St. Bridget Parish
October 21 & 22, 2017

**Repay what belongs to God**

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax. Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Mt 22:21-22

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**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**October 21 & 22**

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Katy Crabtree, Liana Kilgore
- 9:00 am: Jim Holmes, Clare Fleischmann

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: *Ross & Charleen Dale, & Clare Briggs
- 9:00 am: Dick Danjou, Mary Grahl, Pam Kappler, Linda Ochs, Katherine Sheehan, TBA

To Shut-ins: Martijn O’Malley

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA
- 9:00 am: Aidan Fleischmann, Cole Myers

**ROSARY LEADERS:**
- 9:00 a.m.
  - Bob & Shirley Baldwin

**SACRISTAN:**
- 5:00 pm: Mike & Arlene Casey
- 9:00 am: Pam Kappler

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm: TBA
- 9:00 am: Bock, Vogel, Thornberry, Sheehan

**MONEY COUNTERS:**
- Oct 21 & 22: Dan’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**
- October 28: Joyce Wheeldon’s Team

**CANTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Rick Worms w/ Laura Worms
- 9:00 am: Grace Riley w/ Daniel Yung

**MOWING & TRIMMING: October 27:** Bill Ruth & Chris Koehler

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**ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**St. Bridget Finance Council**

- **Chairman:** Ross Dale  
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**St. Bridget Parish Council**

- **Chairman:** Rick Kirchell  
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- **Secretary:**
  - Rita Pilcher  
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**Members:**
- Bill Ruth
- Pam Kappler
- Gary Crabtree
- Craig Cardel
- Mary Grahl
- Bob Dosta
- Mark Block

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**October 21 – October 29**

10/21 + Carl Schuster by Betty Schuster
10/22 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
10/23 + Albert Rapone by Gary & Katy Crabtree
10/24 Special Intention by Gary & Katy Crabtree
10/25 + Kevin Zaner by Rick & Nancy Bouchard
10/26 + Bob Davis by Gary & Katy Crabtree
10/28 + Kevin Zaner by Steve & Laurie Himmelberg
10/29 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

+ In Memory of

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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

**October 14 & 15**

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*Please remember our Dream Campaign*  
October Dream Fund MTD: $7,224.50

Photos courtesy of Shelly Koehler.
The 25th annual “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Archbishop James P. Kelleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Saint Louis University. The reservation price is $175.00 per place or $25,000. (Last year we contributed more than $20,000) The Diocesan goal is $2,000,000.

Where does this money go? It assists ministries under three Categories: SOCIAL SERVICE/OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Catholic Charities; Parish-Based Ministries; and Hispanic Ministry); EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES (Catholic Schools; Bright Futures Fund; and Office of Discipleship and Faith Formation); and PASTORAL MINISTRIES (Vocation Office; Worship Office; Priestly Life and Ministry; Office of Consecrated Life; Family Life; Young Adult Ministry; Campus Ministry; Office of Youth Ministry; Human Rights Office; and Respect Life Office)

You should have received at this writing, your Pledge Card. Checks may be made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal. We will play a taped message from Bishop Johnston. They have set our Parish Goal this year at $25,000. (Last year we contributed more than $20,000) The Diocesan goal is $2,000,000.

The separation of church and state can lead to the assumption that God works in the church but never in the state. We expect government to act honorably, but our sarcasm removes surprise when civic leaders fail. Isaiah tells of a case where the wall between “church” and “state” completely collapsed. Isaiah, plundered by enemies, had lived in exile. Now, almost unexpectedly, the civic leader, Cyrus, let the exiles go home. Amazingly, Cyrus, a foreigner, is called God’s “anointed.”

In Isaiah’s view, God had given Cyrus sufficient forces and strength of character to play a pivotal role in the divine plan. Even though Cyrus never knew Israel’s God, God used Cyrus for Israel’s benefit.

God can still use the state to advance the plan of salvation. As God’s influence prompted Cyrus to perform a magnificent good, the influence of the faithful can prompt the state to make it possible for many inner city children to receive an excellent Catholic education. This is one of many reasons why we should give.

Do you know who your legislators are? Do you let them know your opinion? With their help you can feed the hungry, release those unjustly deprived of liberty, and protect human life. Under the direction of God’s Spirit you can witness the cooperation of church and state.

The spirituality of St. Augustine, the father of Western mysticism, is known through his autobiography, the Confessions of Saint Augustine. This retreat focuses on St. Augustine’s three mystical experiences and include talks, guided prayer experiences, a video, silent listening prayer, and shared discussion. The retreat leader, Sr. Sheila Carroll, OSB, is a spiritual director who draws on her graduate studies of mysticism and prayer to give retreats and talks focusing on the mystics. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center’s Web site at www.sophiaspiritualcenter.org.

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 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcsj.org, 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 756-1580.

The next training sessions will be on Saturday, November 4th, Saturday, November 11th, & Saturday, November 18th. Those interested must be able to attend all 3 training sessions and attend Mass on a regular basis.

From Msgr. Murphy:
This Sunday we begin the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. We will play a taped message from Bishop Johnston. They have set our Parish Goal this year at $25,000. (Last year we contributed more than $20,000) The Diocesan goal is $2,000,000.

Mrs. Robert Murphy
What's Going on at St. Bridget!

Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 22**
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Mass
- 6:00 pm EDGE

**Monday, October 23**
- 8:30 am Mass

**Tuesday, October 24**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group

**Wednesday, October 25**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 6:30 pm TMIY
- 6:30 pm SOR
- 6:30 pm W of F

**Thursday, October 26**
- 8:30 am Mass

Msgr. Murphy's 43rd Anniversary
To The Priesthood

**Friday, October 27**
- 8:30 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for Nov 3rd Bulletin

**Saturday, October 28**
- 4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 29**
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Mass
- 6:00 pm EDGE

Parish News for All

Volunteers Needed: The Altar & Rosary Society need volunteers to sign up to help provide desserts or salads for funeral dinners here at St. Bridget. A sign-up sheet is located on the oak table in the vestibule if you can volunteer to help.

**ST. BRIDGET EVENT DECORATOR NEEDED:** Do you love to decorate for the holidays or for special occasions? If so, we are looking for an individual or individuals who loves to decorate. This is a volunteer position and is only for the events we hold in Ledwidge Hall. Some of our events that we decorate for are the annual Autumn Fest, the K of C Fish Fry’s, & Parish Christmas Dinner. If you are interested, or would more information, please contact Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office.

We would like to thank Shelly Koehler for her time over the last few years. She has done a fantastic job decorating for our events in Ledwidge Hall!

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Thursday, November 2nd. We will begin the Rosary at 6:40 pm in the church. Our Meeting will begin immediately following the Rosary at 7:00 pm in the Adult Ed Room. November Hostess: Mary Ann Batliner; Cemetery: Mary Ann Batliner; Altar Cloth: Mary Ann Batliner.

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Tuna, Crackers, Soup & Juice.

Baskets Needed

Do you have wicker baskets that you would like to get rid of? If so, the Altar & Rosary Society are in need of wicker baskets for their Silent Auction & for their "Welcome Baskets" that are made for our new parishioners. Donated baskets may be placed on or behind the small white table in the vestibule.

Welcome to St. Bridget!

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.stbridgetcatholicchurch.org.

If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home.

Lock

Middle School EDGE will meet this Sunday at 6:00 pm in the SOR Building.

HSYG will meet again on Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 pm in the SOR Building.

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.

Confirmation Class

Please note that we will not have a Confirmation Class on Sunday, November 5th due to the Parish Deed Burning Celebration immediately following Mass in Ledwidge Hall.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

You will receive your invitation to participate in the 2018 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, “How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me” appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all our goal is 100% participation.

Congratulations Msgr. Murphy on Your 43rd Anniversary!

Clip & Save

October
- 8 – Conference
- 26 – Msgr’s 43rd Anniversary
- 31 – Halloween

November
- 01 – All Saints’ Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 02 – Adoration
- 04 – Server Training Session #1
- 05 – Parish Deed Burning Celebration
- 09 – Finance & Parish Council Meeting
- 11 – Server Training Session #2
- 16 – NCYC
- 17 – NCYC
- 18 – NCYC
- 23 – Parish Office Closed
- 24 – Thanksgiving

What’s Going On At St. Bridget?

Youth News

Christmas Choir Practice for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass will begin this Sunday afternoon from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Our next practice dates & times are as follows:
- Oct 22nd: 1 - 2:30 pm
- Nov 5th: 1 - 2:30 pm
- Dec 10th: 7 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 18th: 7 - 9:00 pm

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“Interested in Becoming Catholic?” Contact Msgr. Murphy at frmurphy@hotmail.com