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**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**LECTORS:**  
December 28 & 29

5:00 pm  
Mary Ann Batliner, Laura Kilgore

9:00 am  
Christina Worbel, Laura Long

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**

5:00 pm  
*Maurice & *Pat Devolder, Cindy Glass

9:00 am  
*Jane Fry, Tim Long, Pam Kappler, Katherine Sheehan, *Cathy Vogel

**To Shut-ins:**  
Cathy Vogel

**SERVING:**

5:00 pm  
Noah Bock, TBA

9:00 am  
Ryan Edmondson, Cole Myers

**ROSARY LEADERS:**

9:00 a.m.

**SACRISTAN:**

5:00 pm  
Maurice & Pat Devolder

9:00 am  
Pam Kappler

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm  
TBA

9:00 am  
Hummel, Kelch, O’Connell, Palomba

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

November 28  
Dan’s Team

November 29  
Donna’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

Saturday, December 5  
Joyce Wheeldon’s Team

**CANTORS:**

Saturday, December 5  
1. Rick Worms w/Laura Worms

2. Laurie Jo Holmes w/Laura Worms

Sun: Rick Worms w/Daniel Yung

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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

November 21 & 22

St. Bridget Parish: $1,895.00

Love One Another Campaign: $205.00

Parish Debt: $204,333.50

Youth Group Collection: $1.00

Votive Candle: $8.00

Special Collections: $1,465.00

**Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.**

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**November 28 – December 6**

11/28 + Mary Ann Berwanger by Lois’ Excelsior Springs Co-workers

11/29 Parishioners of St. Bridget

11/30 Communion Service

12/01 Communion Service

12/02 Communion Service

12/03 Communion Service

12/05 + Frances Savant by Rick & Laura Worms Bill Schmillen by Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes

12/06 Parishioners of St. Bridget

+ In Memory of

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**DIRECTIONS:**

Color 3 of the candles purple and one candle pink. Color each flame, cut out, and place on the correct number of candles for this week. Add a new flame each week during Advent.

**HOW TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH:**

1. Make the sign of the cross.
2. In the first week of Advent, light one purple candle.
3. Say the following prayer:

   Leader: Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus’ name.

   All: Amen
The Scriptures of Advent open this year with an appeal for justice and security. Our society longs for a better life the Hungry for Justice and Peace Jeremiah 33:14-16

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas Program & Parish Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 13th

Join us for our SOR Christmas Program and then join us for our Parish Christmas Dinner Immediately afterwards!

This year we will begin our Christmas event with our SOR Christmas Pageant beginning at 5 pm followed immediately by our Parish Christmas dinner and the arrival of our very special North Pole guest. Our parish Christmas dinner is a wonderful and well-attended event for our parish family & friends, especially with the children’s menu!

Our special North Pole guest will arrive in Ledwidge Hall during dinner where he will visit with the children!

There is no cost for this event and all are welcome. Parishioners are asked to please bring a side dish & dessert to share (large enough to feed a family of four to six)

We are asking that if you plan to attend the parish dinner to please sign-up for the sheet in the vestibule by Sunday, December 6th so we will know how many to expect.

A sign-up sheet is also available for volunteers who would like to help with this event. Please contact Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office. Many hands make light work!

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 report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to Diocesan Ombudsman, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or Jennifer.Valenti@att.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.

From Msgr. Murphy

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I saw the second of new great nephews for the first time.

We begin the season of Advent this weekend. It resurrects our deepest longing and greatest hopes as we focus on the coming of the Christ. As we have seen almost daily terrorists’ attacks around the world, we see what misguided human beings are capable of. Advent reminds us also of what human beings are also capable of: brotherhood, forgiveness, and peace.

When I go home and flip on my Christmas trees (two this year!) they remind me of Christ as light in darkness. Stop and pause this Advent and give thanks for the gift of your faith.

Fr. Mike Clary and I are driving to St. Meinrad’s Seminary in southern Indiana this week. We will be participating in a ‘Pre-Retirement Workshop for Priests in their 60’s: Redefining Retirement as a Spiritual Journey: Finding New Purpose, New Meaning and New Directions in Whatever Retirement May Bring’ I hope I learn something.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

The Secret Santas of St. Bridget set up an Angel Tree in the Vestibule to help make a few St. Bridget families’ Christmas extra special this year. Please consider taking a gift tag. Thank you!

1) WRAPPING: Please attach gift-wrapped packages with the Ornament Gift Tag. Santa will match them with the correct child’s name.
2) DELIVERY: Since Santa will be delivering gifts into the community, he needs enough time to make sure ALL the children’s gifts are under the tree very early Christmas morning. Please deliver all Christmas gifts by the 3rd Sunday of Advent!
3) MONEY: If you are giving a gift card, cash or checks please put in envelope and mark with Ornament #.
4) REMINDER: When buying gifts please take into consideration, the following things not allowed:
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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. “a just shoot” is fast & easy!

All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 1: St. John Lalande
Tuesday, December 3: St. Margaret of Scotland
Wednesday, December 9: St. Bridget
Sunday, December 13: Our Lady of Presentation
Wednesday, December 16: Holy Spirit
Thursday, December 17: St. Robert Bellarmine
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**WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**St. Bridget's Sports Program**

Monday, November 30
8:30 am Communion Service
Tuesday, December 1
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group
6:30 pm Christmas Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 2
8:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm SOR
6:30 pm Women of Faith
6:30 TN MMY

**Thursday, December 3**
8:30 am Communion Service
2:70 pm Adoration
7:00 pm Altar & Rosary Society
Friday, December 4
8:30 am Communion Service
9 am Bible Study
1pm Deadline for Dec 13th Bulletin
Saturday, December 5
4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass – 2nd Collection

**Sunday, December 6**
2nd Sunday of Advent
Coffee & Donuts Sunday
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – 2nd Collection
6:00 pm EDGE

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
Tuesday, December 8th is Immaculate Conception and a day of holy obligation. Mass times will be 8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
The parish office will be closed for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. Regular office hours will resume Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 am.

**ST. BRIDGET PENANCE SERVICE**
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**PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** We will have a short meeting followed by social time on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the SOR Building. We will meet in church at 6:40 pm for Adoration and to pray the rosary before our meeting. **Hostess for December:** Jane Fry.

**ADVENT WREATHS & CANDLES:** The Altar & Rosary Society have 12” Advent Wreaths for $8.00 and 10” taper candles 4 per box at $5.00 each for sale in the vestibule. Please contact Pat Devolder or the parish office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you love decorating for the holidays? If so, then you’re in luck! We will be decorating Ledwidge Hall soon for our Christmas Dinner and we need your help. If you would like to help decorate, contact Shelly Koehler or Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office or contact us at our St. Bridget Facebook page as soon as possible.

**TWO CHANCES TO HEAR MATTHEW KELLY IN PERSON ALONG WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST**

**Eliot Morris:** Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly will present Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose on Friday, April 22nd, 2016 from 8:30 pm-10:30 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13615 West 92nd Street, Lenexa, KS 66215. If unable to see him on the 22nd then join us Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 from 9:00 am-1:30 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Community 16000 West 143rd Street, Olathe, KS 66062.

Due to the popularity of this event, we would like to order as many tickets now before December. Tickets are available for $39. If you would like to attend one of these presentations, please contact Stephanie Lewis at 816-987-2768 or the parish office ASAP.

Food Pantry Needs – canned soup, crackers, juice, peanut butter, jello, and bread or buns.

**The Christmas Food Baskets** will be distributed on Thursdays, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th, during regular food pantry hours.

Items that are needed 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.

**Love Fund:** Angel Tree Applications are available until December 4th at the Thrift Store, 100 Veterans Pkwy. Children must be under 16 and be in the Pleasant Hill School District. To purchase gifts for children in Pleasant Hill the Angels will be on the Tree at City Hall beginning Dec 16th. The tree is refilled as applications are turned in.

Do you need ideas for a Christmas gift? What about a St. Bridget t-shirt? We have adult & youth sizes.
Contact the parish office to purchase yours now! Cost is $15.00.

**WORD OF THE WEEK:**

**St. Bridget along with Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville, the past several years has had a hat, glove, coat drive for the Morning Glory café downtown for those in need, males only. We are now expanding to this drive. We can take all adult male as well as female clothes, hats, gloves, shoes, dresses, virtually all clothes in good shape. What does not go to Morning Glory will go to Catholic Charities clothes closet at 850 Main. There is a blue barrel in the vestibule to place your donations.**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

**ST. BRIDGET T’SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**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.

**K of C UPCOMING EVENTS**

December
9th – Meeting
10th – Meeting
9th & 10th – Roses for Life Weekend
14th – Knights Meeting
31st – Texas Hold Em Tournament

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