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St. Bridget Parish
October 15 & 16, 2016

Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Weekdays:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 8:30 am

Holy Days:
See Schedule 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.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm
until 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:
Monsignor A. Robert Murphy, Pastor
Gary Kappler, Deacon
Tim Long, Business Manager
Melissa Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education
Laurie Himmelberg,
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Kathleen Chastain - (816) 392-0011
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“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” – Luke 18:7-8

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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.

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You will receive your invitation to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) this week. We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. Our theme “Giving for God’s Kingdom” appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our effort.

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**MSGR. MURPHY**

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Noon – 5:00 pm

From Msgr. Murphy

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Raising Hands in Prayer

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Prayer at home can be improved through routine as well. Many people find it helpful to pick a certain time of day when they will go to pray. Others find a certain place they can use—whether it is a room or a particular chair. The selection of time and place provides the structure in which prayer can happen.

Posture can also help prayer. Some people kneel. Others sit. Early Christians stood for prayer and lifted their hands aloft. It is similar to the posture taken by Moses when Amalek waged war against Israel. As long as Moses’ hands were outstretched, Israel had the better of the fight.

The priest still uses this posture when he prays at mass.

Volunteers needed!!

A deep cleaning is planned on Saturday, November 5th starting at 8:00 am for the kitchen in Ledwidge Hall. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the oak table in the vestibule for those who can help. Many volunteers will make for a quick job!

For more information, please contact Susan Zaner at (816)377-2570

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**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FALL FESTIVAL**

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**RED HATTERS SALE**

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Respite 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.

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October 16 – Breakfast
17th – Admission Degree (1st Degree)
29th – Host Lunch for SOMO (ALPs)

November 6th – Formation & Knighthood Degree (2nd & 3rd Degree)
10th – Monthly Meeting
20th – Sunday K of C Breakfast

Brown Bag It For the Food Pantry: September was Hunger Action Month and a record number of families were helped at the Food Pantry. We saw 124 families and a number of them were new families to the pantry. In order to help stock the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Food Pantry, we are going to sponsor a St. Bridget Food Drive the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. September was rather busy, so we have waited until after the Fall Festival. We will hand out brown grocery bags with a list of needed food items on October 15th and 16th. People that want to donate can fill their bag and return it the following weekend, October 22 and 23. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry. Jane Fry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
Canned Beans (any kind), canned pasta (Spaghetti O’s, Ravioli, etc…), Soup, canned meat, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, fruit juice, and spaghetti sauce.

Meals on Wheels needs your help: The Pleasant Hill Meals on Wheels program is requesting assistance. They are needing assistance from 8am-11am each morning with food prep, clean up, and packing up for deliveries. Helpers can assist as much or as little as their schedule permits: once only, once a week, every day, etc. The Meals on Wheels contact is Ruth Franklin at (816)914-3317

Christmas Choir News
Are you interested in singing with the Christmas Choir? This year, we will once again be singing during the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th. Our 1st Special Christmas Choir Practice will begin on Monday, November 7th. Practices will run from 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm. 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.

Congratulations to Kenneth Gamblin for his winning bid of $500.00 for the Fire Pit! Thank you everyone who placed a bid!