St. Bridget Parish
October 22 & 23, 2016

Fax (816) 540-2162

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.

EUCHARISTICadoration:
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

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“...the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former: for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”
— Matthew 18:11–14
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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND
October 15 & 16
St. Bridget Parish: $2,755.00
Love One Another Campaign: $70.00
Parish Debt: $99,999.99
Youth Group Collection: $10.00
Votive Candle: $18.00
Special Collection: $383.00

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) $5,655.00 - $8,008.35 (Obligation) =
Overage $ (Deficit) = $2,353.35

Prayer
Lord, please forgive me.

Something to Draw
Draw yourself at home or church praying to ask God to forgive you.

Sharing the Gospel
During Mass you will hear the priest and people say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." It means, "Lord, forgive me." You are human. You will make mistakes. God is proud when you are honest and admit that you did something wrong. He smiles when you forgive yourself and others. He frowns when you talk and act like you are better than others. God wants you to do right.

Mission for the Week
I will ask God for forgiveness morning, noon, and night.
The Book of Sirach says God hears the cry of the oppressed. Those who suffer injustice will have their prayer heard. It is not just because they are victims. It is because they live justly. You would think that those who live justly should be rewarded for it. It does not always work that way. Sometimes the just suffer unfairly. God has mercy on them and listens to their prayer, Sirach says, not just because of the oppressor, but because of their righteousness. “The one who serves God willingly is heard.”

But sometimes the problem is neither with God nor with our prayer. The problem is with the other things we do. Prayer does not exist in a vacuum. It works best when it is coupled with a life of charity. If our prayer seems unsatisfying, the problem might be not in the way we pray, but in the way we live. If we live justly and do charity for others, our prayer will be acceptable to God.

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 Parish. Now, you can have more control of your donating activity. All transactions are administered by a secure vendor, 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.

**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.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1**

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*

Life's Prayer

If our prayer is not as satisfying as we wish, there may be a problem. Some people think God is the problem—that God does not listen to us when we pray. Some people think the prayer is the problem—that the prayer is too boring or out of touch.

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RETURN GROCERY BAGS THIS WEEKEND: Last weekend after each Mass we handed out our brown grocery sacks with a list of needed grocery items. This weekend we will be collecting those bags in the vestibule and will deliver them to the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Food Pantry to help restock their shelves. Thank you to everyone who took a bag and donated food for our annual food drive and thank you for your continued support!

HARVEST DINNER & COUNTRY STORE: The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church (located at the corner of Rice & Lexington) in the Community of Life Center will host its annual Harvest Fest Dinner on Saturday, November 5th from 4:30-7:00 pm. Menu: Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Delicious Rolls, Pies & other Desserts and Drink Cost $9 (Adults); $6 (Children 5-12) and Free to kids under 5. To-Go Dinners are available. Call the church office (540-2072) by Friday, 11/14 by 4:00 pm to place your order or pick up tickets!

LayClergy News

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

Daylight Savings Ends

On Saturday, November 5th don’t forget to set your clocks back before going to bed!"

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 Hammelberg at the Parish Office. Hope to see you there.

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.

K of C News

October
29th – Host Lunch for SOMO (ALPs)

November
6th – Formation & Knighthood Degree
10th – Monthly Meeting
20th – Sunday K of C Breakfast

CLIP & SAVE

October
31 – Halloween

November
1 – All Saint’s Day
9 – Daylight Savings Ends Today
3 – Stewardship
30 – St. Bridget Penance Service

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

Shelby Schaller
Fertility Care Practitioner Intern
www.fertilitycarekc.com