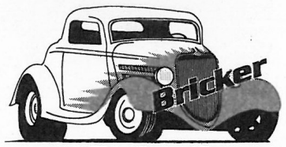

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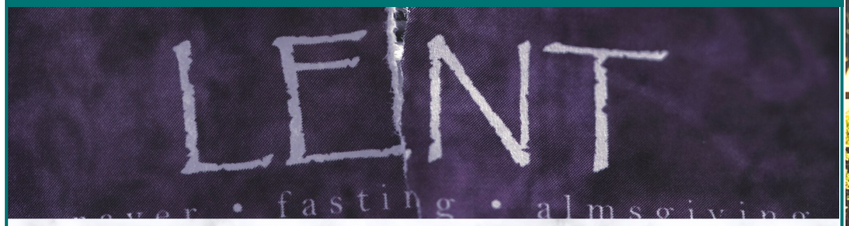

Regular Masses and Confessions
Eucharistic Adoration, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
Vespers (Evening Prayer), Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
K. of C. Fish Fry, March 24th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*****
"Devotion to the Sorrowful Mother" book
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Rice Bowl Collection & Meditations crsricebowl.com
April Monthly and Holy Week Magnificats (to be distributed in March)

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Scholarship applications are now available! The Knights of Columbus and Altar and Rosary Society each have their scholarship applications on the parish web site, on the Oak Table and in the parish office. The Knights scholarship is for $1,000 and the Altar and Rosary Society is for $500. There's a lot of money out there for those who would like financial help for college/technical school next fall.

The Altar and Rosary Society deadline is 3 p.m. on Friday, April 14th. The Knights of Columbus deadline is Friday, April 21st. Please take a look at the applications and apply if eligible. We wish you the best!

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Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

Confession Times

Tue. - Thur.	8:25 - 8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
First Friday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Thursday	6:45 - 7:45 pm
Sunday	7:20 - 7:50 am

Office Hours

Mon. - Thur.	9:00 - 4:00 pm
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Sat. Mar. 25	Leland E.	Henry Saubers	Rita Jones	Ed Medlock Rita Pilcher	David Orson	Renee Edenburn/ Millie Hill		Cathy's Team March 24th	
Sun. Mar. 26	Patrick O.	D. J. Breitbach	Guy Emhoff	Mike and Arlene Casey	Don and Cathy Vogel	Renee Edenburn/ Daniel Yung	D. J. Breit-bach		Stephanie's Team March 27th

Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, March 14	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wednesday, March 15	6:00 p.m.	† **Howard Greufe**
Thursday, March 16	9:00 a.m.	† **Bill Decany**
Saturday, March 18	5:00 p.m.	†**Andy Anderson** by Doris Prettyman
Sunday, March 19	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Second Collections

March 19	Catholic Relief Service
Apr. 2	DREAM Fund
Apr. 7	Holy Land (Good Friday)
May 7	DREAM Fund
May 21	Tomorrow's Priests
	Vocation Fund
May 28	Peter's Pence
June 4	DREAM Fund
June 18	Communications
July 2	DREAM Fund
Aug. 6	DREAM Fund
Aug. 20	Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 3	DREAM Fund
Sept. 17	Church in Latin America
Oct. 1	DREAM Fund
Oct. 22	Mission Sunday
Nov. 5	DREAM Fund

Week ending 3/5/23	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	**$2009.00**	**$2583.50**	**$4592.50**
Dream Fund	$408.00	$312.50	$720.50
Dream Fund MTD	$408.00	$312.50	$720.50
Youth Group	$130.00	$25.00	$128.00
Votive Candle	$122.00	$0.00	$122.00
Special Collections: Ash Wednesday	$3.00	$0.00	$3.00
Special Collections: Cath Char Em Assist	$103.00	$0.00	$103.00
Special Collection Catholic Relief Serv	$30.00	$0.00	$30.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. **Month to date: $720.50**

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be **e-mailed one week prior** to the weekend of distribution to l.ochs@stbridgetph.org.

Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.

First Communion A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.

Confirmation Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines

Marriage Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick As requested after Mass and by appointment

Devotions and Info

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.weconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you!

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday After Mass—8:00 p.m.
Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm—Sat. 4:45pm

First Friday Mass and Devotions

6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow

Rosary

Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; First Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar Society; Second Thursday at 7:05pm w/ KofC

Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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*
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The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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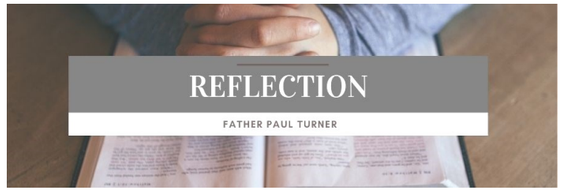

Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7

Water in the Desert

In the desert of our lives there are plenty of complaints. Bills are too high. Friends are too few. Health is too frail. Faith is too weak. In the desert of our lives there is plenty of blame. Our leaders are unconcerned. Children are too demanding. Society is sinful. Life is not fair.

In the desert, the people of Israel grumble against Moses. They have too little water, and they are blaming Moses. Moses blames God, and asks for some divine intervention.

God promises Moses, "I will stand in front of you on the rock." Moses strikes that rock, and water gushes forth.

Life brings its share of struggle. We sometimes rebel against the very place where God has invited us to be. We forget that God has given us life, has entered into covenant with us, and stands ever before us. So we complain. We may not realize that we are standing right at the water for which we thirst.

The discomforts of your life will not be hard to name. Have you brought some of them on yourself? Has God placed some of them in your path? Do you trust that God stands with you, water at the ready? From where will that water come?

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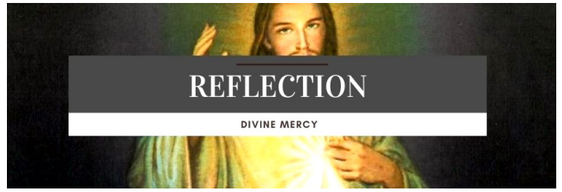

Reflection: Rejoicing in the Goodness of Others

When others do well, how do you react? Most likely when a child does well it brings delight to your soul. But what about others? A sure sign of a merciful heart is the ability to sincerely find joy in the good that others do. Too often jealousy and envy get in the way of this form of Mercy. But when we delight in the goodness of another and rejoice when God is at work in someone's life, this is a sign that we have a merciful heart (See Diary #241).

Think about the person that you may find it difficult to offer praise and honor. Who is it that is difficult to compliment and encourage? Why is it this way? We often point out their sin as the reason but the true reason is our own sin. It may be anger, envy, jealousy or pride. But the bottom line is that we must foster a spirit of joy in the good works of others. Reflect upon at least one person you find it difficult to love in this way and pray for that person today. Ask our Lord to give you a merciful heart so that you can rejoice as He works through others.

Lord, help me to see Your presence in others. Help me to let go of all pride, jealousy and envy and to love with Your merciful Heart. I thank You for working in many ways through the lives of others. Help me to see You at work even in the greatest of sinners. And as I discover Your presence, please fill me with a joy that expresses itself with authentic gratitude. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at https://divinemercy.life/2023/03/08/reflection-68-rejoicing-in-the-goodness-of-others/)

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we journey forward through Lent, it's a time to be surprised by our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. Our weekend's Gospel hits home on our Lord surprising the Samaritan woman at the well.

Here's the list of surprises: 1) The fact that Jesus, a man, was speaking to a woman alone that was not a blood relative or his wife. 2) The fact that Jesus was a Jew and the woman was a Samaritan. These two cultures rarely interacted with each other because of their history. 3) That Jesus knows about the history of the woman, i.e. how many husbands she has, her current partner is not her husband. 4) That Jesus reveals He is the Christ and the Messiah. 5) Soon the townsfolk also were surprised to see the Savior of the world in their midst.

God has the capacity to surprise us in our lives in ways that shock us and gives us renewed energy in living a virtuous life. That's at the core of Lent. We are called to repent, change from our sinful ways, and receive renewed energy in taking our spiritual lives more seriously, leading us to being formed by our Lord Jesus Christ into becoming the saints we are called to be. Lent adds up to us drawing into a more intimate relationship with our God, and He will surprise us along the way. Let us have a renewed energy as we dive more deeply in the great season of Lent, this time of purification and saint formation.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel

Tuesday, March 14

8:25 a.m.	Confessions
8:25 a.m.	Rosary and Chaplet
9:00 a.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Finance Council
7:30 p.m.	Parish Council

Wednesday, March 15

5:25 p.m.	Confession
6:00 p.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	SOR
6:30 p.m.	Men's Group
6:30 p.m.	Women of Faith
6:45 p.m.	RCIA

Thursday, March 16

8:25 a.m.	Confessions
9:00 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
6:45 p.m.	Confessions
7:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Procession and Benediction

Friday, March 17

9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	**Stations of the Cross**

Dispensation from eating meat Friday. Happy St. Pat's.

Saturday, March 18

4:30 p.m.	Rosary
5:00 p.m.	Mass (Fr. Mike Clary)

Sunday, March 19

7:20 a.m.	Confessions
7:30 a.m.	Rosary
8:00 a.m.	Mass
5:30 p.m.	**Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

MARCH 2023

MON 20
OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION
6:30 PM
CONFESSION

TUE 21
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
6:00 PM
CONFESSION/ ADORATION

TUE 28
ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
6:30 PM
CONFESSION/ ADORATION

WED 29
HOLY SPIRIT
6:30 PM
CONFESSION

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March 24th

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AED and CPR Refresher Lessons at St. Bridget
March 11 and 12 after Masses

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could save someone's life. If you're not comfortable and don't respond to a need, it quite possibly could cost a life. Our device is capable of helping an infant or adult. Now we need you to be comfortable enough to use it if an emergency should occur. Please join us after either Mass on Saturday, March 11 or Sunday, March 12. We plan on the lessons to last about an hour. We hope to see many of you there. Please call Tim at the parish office at (816) 540-4563 if you have any questions.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

During this year of National Eucharistic Revival, it is good to read the Catholic Church's official doctrine on the Holy Eucharist. It can be found at. https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/__P3W.HTM

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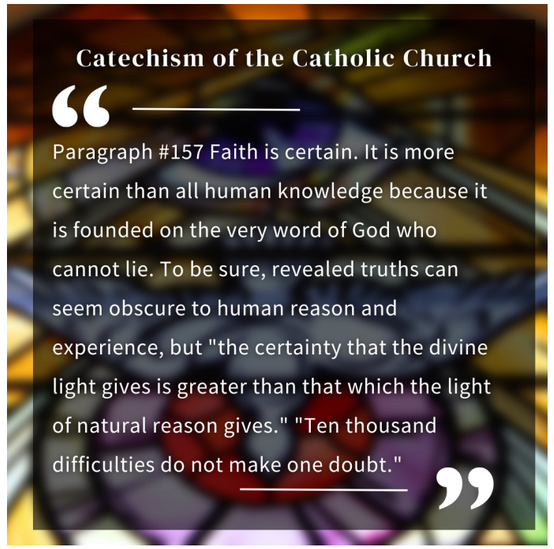
>SECTION 2. The Seven Sacraments of the Church
>Chapter 1. The Sacraments of Initiation
>Article 3. The Sacrament of the Eucharist
>III. The Eucharist in the Economy of Salvation

#1335 The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

#1336 The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?": The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life"160 and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.



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