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**Liturgical Roles & Services**

**October 8 & 9**

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm: Guy Emhoff, Steve Himmelberg
- 9:00 am: Clare Fleischmann, Chris Porter

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:**
- 5:00 pm: Maurice & Pat Devolder, *Cindy Glass
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**MONEY COUNTERS:**
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**CHURCH CLEANING:**
- Saturday, October 15: Louise’s Team

**CANTORS:**
- Sat: Rick Worms, Mary & Charlie Puffett w/Laura Worms
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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WEEKEND**

**October 1 & 2**

- St. Bridget Parish: $3,113.00
- Love One Another Campaign: $9,225.00
- Parish Debt: $99,999.99
- Youth Group Collection: $153.00
- Votive Candle: $4.00
- Special Collection: $5.00

*Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.*

Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,008.35 for its principal and interest payment.

**October Debt (Collected mtd):**

$99,999.99 - $8,008.35 (Obligation) =

**Overage** ($Deficit) =

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**October 8 – October 16**

10/08 + Lucille Mazur by Gary & Katy Crabtree

10/09 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

10/10 + Kenny Ring by Gary & Katy Crabtree

10/11 + Richard Scheer by Mary Alice Grimm

10/12 + Henry & Pat Himmelberg by Joan Galbriath

10/13 + Celia Luebbert by Jim & Laurie Jo Holmes

10/15 + Kilian Harvkey by Kilian’s Family

10/16 Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

+ In Memory of

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Bring Hope | Inspire Change | Honor Our Pastors
Each year, we select someone who makes a difference in the lives of those in need. Catholic Charities of KCSJ has selected our pastors as the 2016 Mother Teresa of Calcutta honorees! Help us celebrate by joining them on Friday evening, October 14, 2016 at the Marriott Muehlebach Hotel. Bring hope to Kansas City. It’s time to make an even bigger impact and we need your help. Let’s fill the hall and show our community that we are the hands and arms of Christ to those who come to us in need.

Go to http://www.celebration-of-hope.com or call the Catholic Charities Foundation offices at 816.221.4377 for further information.
The cost is $250.00 per plate and the money goes towards the efforts of Catholic Charities for the 27 counties in the dioceses. You may also contact Deacon Gary Kappler for additional information at (816)540-4156

Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC)
Annual Assembly
Jubilee Year of Mercy
Saturday, October 8, 2016
At the Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City

The keynote speaker will be Bishop Edward Rice, the new Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. There will also be a strong line-up of workshops, including one on how mercy meets a culture of violence and another that considers how Catholics can approach the 2016 election. Other workshops will address end of life issues, health care, and special discussion of issues affecting millennials. The day will conclude with a Mass concelebrated by all the Catholic bishops of Missouri.
The Missouri Catholic Conference has a wealth of information about the Annual Assembly on its website. Click MCC Annual Assembly to learn more details.

To assist with this effort, our diocese Respect Life and Human Rights Offices will also be hosting a round-trip pilgrimage to Jefferson City. Information is available on the MCC website above or by visiting www.respectlifekc.org or calling 816-714-2367.

You may register on line at MOcatholic.org, call 1-800-456-1679, or mail a copy of the form (available at the parish office) to Missouri Catholic Conference, PO Box 1022, Jefferson City, MO 65102

The Kindness of Strangers
2 Kings 5:14-17

You expect your family and friends to help you. You expect church and society to help you. But you do not expect help from strangers, from people of other nations, and especially not from enemies. The help we receive from God always delights us. But when it comes through an unexpected source, it brings special delight.

Naaman was a leper who sought a cure. He sought help from Elisha the prophet. But Naaman was a Syrian, not among the children of Israel. Elisha had little or nothing to do with Syrians. But God inspired Elisha to help Naaman. Elisha ignored the nationality and focused on the illness. At his command, Naaman washed in the Jordan River seven times. He came out healed. Naaman decided he would no longer worship any other god in Syria. He would worship only Israel’s God.

The help we give strangers proclaims the gospel. In acting charitably toward others, we bring Christ to them, even to those who have not yet met Christ.

When we receive the kindness of strangers, we learn how Christ is at work in the world in places we did not imagine. The miracle of charity proclaims the universality of God’s work.


Starting on Tuesday, October 11th St. Bridge will host 3 classes on “How to Draw Your Child Back to Church”
Our presenter is Marc Cardaronella. Marc serves as Director of the Bishop Helmsing Institute for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. He served for 12 years at Director of Religious Education and RCIA at 1,000 family parish in Champaign, IL, and for 4 years conducted RCIA leader training for the Diocese of Peoria, IL. For the last 9 years, Marc has co-coordinated the Catechist Certification Track at Franciscan University’s St. John Bosco Conference. Marc is the author of Keep Your Kids Catholic: Sharing Your Faith and Making It Stick, a new-release from Ave Maria Press.

Classes will continue on Tuesday October 18th & Tuesday October 25th in Ledwidge Hall and will run from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm each night.

From Msgr. Murphy
We spent the summer looking at solid high school youth programs. The one most recommended is “YDisciple”. These video presentations and discussions are part of our High School Youth Program. Their next meeting is next Sunday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. I invite parents to encourage their High Schoolers to give it a try.

This coming Tuesday (Oct. 11) is the first of three presentations by Marc Cardaronella on “How to draw your child back to the Church.” They will be in Ledwidge Hall from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Marc is the author of a new book: “Keep Your Kids Catholic: Sharing Your Faith and Making It Stick.” The other sessions are Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Tuesday Oct. 25.

We should be receiving our pledge card from Bishop Johnston for the Annual Catholic Appeal. It does fund important ministries such as Vocations, as well as contributes to Catholic Charities. I encourage you to make a pledge.

Msgr. Robert Murphy

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 us for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational and social needs in our Diocese. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting your participation.
October, 2022

WHAT’S GOING ON AT ST. BRIDGET!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Sunday, October 9**
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass
  - Final Chance to Win Fire Pit K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

- **Monday, October 10**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 6:30 pm Finance Council
  - 7:30 pm Parish Council

- **Tuesday, October 11**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 9:00 am Prayer & Rosary Group
  - 7:00 pm BHI

- **Wednesday, October 12**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 6:00 pm TMIV #5
  - 6:30 pm SOR
  - 6:30 pm Women of Faith

- **Thursday, October 13**
  - 8:30 am Mass
  - 7:30 pm K of C Meeting

- **Friday, October 14**
  - 8:30 am Communion Service
  - 9:00 am Bible Study
  - 1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline for October 23rd Bulletin

- **Saturday, October 15**
  - 4-4:45 pm Reconciliation
  - 5:00 pm Mass

- **Sunday, October 16**
  - 8:30 am Rosary
  - 9:00 am Mass
  - K of C Breakfast
  - 10:15 am Confirmation Class
  - 6:00 pm HSYG & Middle School EDGE

**ST. BRIDGET PARISH NEWS FOR ALL**

**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

**LAST CHANCE TO BID!**

**Here’s your second chance to win the Autumn Fest Cast Iron Fire Pit!**

Mr. John Ruehter won the fire pit during the Autumn Fest but has donated it back to the parish. So we will be taking sealed bids for it. Located in the fire pit is a replica of our church, once you have filled out your name, phone number, & your bid. Place your bid in the envelope provided and seal the envelope closed and place it in the box. Bids will be accepted until Mass this Sunday. **NO late bids will be accepted.** Bids will be opened on Monday and the winner will be notified as soon as possible.

**GOOD LUCK!!**

Shelby Schaller
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www.fertilitycarekc.com

**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.

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**Welcome to St. Bridget!**

Welcome to St. Bridget Parish!! We pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey home. 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

**K of C NEWS**

November

- 6 – Daylight Savings Ends Today
- 7 – Confirmation Retreat
- 10 – Finance Council Parish Council
- 11 – BHI
- 16 – K of C Breakfast
- 18 – BHI
- 25 – BHI
- 31 – Halloween

October

- 7-9 K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
- 8 – Confirmation Retreat
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**YDisciple HSYG**

YDisciple has four core beliefs that are driving its continued development.

1) **We believe that we have to reach out and empower parents to share faith and pray with their teenager.**

2) **We believe that we have to break teens out of youth culture, that is, their peer dominated mode of existence that is void of trust and transparency with one another and void of meaningful relationships with adults.**

3) **We believe that we have to be intentional in our time with teens – guiding them to grow in the disciplines of a disciple.**

4) **We believe that we have to create a user-friendly tool that sets adult mentors up for success when they meet with teens.**

**4 CORE BELIEFS**

- **K of C Tootsie Roll Drive**
- **Confirmation Retreat**
- **Finance Council Parish Council**
- **K of C Breakfast**
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- **Christmas Choir Practice**
- **Office Closes @ 3pm**
- **Parish Office Closed**
- **St. Bridget Penance Service**

**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.