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MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Monday and Friday no Mass
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
ALL SAINTS DAY 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS
CONFESSION
As requested after Mass and by appointment.
CONFIRMATION
Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines.
BAPTISM
Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the baptism.
ANOINTING OF SICK
As requested after Mass and by appointment.
MARRIAGE
Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy).
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Prayer Chain Request
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-9890.
New Parishioners
Welcome! Please register after Mass or stop by the parish office for more information.
LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
October 26 and 27

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Katy Crabtree, Greg Dustman
8:00 a.m. Steve Himmelberg, Laura Long

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Claudia Glass
8:00 a.m. Tim Long
Homebound: Marjie O’Malley

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Leland Eidenbaum, Wyatt Newman
8:00 a.m. Owen and Kennedy Thornberry

ROSEARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Rick and Nancy Bourhard
8:00 a.m. Bob and Shirley Baldwin

SACRISTAN
5:00 p.m. Mike and Arlene Casey
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Shehan, Bock, Breitbach, Glass

MONEY COUNTERS
October 27 Dan’s Team

CHRUCH CLEANERS
November 1 Cathy’s Team

CANTORS
5:00 p.m. Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011
8:00 a.m. Jenny Hamilton w/ Daniel

LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
November 2 and 3

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Lori Merrigan, Chris Porter
8:00 a.m. Shirley Baldwin, Laura Long

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF H0LY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Stephanie Dustman
8:00 a.m. Cathy Vogel
Homebound: D.J. Breitbach

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Zander Peck, Leland Eidenbaum
8:00 a.m. Ryan Schaller, Ryan Schaller

ROSEARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Bill Kennedy
8:00 a.m. Barry Schaller

SACRISTAN
5:00 p.m. Ed Medlock and Rita Pichler
8:00 a.m. Rick and Nancy Bourhard

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Bock, Breitbach, Himmelberg, Himmelberg

MONEY COUNTERS
Nov. 3 Mary Ann’s Team

CHRUCH CLEANERS
Nov. 5 Jaycey’s Team

CANTORS
5:00 p.m. Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011
8:00 a.m. Jenny Hamilton w/ Daniel

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ALL SAINTS DAY
All Saints Day is Thursday, Nov. 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Noon at St. Patrick’s and 7:00 p.m. at St. Bridget. Friday is All Souls Day, not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be having Mass at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

LEDWIDGE HALL RENOVATION UPDATE
Friends of St. Bridget, an update on Ledwidge Hall. We have signed contracts to begin work on installing an HVAC system that will heat and cool Ledwidge Hall. Home Heating and Cooling from Harrisonville has won the contract for HVAC. Altisate Electrical will install electrical work associated with the HVAC systems and Bamford Sprinkler Systems will remove and install new sprinkler lines to accommodate the new location in preparation for the install of a new ceiling in Ledwidge Hall in the future. While Ledwidge will not look much different in the near term, these are necessary modifications to be completed prior to other finish work and walls erected. Please pardon our mess in the meantime and if necessary to be in Ledwidge Hall. Please be aware of the tools and materials that may be present. Please be careful. We anticipate this phase 1 to be completed by end of November. Completion of Ledwidge Hall has begun. We are grateful for your support.

PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST DINNER
The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church (at the corner of Rice and Lexington) would like to invite you to be their guest at the annual Harvest Dinner and Country Store on November 2, 4:30—7:00 p.m. in the Community Life Center. $10 for adults; $6 children 5-12; free for kids under 5.
This year they will be donating 100% of the profits to help Kansas City-based Foster AdoptConnect, providing foster and adoptive children a stable, loving and nurturing family environment by support and advocacy for abused and neglected children and the families caring for them. They love to see friends from other congregations. They warmly invite St. Bridget parishioners and friends.
This reflection can be found online at the link (https://divinemercy.life/2019/10/20/reflection-293-reduced-to-nothingness/)

Reduced to Nothingness

Do you see value in being reduced to nothingness in your own eyes? Perhaps not. The reason this language is difficult to accept is that humility is only fully understood by a special gift of God’s grace. Some ancient philosophers even hold up pride as a great virtue, discounting humility as weakness. Sadly, there are few souls that obtain the actual virtue of humility. Some may obtain a certain semblance of this virtue, but few actually become humble to a great degree. Again, humility can only be understood and embraced by a special grace of God. Naturally speaking, we are drawn to those things we deem to be beneficial to us. Therefore, the first step in growing in humility is to see for what it is and to discover its true value. When we understand humility, we will desire it. And when we desire it, we will be drawn to it. And when drawn to it, we will more easily embrace it (See Diary of St. Faustina #1436).

Do you understand humility? Do you understand the value of being reduced to nothingness in your own eyes? If not, ponder this idea for some time. Don’t give up on it thinking it is out of date, weak or misguided. You must become reduced to nothingness in your eyes if you are to discover grace in the Heart of Christ. Only by the discovery of your nothingness will you understand that God is everything and provides everything you need. You will find, in this discovery, that you begin to choose God over yourself and, thus, you become transformed into God’s grace rather than living by your own strength. God must possess you completely, live within you and live through you. In this way, your humble soul becomes Christ to the world.

Lord, make me humble. Help me to see my nothingness and to see Your greatness. I choose You, dear Lord, over myself and invite You to possess me completely, transforming me into Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday, October 26
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus membership drive
6:00 p.m. Listening Session and Dinner

Sunday, October 27
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confirmations Class
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE Middle School Program
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, October 28
No Mass

Tuesday, October 29
8:25 - 8:55 a.m. Confession
8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, October 30
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, October 31
8:25 - 8:55 Confession
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 1
No Mass
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. All Saints Day Mass

Saturday, November 2
8:30 a.m. Mass (All Souls Day)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 3
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
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

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

A number of people have shared their excitement to me about the Blessed Virgin Mary statues, which is thrilling for a Catholic priest to hear who is already in love with our Blessed Mother.

The gentleman who is doing this was bearing a cross in his life, and once his prayers were answered thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he said he would do all that he could to promote devotion to her. He also makes these statues to make reparation for his sins. Both are humble reasons to spread the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary in any community.

My dad's hometown in Perryville, MO has so many homes that have a Blessed Virgin Mary statue in their front yard. This is a unique opportunity for us to spread her presence in our own communities, with the hope that people may think of God, be reverenced, or even converted to Catholicism thanks to Mother Mary drawing souls closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

These statues weigh about 100 lbs. and are roughly three feet tall. The gentleman who makes these lives near St. Joseph, MO. He personally drove them down in his truck and trailer to Pleasant Hill. This was a load of roughly 4,000 lbs. in delivery!

He is not requesting any money from this, but his spiritual director told him that if people want to donate something to him for his work, he should accept it. If you desire to donate any money for your Virgin Mary statue, then please put your money into an envelope and indicate this on the envelope and/or the memo lines on your checks by stating, "Mary Mass." But the gentleman wants to make clear, he is not expecting anything. He really wants Mother Mary's presence to be spread.

He also said that if we run out of Mary statues, we can certainly receive more, but for us to be patient because he makes these as time allows. Even if it’s for someone that is a relative or a friend that would like a Virgin Mary statue, he is happy to make the statues for them too.

From him, these statues were cast while prayers were said for the salvation of souls of the poor sinners who will receive them. Embedded in the middle of the statues is a blessed Miraculous Medal and a sprinkle of Epiphany Water. I as the priest have also blessed all of the statues that we have received.

For each Virgin Mary statue, the recipients also receive a tremendous and awesome book on Mary that every Catholic should read, “True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,” by St. Louis de Montfort. This book teaches us Catholics what it really means to have a loving relationship with Mother Mary. He has also included a Brown Scapular and a pamphlet about the Brown Scapular, which if the proper obligations are met, helps us to get out of Purgatory even faster thanks to Mother Mary’s intercession.

The most important piece, and also why we need your names for everyone who receives a Blessed Virgin Mary statue, a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you and your family. So please jot down your names on our sign-up lists to receive the Graces from God from the Mass.

In connection to the Mass, again no Mass Stipend is necessary. If you are wanting to donate money for the Mass, $10.00 is the suggested amount. Please put this into an envelope indicating “Mary Mass” on it, and if you write a check, please put “Mary Mass” on the Memo line. The gentleman wants to emphasize, this is all meant to be free, so donate if you like and feel fine if you do not.

We have 30 statues for St. Bridget and 10 for St. Patrick’s. If we need more, we can certainly get them.

Let this be an amazing blessing for us all as Catholics to receive extra blessings and Graces from God thanks to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this amazing gift from this gentleman. He is a die hard Catholic, and die hard Catholics love the Virgin Mary and want to display her proudly at their homes. Let us honor our Mother Mary. Let us honor her and make her presence more vivid in our communities so that her Son Jesus Christ may have a larger impact in our own homes and to our neighbors. To Jesus Through Mary! Ad Jesum per Mariam!

In Christo et Maria,
Fr. Vogel

**PARISH LISTENING SESSION and Dinner**
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Following 5:00 p.m. Mass
Ledwidge Hall

The questions that we would like to consider at the listening session are:
1. What things are we doing right at St. Bridget?
2. What can we do to bring the St. Bridget community together and increase engagement?
3. What can we do to increase volunteer engagement at the parish and in the community?
4. Thinking about the “golden years” at St. Bridget, what was the culture like and what can we do to revitalize that spirit?

The listening session is meant to be a positive experience to move St. Bridget Parish forward. All attendees will have the opportunity to take some a survey and let us know of additional ideas and concerns. We do value your input and appreciate your willingness to participate. Surveys will also be made available to those who may not be able to attend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values in a busy, changing world. Our local Council #13113 will be holding a membership drive (at all Masses) this weekend.

When you become a member of our council, you will find that the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, please see one of our Brother Knights at the entrance of church.