St. Bridget Parish
November 5 & 6, 2016

2103 N. Lexington Road
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS:
As scheduled in Bulletin

RECONCILIATION:
Sat. 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
and by appointment

BAPTISM:
Parent preparation session is
required. Please call church office
prior to the birth of the child.

EUCARISTICADORATION:
First
Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm
to 7:00 pm

ANOINTING 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:
Msgr. Robert Murphy, Pastor
Gary Kappler, Deacon (816)540-4156
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thombsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
Laurie Himmelberg, Administrative Assistant, Director of Stewardship & Development
L.Himmel@embarqmail.com
Lisa Thomas, High School Youth Director

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LITURGICAL ROLES & SERVICES

ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP

Chairman: Ross Dale
Gary Crabtree
Greg Dustman
Joe Fiedler
Robert Radmacher
St. Bridget Parish Council

Chairman: Rick Kitchell
Rita Pilcher

LECTORS:
St. Bridget Finance Council
Gary Crabtree
garycrabtree@comcast.net
Greg Dustman
gd231@hotmail.com
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2016 CLOTHING DRIVE

November 6th – December 11th

St. Bridget along with Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville, the past several years has had a hat, glove, and coat drive. We are now able to expand this drive. We will accept clothing for babies, toddlers, children, teens, women, and men, virtually all clothes in good shape. All donations will go to Catholic Charities. This is always a great drive and this year we need your help even more as we help more and more families who are struggling. The Clothing Drive will run from November 6th – December 11th. A barrel is located in the vestibule for your donations. God Bless and thank you!

2016 DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

All Penance Services are at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 30th: St. Bridget
December 5th: St. Margaret
December 6th: St. John LaLande
Sunday, December 11th: Presentation Wednesday, December 14th: Holy Spirit Thursday, December 15th: St. Robert’s

Reconciliation is also available Saturdays at St. Bridget from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND

October 29 & 30

St. Bridget Parish: $3,150.00

Love One Another Campaign: $60.00

Parish Debt: $92,499.99

Youth Group Collection: $0.00

Votive Candle: $11.00

Special Collection: $125.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,008.35 for our principal and interest payment.

October Debt (Collected mtd) $8,505.50 - $8,008.35 (Obligation) = Overage $497.15 (Deficit) $0

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

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET CONTINUED!

November

5th – Formation & Knighthood Degree (2nd & 3rd Degree)
10th – Monthly Meeting
16th – Admission Degree
20th – Sunday K of C Breakfast

Ladies of the parish mark your calendars for Saturday, December 17th following the 5 pm Mass for the Annual Ladies Dinner. This is a very popular event with the ladies of our parish! More information to come soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 pm in church for our SOR Christmas Program. Then immediately following the SOR program, join us downstairs in Ledwidge Hall for our Annual Parish Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and the arrival of a very special guest who will arrive during dinner!

HELP REQUESTED

On Wednesday morning, November 16th following 8:30 am Mass we will be preparing our parish Christmas card mailing. We need 3-4 people to help with stuffing, labeling, postage, and sealing the cards so that they will arrive in time by Thanksgiving weekend, if you would like to help, contact Laurie at the parish office.
The March for Life is an annual pro-life rally protesting abortion, held in Washington D.C. on the anniversary of the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Roe v. Wade case which legalized abortion for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

**Itinerary**
Due to the presidential inauguration on Friday, January 20th, the 2017 March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27th.

**Wednesday, Jan 25th, 2017:** Depart from St. Joseph & Blue Springs

**Thursday, Jan 26th, 2017:** Arrive in Washington DC

**Friday, Jan 27th, 2017:** Youth Rally & Mass, Mass at the Hotel, Meeting with U.S. Legislators, Rally on the National Mall. March for Life, Depart from Washington DC

**Saturday Jan 28th, 2017:** Arrive in Blue Springs & St. Joseph

**Registration**
On-line: Visit the 2017 March for Life Pilgrimage Registration page.

Mail-In: Complete a Registration Form and submit to:
Respect Life Office
Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
20 West 9th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

**Note:** All youth must also complete and submit a YOUTH PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM. You may also contact Thonya Kennedy of our St. Bridget Family if you have any questions or need more information.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 PILGRIMAGE**

From Msgr. Murphy

**ELECTION DAY IS THIS COMING TUESDAY.** Every four years the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes a booklet called “Forming Consciences for Faith Citizenship”. While I cannot print the entire booklet, I offer the following paragraph as food for thought:

“A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions; redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning or racist behavior. If the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate’s opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifferent or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity. “The booklet goes on: “There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate’s unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for the candidate for other grave reasons.”

**Msgr. Robert Murphy**

The Knights of Columbus Council #13113 will sponsor a Family Living Rosary on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:15 pm.

A Parish Family Living Rosary is a devotion by the parish community wherein the Holy Rosary is prayed with one voice in the church. Each bead of the Rosary is represented by a person from the parish community and thus, it becomes a “living” rosary. Adults and children are encouraged to participate and be the beads. For more information, contact Jim Holmes (816) 536-5797 or the parish office.

**LIVING ROSARY**

**TIME CHANGE**

Daylight Savings Ends this weekend.

Don't forget to change out the batteries in your smoke detectors as well!

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

**A CAUSE WORTH DYING FOR**

They called the World War II generation “the greatest generation” because they were willing to sacrifice everything for the cause of their country. Subsequent generations became more pampered. They were more accustomed to receive, rather than to sacrifice. The World War II generation was ready to die for what they believed in. Later generations may not get up off the couch for anything.

Heroism comes from strong belief. If you believe in something strongly enough, you will sacrifice your life for it. You might give up your life for your spouse or your child. But would you be ready to give it up for your country or for your faith?

The Second Book of Maccabees tells an extraordinary tale of a family who died rather than eat pork! They realized that to do so would betray the faith of their ancestors. They were ready to be tortured and killed in order to encourage others to keep the faith they had received.

In their distress, they held out hope in a resurrection in which all that was wrong would be made right again. They held this belief even before the coming of Christ, who would reveal the nature of the resurrection to his believers.

As Christians we hold faith in the greatest gift of all, eternal life. Are you willing to lose your life for this cause? Would you give up your life to inspire others and to gain an everlasting reward?

Msgr. Robert Murphy

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@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 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 (x540).
WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

REMEMBER CEMETERY SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6, 2016: This year we again ask you to join us in remembrance and prayer as we observe Cemetery Sunday. The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City – St. Joseph Diocese invites you to a Day of Faith, Remembrance, Prayer, and Visitation at each of our four cemeteries. The Prayer Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. at each of our four Catholic Cemeteries.

- In Kansas City
  - Mt. Olivet - 7601 Blue Ridge Blvd
  - Resurrection – 5001 NE Cookingham Drive
  - St. Mary’s – 2201 Cleveland Avenue

- In St. Joseph
  - Mt. Olivet – 286 & Lovers Lane

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. BRIDGET CLOTHING DRIVE: St. Bridget in partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes will accept all types of clothing for Catholic Charities this Christmas season. Please bring your good used or new clothing for donation between Nov 6th and December 11th. There will be a barrel in the vestibule for the collection. The welcome center at Catholic Charities is greeting 60 or so people every day clothing is always in need. Thanks for the kind support.

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SOR WEATHER CANCELLATION PROCEDURE
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November 16th: Class
November 23: NO Class/Thanksgiving Eve
November 28: Class - Practice for program with main characters.

We need substitute teachers for our SOR. If you are interested in being a substitute SOR teacher, please contact Melissa Thornsberry or the parish office as soon as possible.

WELCOME TO ST. BRIDGET!
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CHRISTMAS CHOIR NEWS
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December
1 – Adoration
5 – Christmas Choir Practice
8 – Parish Office Closed
11 – Parish Potluck Dinner & SOR
14 – KCYC
18 – KCYC
21 – Christmas Choir Practice
23 – Office Closes @ 3pm
24 – Thanksgiving
25 – Parish Office Closed
27 – 1st Sunday of Advent
30 – St. Bridget Penance Service

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Christmas Program

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