christmas Season. The price is $15 each.

Please complete the form and return to the parish office or place in the weekly collection basket by Sunday, December 11th.

December 24th
Parish Office Holiday Hours
Closed at 3:00 pm

December 25th
Closed

January 1st
Closed

Parish Office Closes @ 3 pm
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary
NO TMID
NO SOR
NO Women of Faith

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DECORATING HELP

Do you love decorating for the holidays? If so, then we need you!

We will be decorating Ledwidge Hall soon for our Christmas Potluck Dinner on Sunday, December 11th. If you would like to help us decorate, contact Shelly Koehler or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the oak table in the vestibule. Or notify us on our parish Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CHOR NEWS

Mark your calendars for the following practices Monday, November 21st and December 5th and 19th. We do ask that you make as many practices as possible. *Times and dates are subject to change due to conflicts.* For more information, contact Laurie Himmelberg at the Parish Office. Hope to see you there.