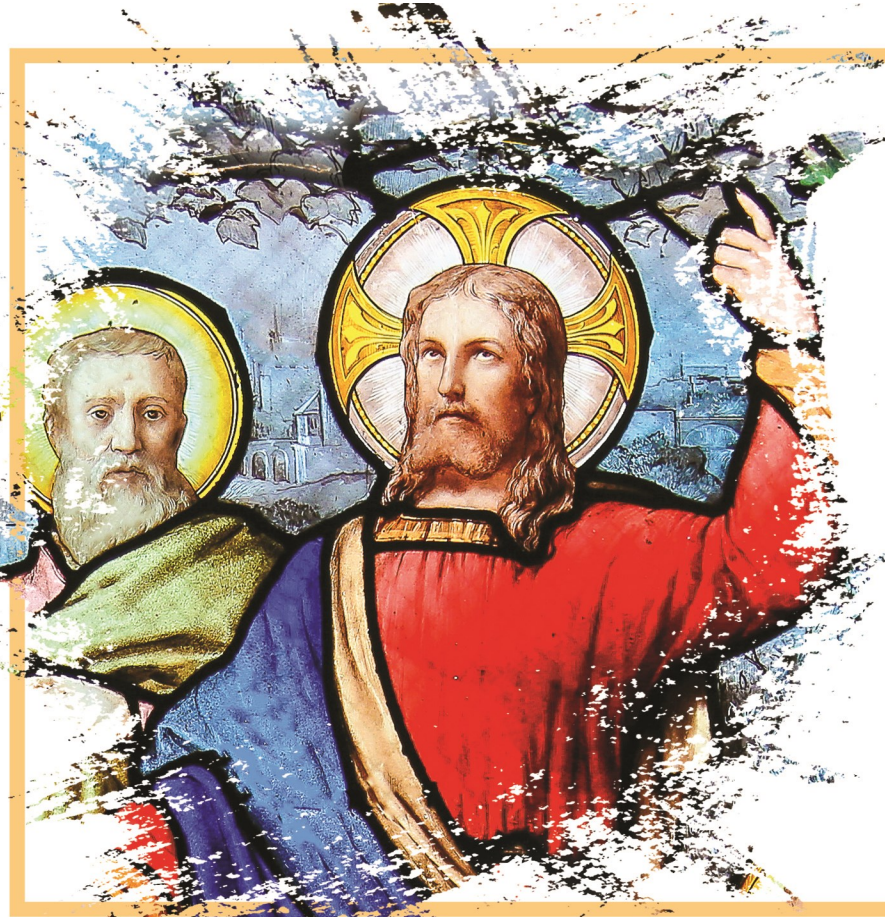


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Kildare
111 West Union Street
Pacific, Mo*

*St. James
Catholic Church
1107 Summit Drive
Catawissa, Mo*

*St. Mary of
Perpetual Help
1587 Hwy A.M
Villa Ridge, MO*

December 3, 2023



“BE WATCHFUL!
BE ALERT! YOU
DO NOT KNOW
WHEN THE TIME
WILL COME.”
— MK 13:33

1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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Bulletin Article Submission Deadline: Monday 2:00PM

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Mass Schedule				Mass Intentions
Monday	12/4	SBK	8:00am	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Tuesday	12/5	STJ	8:00am	<i>Father Nord's Special Intention</i>
Wednesday	12/6	STM	8:00am	Amelia Huesgen
Thursday	12/7	SBK	8:00am	Stephen Yates
Thursday	12/7	STJ	7:00pm	<i>Schmitter Family</i>
Friday	12/8	SBK	8:00am	Charlotte Murphy
Friday	12/8	STM	7:00pm	<i>Busch Family</i>
Saturday	12/9	SBK	4:00pm	<i>Michael & Angela Brant</i>
Sunday	12/10	STM	7:30am	Amelia Huesgen
Sunday	12/10	SBK	9:15am	Pro Populo
Sunday	12/10	STJ	11:00am	Johnny Shepard

2024 Mass Intentions

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention please call your respective parish office.

Mass Times:

Saturday	4:00PM	St. Bridget
Sunday	7:30AM	St. Mary
	9:15AM	St. Bridget
	11:00AM	St. James
Monday	8:00AM	St. Bridget
Tuesday	8:00AM	St. James
Wednesday	8:00AM	St. Mary
Thursday	8:00AM	St. Bridget
Friday	8:00AM	St. Bridget
1st Saturday	8:00AM	St. James

Confession Times:

Sunday	6:30 - 7:15AM	St. Mary
Tuesday	6:00 - 6:50PM	St. Bridget
Saturday	7:00 - 7:45AM	St. James
Saturday	2:30 - 3:30PM	St. Bridget

Eucharistic Exposition:

Tuesday	10:00AM - 7:00PM	St. Bridget
Benediction at 6:55PM		St. Bridget

Adoration Chapel at St. Mary:

Call Parish Office for code.

Baptism, Marriage, to become Catholic:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental Emergency:

Call 636-257-4533 Option 4

St. Bridget Parish Office:

Hours: Mon -Thurs 8:00AM - 4:00PM
636-271-3993 ext. 201
www.sbkparish.org

St. James & St. Mary's Parish Office:

Hours: Mon, Tues, & Fri 9:00AM - 2:00PM
636-451-4685
stmarys-moselle.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy Mass teachings part 2:

When the procession reaches the sanctuary, everyone who is not carrying something bulky (such as candles, cross, incense) genuflects to Jesus in the Tabernacle. A genuflection consists of dropping your right knee to touch the floor. Good pious practice often includes a sign of the cross with the genuflection, but adding the sign of the cross is not prescribed in the Roman Missal. In other words, it is a fine thing to do on your own when entering and leaving church, but it is not necessary and it is not how the procession genuflects. The genuflection is a sign of reverence for Jesus' Eucharistic presence, in rare circumstances if we would be in church without the Eucharist present the genuflection would be omitted. (Sometimes we do genuflect for other purposes: after the Good Friday Service we genuflect to honor the Cross, at the mention of the Incarnation during the Angelus we also genuflect, etc.)

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nord



Parish Office of St. Mary/St. James

Will be closed Friday, December 8th for Immaculate Conception.

We will reopen Monday, December 11th.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd

4:00pm - St. Bridget
6:00pm - St. James

Sunday, December 24th

7:30am - St. Mary
9:15am - St. Bridget
NO 11:00am Holy Mass at St. James

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Vigil

4:00pm - St. Bridget
7:00pm - St. James

Monday, December 25th - Christmas

Midnight - St. Bridget
8:00am - St. Mary
10:00am - St. James

Liturgical Ministers

SAT, December 9th, 2023 4:00pm
Lector: Mary Elaine Suden
SUN, December 10th, 2023 7:30am
Lector: Sandi Schroeder
SUN, December 10th, 2023 9:15am
Lector: Jan Brokaw
SUN, December 10th, 2023 11:00am
Lector: Diane Schaeffer

St. Bridget Stewardship **11/19/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$8,000.00 received: \$3,371.00
Online Donations: \$1,573.02
Thanksgiving: \$21.00
Candle Donations: \$25.02
SVDP: \$40.00

St. Bridget Stewardship **11/26/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$8,000.00 received: \$3,407.81
Online Donations: \$1,372.04
Thanksgiving: \$380.00
Parish Improvements: \$10.00
Christmas Flowers: \$25.00
Candle Donations: \$3.00
SVDP: \$130.00

St. James Stewardship **11/19/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our weekly need is \$3,100.00 received: \$1,116.00
Parish Improvements: \$30.00
Christmas Flowers: \$5.00

St. James Stewardship **11/26/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$3,100.00 received: \$1433.00
Parish Improvements: \$30.00
Christmas Flowers: \$90.00

St. Mary's Stewardship **11/19/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our weekly need is \$3,500.00 received: \$3,400.00
Seminary: \$50.00
Christmas Flowers: \$60.00

St. Mary's Stewardship **11/26/2023**

Collection Envelopes

Our weekly need is \$3,500.00 received: \$886.00
Parish Improvements: \$100.00
Permanent Diaconate: \$25.00
World Mission Sunday: \$25.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Immaculate Conception - Vigil
December 7th
7:00 pm St. James

Immaculate Conception
December 8th
8:00 am St. Bridget
7:00 pm St. Mary

BULLETIN DEADLINE

**Bulletin article submissions due Monday by
2:00pm!**

**Please submit to your respective parish office by
email.**

**SBK: parishoffice@sbkschool.org
STM & STJ: stm.stj.vr@gmail.com**

*Times will vary during the holiday season.
Please submit early!*

FLOCKNOTE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are going to start using an announcement platform. This is an email/text program that will allow us to send out messages for upcoming events, funeral notification, cancellations, etc.

For St. Mary and St. James please email stm.stj.vr@gmail.com or call 636-451-4685 with your email and/or cell phone number to be added.

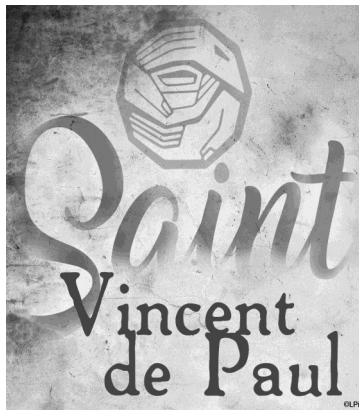
St. Bridget is already using this system. If you are not receiving FlockNote and would like to be added please email parishoffice@sbkschool.org or call 636-271-3993 ext. 201

DONUT SUNDAY!!!!

December 10th, 2023

**SBK will be serving DONUTS after the
9:15am Mass, in the SBK Café.
Join fellow parishioners for
some Faith, Fellowship and
delicious donuts.**

**This will be a good time to reconnect and
welcome new parishioners who are celebrating
Holy Mass at St. Bridget's!**



FOOD DRIVE

Help us fill our shelves with non-perishable items.

We also accept Gift Cards to Aldi's, Save-A-Lot, Dollar General, and Wal-Mart.

Leave donations in vestibule of church.

ADOPT—A—FAMILY GIVING TREE

Our St. Bridget of Kildare Parish Giving Tree is going up in the vestibule of church. As a reminder, this is NOT a St. Vincent de Paul activity, but a St. Bridget of Kildare Parish activity. We are adopting 15 families with a total of 41 children this year. There are 240 cards on our tree. This is a huge undertaking for our parish, but we know the generosity of our parishioners and hope that this goal is attainable, especially in this time of need. If you take a card from the tree, please return the wrapped item no later than Sunday, December 10th.

You do not need to secure the card to the package with more than one piece of tape, as these cards are removed from the package and actual Christmas tags with the child's name are added. Also, if you take a gas card or gift card request, please tape it to the original card. Do not wrap the gift cards, as all cards have to be verified and are placed in envelopes for each family.

The parishioners of St. Bridget continue to be generous at this time of year, and we appreciate all that you do.

St. Mary Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the back of Church. Please feel free to take a card or two.

We ask that the gifts be brought back by December 10th.

Please leave the gifts **UNWRAPPED!**

St. James Adopt-A-Family Giving Tree

The tree is up in the back of Church. Please take a card or two.

We ask that the gifts be brought back by December 17th.

Please wrap the gifts and attach tag to the package.

Advent by Candlelight & Advent by Taillight

SAT, DEC 9, 6:00-8:00pm (doors open after 4pm Holy Mass)

Join us for the Second Annual Advent by Candlelight event, this year located in the St. Bridget School Gym.

Advent by Candlelight is a FREE parish event designed for the women of St. Bridget, St. James, & St.

Mary to spiritually prepare for the coming of Jesus with sharing a meal, drinks, & fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The evening will feature sandwiches (parish is providing (ham, roast beef, & turkey) and snacks that each table provides. The guest speaker will be Fr. Anthony Ritter, Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

The theme will be: Prepare the Way for Jesus, for whom we are patiently waiting during this Advent season.

SIGN UP: bit.ly/sbsjsmadvent

The men will be outside or at the Knights of Columbus Hall for "Advent by Taillight" with beer and Fr. Tony Ritter (pulling double duty & speaking twice). There will not be a sign-up for this event, but please encourage the men in your life to attend.

Bambinelli Sunday **3rd Sunday in Advent**

Bring your figure of Baby Jesus from your family's Nativity scene to Holy Mass for a special blessing.

SAT, DEC 16

4pm @ St. Bridget

SUN, DEC 17

7:30am @ St. Mary

9:15am @ St. Bridget

11:00am @ St. James



Pope St. John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday during his papacy to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger

SCHOOL NEWS

As we begin the Season of Advent the first candle of the Advent wreath symbolizes hope. According to the Oxford dictionary, the word hope can be defined as a noun or a verb. As a noun hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and as a verb it is defined as *to want something to happen*.

To provide us some insight, I asked some of our 5th grade students about hope. Trey Seals stated that hope is a verb because he can wish to win a game. Emma Hegnal, also says that hope is a verb because a person can show hope. In contrast, Garrett Lane says, "It is a (noun) person because if you are feeling down your mom can bring you up with hope." Trey and Emma also provided additional thoughts about how we can apply hope as we prepare for Christmas. Trey hopes for presents, while Emma says we can hope for Joy during Advent.

No matter how you define hope, as Catholic Christians we are comforted in the knowledge that our Savior, Jesus Christ was born in human form on Christmas Day to save us from our sins so that we could spend eternity with him in Heaven.

My hope for you is that the Season of Advent brings blessings to your households as you prepare for Christmas.

Mrs Hanneken

Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday Dec 9th. St. Bridget's Gym

9:00 - 11:30 am

Tickets \$10.00 adult and \$6.00 child. Advance or at door.

Questions? ghuett@sbkschool.org

St. Bridget of Kildare School

March For Life Trip

Our goal is for the 8th grade Class of 2023 to represent St. Bridget at the 2023 March For Life.

Please consider sponsoring our class with a gift of \$50.00 or more. For every \$50.00 sponsorship received, each 8th grader will donate 1 hour of Community Service.

Flyers are in the vestibule of church and provided in FlockNote.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

SBK CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

We will sing during the 9:15am Holy Mass. We also have a separate funeral choir if you are available during the week.

Practice for the 9:15 choir are Thursday's 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

If you have any questions please call Jean Swabilius at 636-271-8404 or the Parish Office at 636-271-3993 Ext.201

PSR NEWS

Important Dates

Wed	December 6	PSR Class #14 First Reconciliation 6pm
Sat	December 9	Advent by Candlelight Advent by Taillight
Wed	December 13	PSR Class #15
Wed	December 20	No PSR Class
Wed	December 27	No PSR Class
Wed	January 3	No PSR Class
Wed	January 10	PSR Class #16
Wed	February 24	8th Gr Confirmation Retreat Part I 6-9pm (students & sponsors)
Sun	February 25	8th Gr Confirmation Retreat Part II 9:15am-4:00pm (students & sponsors)
Wed	March 13	2nd Gr First Holy Communion Retreat 6-7:15pm SBK School Cafeteria
Sat	April 27	Confirmation 10am New Cathedral Basilica
Sat	May 4	First Holy Communion 4pm Holy Mass at St. Bridget

Please pray for our 10 - 2nd grade students from both St. Bridget School & St. Bridget PSR, who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday, December 6.

Theo Berman
Jackson Casey
Connor Freeman
Max Grgic
Sophie Hillhouse

Hunter Knapp
Troy Kaysinger
Dilyn Meier
Ross Roben
Henry Simpkins

St. Mary Cleaning and Decorating

Thursday, December 21st - 9:00am

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas! All are welcome.



Interested in
joining our
Christmas Choir?

Contact Connie at 636-587-2640
Ages: high school and up



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November 9, 2023

Reverend Alexander Nord
St. Bridget of Kildare Parish
111 W. Union Street
Pacific, MO 63069

Dear Father Nord,

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the Finance Office's recommendation to grant your parish a one-time sum of \$12,600. This grant, in addition to the premium holiday that saved your school \$7,400, is specifically intended to help offset the \$5,000 salary increase for your grade-school teachers, covering 100% of their pay raise for this year. I am truly delighted that the generosity of the Faithful within the Archdiocese has made this grant possible.

The funds for this grant will be transferred to your SLAF account during the week of November 20, 2023.

I kindly request that you share this letter with your parish and school leadership, and make an announcement to your parishioners about this grant as you deem appropriate. As we continue to make progress with All Things New, please know that I am profoundly grateful for your dedicated pastoral ministry, and my prayers remain with you.

If you have any inquiries concerning the terms and distribution of your parish's grant, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Jeff Martin at 314.792.7111 or jeffmartin@archstl.org.

May God's blessings continue to be with you and your parish family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Adorers Needed

There are a few hours on Tuesday where we need an additional Adorer.

We should have at least 2 people there for every hour.

Please contact the SBK parish office if you can spend an hour with Jesus.

St. James Money Counter Volunteers Needed.

Please contact the St. Mary and St. James Parish Office if you would like to volunteer.

More information will be provided upon contacting the office.

stm.stj.vr@gmail.com or 636-451-4685

PARENTS OF PRODIGALS

Are you a parent, grand parent, friend or spouse of someone who has left the church? Join the SBK

ministry for prayer, reflection and community building!
2nd Thursday

(Next Meeting 12/14)

6:00pm — KofC Hall

Contact Deacon Jim for additional information at

james.m.bornholdt@gmail.com

Pacific Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #1335 is still selling Garden Flags!

Contact Roger Wiersma @ 636-649-9200 to purchase!

All Saints Day Flag - \$10.00
Advent Flag - \$10.00
Garden Flag Pole - \$10.00

All proceeds will be donated to KofC Charities!

Winter RADIOthon

Deacon Dean and Kitty Mandis will be on air

Thursday Dec. 14
4-5 pm

Covenant Network

102.9 FM-96.7 FM-AM 1460

314-752-7000

Your support helps spread the Good News of the coming of the Lord.

PURGATORIAL MEMORIALS

Mildred Seals
Rick Camden
Hayden-Sweeny Family
Jay Nichols
Raymond Gildehaus Family
James Thomas Curran
Gilbert Huesgen
Julia & George Hagedorn
Al & Lucille Bozada
Leander Bax Family
Fred Struempf Family
Alfred & Mary Doerhoff
Robert Highberg
Sylvia Becker
Hagedorn-Voss Family
Agnes Lindemann
Kathy Hill
John Ann Mattingly
Helen Lemmon
Mary Joe Delgado

Carter-Vuylsteke Family
Harold & Agnes Conner
Jimmy Lee Overman
Leo, Esther, Helen Seiss
Meitz-Gieres Family
Ed & Mae Veasman
James M Bearden Family
Daily-Hanneken Family
Quinn Family
Coulson Family
Orville J Wagner Family
Ray Overschmidt Family
Jerome & Theresa Eagan
John & Ellen Knight Family
Rodney & Virginia Gemmell
Juanita Camden
Agnes Geitz
Paul Mattingly
Alvin Camden
Darrell Lindhurst

Marianist Retreat and Conference Center
Annual Advent Retreat

December 8-10, 2023

The Marianist Retreat and Conference Center's Advent Retreat 2023 is entitled "**Coming Home to Christ: The Journey Together**" and will be held the weekend of December 8-10, 2023. Veteran retreat leaders Fr. Tom Santen, Steve Givens, and Lucia Signorelli will focus on our personal relationship with Christ, the still-point in an ever-turning world that often leaves us feeling confused, disconnected, lonely and lost. Through scripture-opening teaching, experiences of various kinds of contemplative prayer, quiet reflection and small group sharing, the retreat will encourage those present to consider what it means to embrace Jesus as their center and true home. The weekend will include time and space for both silence and fellowship.

Registration, information and additional details can be found online at
<https://marianistretreat.com/events/advent-retreat-2023>

The Marianist Retreat and Conference Center is located at 4000 HWY 109, Eureka, Mo 63025

Advent Book Study

St. Bridget, St. James, St. Mary's
All are welcome!

Do you believe in the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist?



Join us in our FREE Advent Book Study to help you strengthen your faith in the Real Presence.



Optional Discussion Groups will meet in St. Bridget School Cafeteria:

Dec. 4, 11, 18 -
Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm
Dec. 7, 14, 21 -
Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm

We will read *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly.

Book will be ordered for you with parish bulk pricing.

QUESTIONS?

Denise Brickler, 314-780-8898
or Parish Office, 636-271-3993 x201

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

St. Francis Borgia - Naming & Commendation Rite; Sunday Dec. 3, 1:00pm, For all who have experienced preborn loss. This prayer rite is open to anyone. 115 Cedar St. Washington MO

Blue Christmas Candlelight Vigil - Marianist Retreat and Conference Center; Sun Dec 3rd, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season, we take a moment to reflect, remember, & honor our children gone too soon. sponsored by Angel Moms Over St. Louis, No Charge, Questions or RSVP to dgangelmom@yahoo.com

Holiday Cornhole Tournament - St. Francis Borgia; Saturday Dec. 9, starts at 10:00am doors open at 9:00am, \$50.00 per team, bags will be provided but you can bring your own, prize for best ugly Christmas sweater, must be 21 or older to play or attend.

An Advent Day of Prayer, The Three Comings of Christ - Mercy Conference and Retreat Center; Saturday Dec. 9, 8:30am - 3:00pm, presented by Karen Seaborn, register at www.mercycenterstl.org by Dec. 1st, Cost \$80.00 (lunch and art supplies included) Located in Frontenac, MO.

Advent Workshop - St. John the Baptist - Gildehaus Parish Center; Sat. Dec 16, 8:30-11:00am, Help our family find their way back home, Various Topics, coffee and pastries provided, contact Rita Voss for details and to sign-up 636-219-8385 or rita.voss48@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES MAY GOD PROVIDE HEALING AND COMFORT

Please remember the sick in your daily prayers and devotions:

Lisa Barker, Marsha Barrak, Mike Beck, Vicki Brinker, Thomas Bub, Shirley Buchman, Daryl Denu, Dan Dorenkamp, Bev Duncan, Amy Frazier, Gabriel Gregory, Mike Hanneken, Sally Hanneken, Natalie Henik, Deacon Brian Knight, Doug Knight, Lawrence Lindemann, Tonya Marsala, Ramon Martinez, Troy McCart, Steve Morton, David Mueller, Martin Sahno, Nicholas Sahno, Jeremiah Santhuff, Bob Smiley, Toni Strothkamp, Roger Sutterer, Bernie Trentmann, Sharon Trentmann, Verna Vondera, Becky Whelan, Bamey Wiersma, Jayden Wiersma, Dan Witte, Home Bound and Nursing Home Patients

Also, those who serve our country.
Andrew Bornholdt, Jennings Casey, Alex Churchill, Aaron Cooley, Corey Dorsey, Brandon Ell, Wade Iliff Jr., Mike Murphy, Jeremy Ross, Jonathon Savala & Steven Sutterer.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

