

ST. BRIDGET DAY - MAY 30

Come and Join Us

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Announcing! The 1999 Annual Meeting of the St. Bridget Historical Society will be held on Sunday, May 30, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Bridget Church. The proposed agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- ◆ Opening Prayer
- ◆ Minutes of 1998 Meeting
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Old Business:
- ◆ New Business: Workday 1999
- ◆ Other Business:
- ◆ Election of Vice President
- ◆ Closing Prayer

We reserve the right to make last minute changes to our agenda.

The Day's Activities

This year's St. Bridget Day celebration will follow the traditional pattern: the annual Business Meeting on **May 30 at 1:30 p.m.** at the church, followed by **Sunday Mass at 3:00 p.m.** Father Tom Dolezal will be the celebrant as well as any other visiting priests who may be present.

Following the Mass will be our traditional potluck dinner in the church basement. **Drinks and table service will be provided by the St. Bridget Historical Society.** Families are asked to bring *one meat dish* and *one other dish* for the potluck.

As in past years, the **Mass will be offered for deceased** members of both the St. Bridget Historical Society and old St. Bridget parish.

HERITAGE FUND GRANT

On June 15, 1998, the St. Bridget Historical Society will be submitting a grant request again to the Heritage Trust fund, operating through the Kansas State Historical Society. Last year's request was not approved, although the comments from the KSHS were that it well written, well documented with photograph, but it was needing additional information in several areas.

Cheri Johnson-Reynolds, our original grantwriter, is still overseeing grant funding. The Marshall County Commissioners, realizing our project was worthwhile, offered the services of J. Everett Mitchell, Big Lakes Regional Development Council. Mr. Mitchell said, his role, in regard to our application, is to "take what was already good and make it better" using their experiences of over 20 years of writing grants. On June 15th, they will be resubmitting our revised grant application to the Heritage Trust Fund.

J. Everett Mitchell has met with the officers of the St. Bridget Historical Society and visited the church several times in preparation for rewriting our grant.

The new grant request to be submitted on June 15th, will be asking the Heritage Trust Fund to accept a total grant bid of **\$90,200.00** for tuckpointing and other necessary exterior work. Of that \$90,200, the St. Bridget Historical Society will be asked to commit **\$25,000** while the Heritage Trust Fund will commit \$65,200.

According to Leo Glynn, our Society's Treasurer, the Tuckpointing Fund contains **\$19,640**. We will need to raise an additional **\$5,360** to meet our commitment to save St. Bridget Church. **Will you help us?** A commitment card is enclosed with this mailing. If we get this grant, we need to be ready to start as soon as possible.

90th Anniversary Mass of Dedication of St. Bridget Church



Last **August 30, 1998**, we were privileged to have a special anniversary Mass with Archbishop James P. Keleher. The Knights of Columbus, Council #1163, prepared and served a Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner.

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