

*St. Bridget of
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*

January 21, 2024



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mk 1:17

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Mass Schedule				Mass Intentions
Monday	1/22	SBK	8:00am	Marge Phelan
Tuesday	1/23	STJ	8:00am	<i>Christopher Budde</i>
Wednesday	1/24	STM	8:00am	Amelia Huesgen
Thursday	1/25	SBK	8:00am	<i>Michael & Angela Brant</i>
Friday	1/26	SBK	8:00am	Clarita Pingel
Saturday	1/27	SBK	4:00pm	<i>Priest Intention</i>
Sunday	1/28	STM	7:30am	Kenneth & Shirley Lause
Sunday	1/28	SBK	9:15am	Deacon Mike Suden
Sunday	1/28	STJ	11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>

2024 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, August 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, November 1st - All Saints Day
Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Holy Mass times will be announced closer to the dates.

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 Brother and Sister in Christ,

In lieu of a bulletin article from me I would recommend that you read the article from Archbishop Rozanski from the beginning of the year.

We have reproduced the article on the following page.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nord



Renee will be out of the Parish office from Jan 9th - Jan 30th
Julie will be traveling between the offices. We will have the schedule posted here for the coming up week.
However it is subject to change.

St. Mary/St. James and St. Bridget Parish Offices Schedule Week of Jan 22 - Jan 26

January 22nd:	St. Mary/St. James open morning St. Bridget open afternoon
January 23rd:	St. Bridget CLOSED St. Mary/St. James open all day
January 24th:	St. Bridget open all day St. Mary/St. James CLOSED
January 25th:	St. Bridget open all day St. Mary/St. James CLOSED
January 26th:	St. Bridget CLOSED St. Mary/St. James open all day

(In Renee's absence, Julie can be reached via cell phone
636-451-4685 Mon - Fri during regular office hours)

Liturgical Ministers

SAT January 27th, 2024 4:00pm
Lector: **Mary Elaine Suden**

SUN January 28th, 2024 7:30am
Lector: **Carolyn Hanneken**

SUN January 28th, 2024 9:15am
Lector: **Amy Hennessy**

SUN January 28th, 2024 11:00am
Lector: **Tom Mattingly**

St. Bridget Stewardship 1/14/2024 Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$8,000.00 received: \$7,634.00
Online Donations: \$
1st Offering: \$22.00
St. Louis Review: \$175.00
SVDP: \$227.00

St. James Stewardship 1/14/2024 Collection Envelopes

*Contributions were unavailable at the time of printing
due to road conditions.*
Contributions will be posted in the next bulletin.

St. Mary's Stewardship 1/14/2024 Collection Envelopes

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due to road conditions.*
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FINANCE/COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. James

January 24th, 2024 6:30 pm

2023 Contribution Statements

We will be mailing out the contribution statements this year
for all 3 parishes.

They are required to be mailed prior to Jan. 31, 2024

We hope to have them all in the mail by next week.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS | Working to show a
better version of freedom

The efforts to enshrine abortion in the state's constitution are
calling for a cheap form of freedom

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

Submitted January 4, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week marks the first week of Ordinary Time in the
Church's calendar. As we look ahead to the coming year — a
year in which it seems we will be asked whether we want to
make abortion part of the state constitution — how fitting it is
that the readings begin by focusing on the conception of a
child! (The conception of Samuel in 1 Samuel 1.)
In the spirit of St. Mark, whose Gospel we read this year, let's
get right to the point: We're going to be asked whether we as a
society want to protect the "right" to kill our children. And by
raising the issue to the level of the state constitution we would
be saying: "This is essential to our state — this is what makes
us who we are."

In response to that prospect, I simply want to say two things.
First, this is going to be presented to us under the guise of
defending freedom. But we need to ask: Freedom for what?
Freedom for parents to kill their children, rather than help them
grow. Freedom for the powerful to eliminate the vulnerable,
rather than lift them up. Freedom to offer women a short-term
solution and ask them to bear the long-term physical,
psychological and spiritual consequences alone, rather than
supporting women as the ones through whom all life flows into
our communities. My friends, that's a cheap freedom. Is that
the freedom the "Show Me State" wants to show to the world?
Second, if we enshrine that version of freedom into our
constitution, we will not be able to object to anything — not in
principle. Our calls that women, children and the vulnerable
deserve better from society will all ring hollow. I say: Women
and children and the vulnerable deserve a better version of
freedom, and a better version of freedom is what Missouri
wants to show the world. I ask you to consider joining me in
saying that, too.

This week we also hear about the call of Samuel to serve the
Lord. In the midst of Samuel's vocation story we hear this
curious point: "At that time Samuel was not familiar with the
Lord." It's curious because Samuel was living in the Temple,
sleeping next to the Ark of the Covenant! But the point is this:
While Samuel knew many things about the Lord, he did not
know the living voice of God in his life.

I think we could all join Samuel in coming to a deeper
knowledge of the living voice of God in our lives!

In the Gospel this week we hear: "When Jesus returned to
Capernaum ... it became known that He was at home." We
sometimes miss the personalization and intimacy of that: Jesus
had a home!

I want to encourage all of us to grow in the personalization and
intimacy hidden in that passage. Read the Scriptures,
especially the New Testament. Read a chapter a day. If
possible, find a place where you can read it out loud!

When the words of the Bible find a place in our minds and on
our lips, the Word of God increasingly finds a home in our
hearts. He will come to be "at home" in us spiritually, as He
was once at home in Capernaum physically. Then, as the
manger held Christ at Christmas, we can carry Him in our
hearts through the whole year.

God bless you this coming year.

Thank You!

For your support in the Baby Bottle Campaign for donations to raise money for ultra sound equipment.

Please return the baby bottle donations by Sunday, January 21st in the box in the back of church.

Thank you again for your donations.

Knights of Columbus

Lunches for RCIA Group Needed!

Please prayerfully consider providing a meal for our 4 catechumens preparing to enter the Church at Easter Vigil.

RCIA classes meet each Sunday afternoon with Fr. Nord from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the St. Bridget School Cafeteria (downstairs), which includes a lunch break.

Parishioners of St. Bridget, St. James and St. Mary are invited to pray for these 4 individuals, and all are invited to sign up to bring lunch starting in January.

More details & sign-up at: <https://mealtrain.com/gk89om>

FIREWOOD

The large tree at the corner of 3rd and W. Union is coming down and will be cut into firewood.

If you are needing some to keep cozy this winter please keep this in mind.

All proceeds will go to St. Bridget's.

Please contact: Karen @ 636-667-3875

YOUTH EVENT

Sunday, January 21st, 5:00 - 6:30pm

St. Bridget Youth Ministry is hosting a Youth Event for any teen in grades 7-12 from St. Bridget, St. James, or St. Mary.

This will be an evening of
FUN, FOOD, FR. NORD and
GUEST SPEAKER!

Free event, No RSVP required.
Just show up to the SBK School Gym.
Bring a friend!

Questions?

Email: sbk youth@sbkschool.org
Call/Text: Denise Brickler 314-780-8898



**CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

**OFFERTORY MONEY COUNTERS
NEEDED 1 SUNDAY/MONTH IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING 9:15AM HOLY MASS**

Interested?

**Please call the Parish Office
@ 636-271-3993 ext.201
or email parishoffice@sbkschool.org**

2024 CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE "BE NOT AFRAID"

February 17, 2024 from 8:00am - 4:00pm
at St. Louis University High School Si Commons

Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. Anthony Wiecek, Pete Burak

Host: Adam Wright Music: Sean Feltz

catholicmenforchrist.org

2024 CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE "WONDERFULLY MADE"

March 9, 2024 from 8:00am - 4:00pm
at St. Louis University High School
Si Commons

Keynote Speakers:
Rachel Leininger, Fr. Anthony Wiecek,
Lisa Cotter

Host: Melissa Hunter
Musician: Mary Kate Westrich

catholicwomenforchrist.org

SCHOOL NEWS



The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, TTEF, opens the scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year on **Monday, January 22, 2024, at 8:00am**. We encourage all families to apply for scholarships.

For **NEW** and **RE-TURNING** families, an online application is required. Please visit: ttef-stl.org. **A complete application requires proof of income.**

TTEF offers scholarships to all Archdiocesan Elementary Schools and all non-public schools in the City of St. Louis. With our partners, TTEF has limited scholarship for all Catholic High Schools. For questions, please call, Laura George at (314)-792-7623, or email ttef@archstl.org.

RESERVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP!



"The only limits for tomorrow are the doubts we have today."



SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO \$2,500 PER STUDENT

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
JANUARY 22, 2024

BECOME A SCHOLAR! APPLY HERE: WWW.TTEF-STL.ORG



FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT TTEF-STL.ORG
CALL (314)-792-7623
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



PSR NEWS

Important Dates

Wed	January 24	PSR Class #18
Wed	January 31	PSR Class #19
Wed	February 7	PSR Class #20
Wed	February 14	Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
Wed	February 21	PSR Class #21
Sat	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

Baby Shower for Tri-County Birthright

Tri-County Birthright in Eureka, MO needs our help in collecting items for babies, children, and new moms in our community!

The 8th grade class would like your help in collecting items during the month of January in conjunction with our Pro-life trip to DC. We will be delivering all the collected items and taking a tour as part of our service to school and community.

The list below is of the most needed items.

- Baby wash/ shampoo / lotions - for both babies and moms (The most requested scent is lavender and small bottles are best as they allow them to spread the love to more moms.)
- Diapers - sizes newborn and 6
- Free & Clear / Dreft laundry detergent - Small jugs are best.
- Diaper rash cream
- Burp clothes
- Socks - newborn to 2 years
- Girls & boys clothing - sizes 18 months up to 3T
- Winter car seat covers
- Nail clippers

All baby and mom care items are needed and very much appreciated! Birthright and their clients are also more than pleased to accept gently used items such as clothing, blankets, coats, bedding, diaper bags, etc... There is often still a lot of life left in baby things since they grow so fast!

The 8th grade would like to thank you in advance for help and contribution for Birthright and helping us to make a difference.

- Boxes will be located in the school and church throughout the month of January.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. BRIDGET'S DINNER AUCTION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul
TRIVIA NIGHT
 to help our Neighbors in Need

SAT, FEB 10
 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm
 St. Bridget School Gym
 223 W Union St
 Pacific, MO 63069

\$20/person
\$150/table of 8
 Price includes beer & soda.
 Bring your own snacks!

Table Reservations or Questions?
 Contact Pat, 636-215-4887




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 Swebilius at 636-271-8404
 or the Parish Office
 at 636-271-3993 Ext.201

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 for more information.
 636-271-3993 ext. 201 or parishoffice@sbkschool.org

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

EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO WEEKEND

What if you could spend a weekend that helps you experience your Catholic faith more fully and encourages you to engage in a spiritual life filled with love, joy, and enthusiasm? You can by participating in a Cursillo Weekend.

The St. Louis Archdiocese Cursillo will host the following upcoming weekends:

Women's Spring Weekend—Feb 29 - Mar 3, 2024
 Men's Spring Weekend—March 14-17, 2024

The weekends are held at the Manresa Retreat Center near the campus of St. Louis University. Transportation will be provided. Take advantage of a powerful experience that will enhance your relationship with God and others.

If you have questions or to apply, please contact Denise Brickler at 314-780-8898 or denisebrickler@gmail.com.

Open to all men. Free.

F3

PACIFIC COMMUNITY PARK

Monday/Thursday
 5:15-6:00 am

FREE workouts for men
No equipment

Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith



Ends in a circle of trust. Held outdoors rain or shine. Led in a peer rotating fashion.

Just wanted to share with you an opportunity for men of our surrounding Parishes in regards to F3, which is a worldwide organization who's mission is to "plant, grow, and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of male community leadership."

It is free, open to all men, held outdoors, peer led, and ends in a circle of trust.

I included an article written recently about other Catholics in the area who have benefitted from F3. We meet at Pacific Community Park on Monday/Tues/Thursdays at 5:15 am and we finish at 6 am.

<https://www.archstl.org/a-chain-of-discipleship-8168>

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS
a part of
our Flock!

Keep in touch with us via
email and text!

TEXT
SBKPACIFIC
TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
stbridgetofkildare10.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Save the Date
SUN, FEB 25
St. Bridget of Kildare Catholic Church
Pacific, MO
A Lenten
Eucharistic Revival Event

Rev. Aaron P. Nord Rev. Alexander M. Nord

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

A Night of Life - Most Sacred Heart Parish, Eureka, Mo; Mon. Jan. 22, 5:00-9:00pm, set aside this evening (51st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision), to celebrate life. Our evening begins at 5pm with Eucharistic Adoration. At 6:30pm Fr. Joe will give a presentation called: *"Amen. Amen. (Why Say It Twice?)"* Mass will begin at 7pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration which concludes with Benediction at 9pm. We would be honored if you joined us for all - or any part of - the evening.

Liturgical Composers Concert - Mercy Conference & Retreat Center; Frontenac, Thurs, Jan. 25, 7:00-8:30pm, \$25 general admission, \$50 preferred seating (includes reception after the concert with the composers) \$15 individual livestream, register at www.mercycenterstl.org

Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World - St. Francis Borgia Parish; Approximately one-fourth of The Miracles of the World will be on display in the Franciscan Room in Jesuit Hall on the following days and times: Fri. Jan. 26th, 7:30am-5:00pm, Sat. Jan. 27th, 8:30am-6:00pm, Sun. Jan. 28th, 8:00am-3:00pm

Prolife Coordinators and Friends for Life Meeting - Cardinal Rigali Center; Mon. Jan. 29, 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm with fellowship and refreshments followed by a meeting at 7:00pm. We will update you on the upcoming ballot initiative that could enshrine abortion into our Missouri Constitution. In addition, we will have other pertinent information on various prolife programs for you parish. Bishop Mark Rivituso is scheduled to be with us that evening. All are welcome!

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, Marie Dunham, Amy Frazier, Gabriel Gregory, Mike Hanneken, Sally Hanneken, Natalie Henik, Patricia Hunter, Deacon Brian Knight, Doug Knight, Lawrence Lindemann, Tonya Marsala, Ramon Martinez, Troy McCart, Steve Morton, David Mueller, Ray Romine, Martin Sahnno, Nicholas Sahnno, Jeremiah Santhuff, Bob Smiley, Toni Strothkamp, Roger Sutterer, Bernie Trentmann, Sharon Trentmann, Becky Whelan, Barney 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.