ST. BRIDGES ON THE MOVE

November 7 - November 15

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11/08 Parishioners of St. Bridget
11/09 + Bill Seibolt by Ann Seibolt
11/10 + Don Galbraith by Joan Galbraith
           + Henry & Pat Himmelberg by Joan Galbraith
11/11    Communion Service
11/12 + John Grimm by Mary Ann Batliner
11/14 + Kilian Harvkey by Family
           + Mary Fisher by Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes
11/15 Parishioners of St. Bridget

+ In Memory of

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Are you or someone you know a veteran who needs assistance with housing, employment or other supportive services? Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph is here to serve you. We help veterans find safe, stable housing first. Then, our case managers work one-on-one with you to guide you toward a successful transition to productive and healthy civilian living.

Services include:
- Housing
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- Temporary financial assistance

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

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**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**MSGR. MURPHY**

From Msgr. Murphy

Two widows (one in our First Reading and one in the Gospel) teach us a lesson about giving back to God in a truly sacrificial way. They are touching stories and I hope they speak to all of our hearts.

As of last Wednesday, we have a new Bishop: James V. Johnston. He has his work cut out for him. Please join me in praying for him and letting him know of our support. As I shared with you before I am impressed with him.

Tim and I are trying to decide on a parish Christmas card to send out. With that said, it won’t be long before I put up my Christmas trees. I’m in the Guinness Book of World Records for putting them up earlier and taking them down later than almost anyone.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

“For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had.” Mark 12:44

The story of the poor widow’s contribution out of her poverty, compared to those who contribute out of their abundance, is a reminder to most of us that we are greatly blessed and an encouragement that we strive to outdo one another in generosity.

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**2015 DEANEARY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 1:** St. John Lalande

**Tuesday, December 2:** 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

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

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**CLIP & SAVE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December**

6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, Coffee & Donuts Sunday

8 – Immaculate Conception, Parish Office Closed

13 – St. Bridget’s Penance Service

13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, 5 pm SOR Christmas Program & Parish Potluck Dinner

20 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Church Decorating

23 – 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

24 – 10 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass

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**LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1**

1 Kings 17:10-16

Later On

A lot of us dream of being generous some day. “If I had a little more income, I’d give more to charity.” “If I had more time, I’d volunteer for the needy.” “If I had better health, I’d get involved in the community.” “If I made better grades, I could apply for a job.”

But when we’re short on time, money, or abilities, we are tempted not to share. “Why give up the little I have?” Or even, “Why share from my abundance? If I save more, I can give more later on.” Later on. As if something will happen to make us less greedy and more generous than we are right now.

When Elijah the prophet saw a widow gathering sticks in Zarephath, he asked her for a cup of water. Then he added, “Please bring along a bit of bread.”

She replied, “I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug.” She was collecting sticks to prepare food for herself and her son. “When we have eaten it, we shall die.”

Elijah tells her to fix his food anyway. He promises that if she shares, “the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.” So she shares, and she miraculously has enough to eat for a year. When we give the little we have, we receive much more.


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**Blessed are the Merciful**.

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal) is critical to the health of our work as the Body of Christ in this Diocese.

You are the Catholic neighbor who looks at someone in need and sees the face of Christ despite any differences. “Blessed are the Merciful for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7) is Jesus’ promise to those who respond to His love through charity to those who can’t stand alone. Please be generous to those you serve through the programs and ministries funded by the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Watch your mailbox this coming week for the special edition of the Catholic Key with details of what your donations accomplish and a full report on Bishop Johnston’s installation as the Shepherd of our Diocesan Catholic Community.

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A scripture service and rosary for the faithful departed at Calvary Cemetery, 6901 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday November 8th. This is not a cemetery owned by the diocese though Fr. Robert H. Stewart and other priest of the diocese have presided there for years. Please enter the main gate of the Forest Hill side of the cemetery and go past the office to the chapel up the hill to the back.

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

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 1-800-392-3737 (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@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 Bullman at 816-392-0011 or bullmann@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
TOMORROW’S PRIESTS SECOND COLLECTION

November 21-22: The Vocations Office has wonderful news—we now have 35 young men studying for the priesthood at five different seminaries around the country and in Rome. This is a wonderful blessing for our diocese and also a great challenge for us financially. The average cost per seminarian per year is over $30,000.00 for tuition and professional training, and we need your help, your prayers and your generosity to maintain this momentum. So our future, in God’s grace and in the Holy Spirit’s care, is very bright. Please help us to support “Tomorrow’s Priests,” our seminarians.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Welcome to St. Bridget Parish! If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey. 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.sbridgetcatholicchurch.org

FOOD PANTRY

The Lay Clergy Food Pantry continuously needs dry pasta, canned soup, juice and hamburger helper, but all donations are welcome and appreciated.

LAY CLERGY NEWS

The High School Youth Group will be selling Christmas Cards following each Mass next weekend, November 14th & 15th. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cash or checkbooks to Mass that weekend if they would like to order Christmas cards from the youth Group. Cards will be delivered around Thanksgiving or even before depending on turn around.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The First Presbyterian Church invites the community to join us at our ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 26th 11:30am -1:30pm

“The will be no charge and no religious service.”

Meal delivery is available – Call the church office by November 20th at (816)540-6179

First Presbyterian Church, 210 Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Join our Choir this Christmas!

Are you interested in singing for Christmas? The large choir will sing at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24th. We will begin special choir practices very soon. We will also need a cantor & singers for the 6pm Mass. If you would like to join us please, contact Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office as soon as possible.

ST. BRIDGET T’SHIRTS AVAILABLE

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.

K of C BREAKFAST

K of C Breakfast Sunday, November 15th following Mass.

ST. BRIDGET CUPOMG EVENTS

November

12 – Knights Meeting
15 – K of C Breakfast

CLOTHING DRIVE

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 Cafe downtown for those in need, males only. We are now able to expand 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 the drive will go to Catholic Charities clothes closet at 850 Main. This is always a great drive, thanks for all the support. We will begin the drive on Nov.14th. There will be a barrel in the vestibule.