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Luke 13:22-30



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Regular Mass Times for

| | |
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| 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 |

Regular Confession Times

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| Tuesday | 8:25 - 8:50 am |
| Wednesday | 5:25 - 5:50 pm |
| Thursday | 8:25 - 8:50 am |
| Thursday | 6:15 - 6:45 pm |
| First Friday | 5:25 - 5:50 pm |
| Sunday | 7:20 - 7:50 am |
| 2nd Saturday | After Mass |

Office Hours

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| Mon. - Thur. | 9:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Friday | 9:00 - 3:00 pm |



| Date | Servers | Ushers | Lectors | Sacristans | Rosary Leaders | Cantors Musicians | Homebound Ministers | Church Cleaners | Money Counters | Mowers Trimmers |
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| Saturday August 30 | Joseph H Alex H | Henry Saubers | Guy Emhoff | Barry Schaller Piper S | End Adoration | Kaitlin Long / Corbin Trimble | | | | Sam Salsman August 28 |
| Sunday August 31 | Patrick O Richard B | Tim Long | Marijo O'Malley | Tim Long | Cathy Vogel | Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf | Scott Bennett | | Rita's Team Sept. 2 | |
| Saturday September 6 | Emmett T | Chris Thornsberry | Guy Emoff | Mary Adams Lilly L. | Shirley Baldwin | TBA / Corbin Trimble | | Louise's Team September 5 | | Bob D / DJ B September 4 |
| Sunday September 7 | Joseph H Alex H | Mark Bock | Marijo O'Malley | Tim Long | Olivia Carrasco | TBA / Judy Wolf | Deacon Morgan | | Nancy's Team September 8 | |



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

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| Tuesday, August 26 | 9:00 a.m. | † Jill Waddle by Jenn Markey & Karl Sigler |
| Wednesday, August 27 | 6:00 p.m. | † Patty Wagner by Richard Wagner |
| Thursday, August 28 | 9:00 a.m. | † Bob Dustman by Amy Fleming |
| Saturday, August 30 | 5:00 p.m. | † Paul Brownsberger by Joan Munsterman |
| Sunday, August 31 | 8:00 a.m. | For the People of St. Bridget |

Special Collections

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| 2025 | |
| September 7 | DREAM Fund Youth Group |
| September 21 | Church of Latin America |
| October 5 | DREAM Fund |

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but you can write checks to "Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy," mail your donation to 100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels – making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.

| GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH | | | |
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| OFFER RIGHT SACRIFICES & PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD. PS 4:5 | | | |
| Week ending 08/17/2025 | Collection | EFT | Total |
| St. Bridget Parish | \$2411.00 | \$4221.06 | \$6632.06 |
| Dream Fund | \$40.00 | \$405.00 | \$445.00 |
| Dream Fund MTD | \$1215.00 | \$405.00 | \$1620.00 |
| Youth Group | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Votive Candle | \$72.00 | \$0.00 | \$72.00 |
| SC - Dio. Life & Justice | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| SC - Assumption | \$416.18 | \$0.00 | \$416.18 |
| Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1620.00 | | | |



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Gary Crabtree
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Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
Ombudsman: David Noordeloos
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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be e-mailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@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—7:00 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 6:30pm w/ KofC
Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

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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).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at **816.812.2500** or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact **Michelle Graff, Victim Assistance Coordinator**, at **816-714-2357** or graff@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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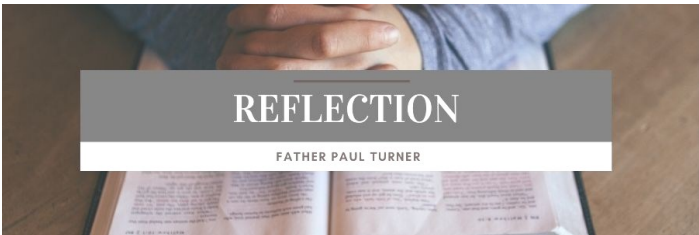
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

Inviting All People

The greatest music ever written appeals to people of every culture. People who do not speak a common language can all enjoy the same music. If the music is well written, it will touch the spirit of any human.

The same can be said of architecture, sculpture, and painting. People of all cultures connect with the same treasures. This is also true of many sports like soccer and athletic achievements like running a marathon.

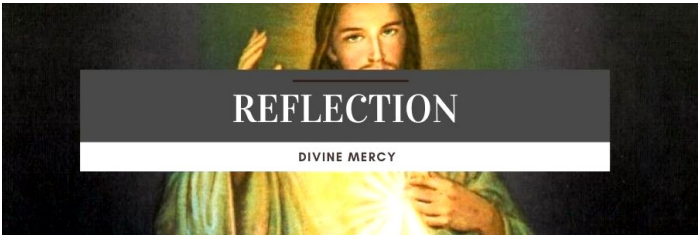
It is also true of the gospel. The message of Jesus Christ appeals to believers all over the world because it proclaims the news that all can be saved.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, God promised to gather together people of every language. Representatives from Israel would go to foreign nations and distant coastlands. Foreigners would hear about God and would come back to Jerusalem to make an offering there. New leaders would be raised up from these foreigners. It is a bold vision proclaiming the universality of God's intent.

In both the Old and the New Testament, it slowly became evident that God intended to invite all people of all nations into a holy relationship.

How do you help God's work? Do you know the names of people at church? Do you invite your neighbors and friends? Do you introduce yourself to newcomers? Anyone can understand the Christian message, but first it must be heard.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Calming the Storm

Recall the story of Jesus calming the storm (Matthew 8:23-27). This miraculous act was done as a prophetic sign of Him bringing you peace during the particular challenges you face in life. Jesus did this on a practical level for the safety and well-being of His Apostles. However, by showing that He had absolute and immediate authority over the storm at sea, Jesus also made it clear that He has absolute and immediate authority over any storm within your life, pledging His closeness in your midst. It should be consoling to you to know that there is nothing too much for God's omnipotence. He can do all things and can bring peace to any and every situation. Knowing this should give you confidence as you surrender your "storms" to Him. And when the storm remains fierce, despite your prayers, you should be assured that it is for your good or the good of others. It's an opportunity to deepen your trust in Him and to know of His particular closeness in those moments (See Diary #1197).

Identify the storm in your life right now. And if things are relatively calm, be grateful but also call to mind that this will not always be the case. Life can "change on a dime" as has been said. We must be ready for anything and everything that befalls us. As you ponder a storm of life, ask yourself whether you believe Jesus is there, in the midst, by your side, keeping you safe. Do you know that He could solve any problem instantaneously? Reassure yourself of this fact and allow this faith to add confidence to your troubled heart. The Lord's love for you is perfect; He will never let you drown.

Lord, I trust in Your almighty power and unconditional love. I trust that You care about me and are present in every storm I face in life. Give me hope in the midst of every trial and enable me to turn to You as the source of my peace. I love You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/08/19/reflection-232-calming-the-storm/>)

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Dear Donors,

Not exactly sure how to start this letter. 16,700 dollars were raised in order for me to buy a car within three weeks.... not sure what to say to show my thanks for that! My thanks and gratitude is immense, but nothing in this letter will truly encapsulate either. A letter doesn't compare to a fundraiser to this extent. But regardless, thank you to everyone who has supported me through this fundraiser! Through the years of seminary, I have been given a lot of support, from Serra Clubs paying for my cassock and surplus, to Knights Councils paying for my school books, to my parish fundraising to help fund my tuition, to sponsors, in their generosity, giving me checks to fund my day-to-day life throughout the school year, and many other gifts though the charity of people around the diocese. And now a multitude of people, more than I probably know of, have come together to buy me a new car! Again, my thanks is immense, and this letter cannot encapsulate it completely. But thank you! Truly! Thank you! It means a lot that people would come together to support me to this degree! It is an honor to be a seminarian and, God-willing, a future priest of this diocese!

Please know of my prayers for all of you, and please continue to pray for me as I continue my journey to accomplish God's will for my life!

Ad Christum per Mariam!

God Bless,
Weston Warner



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 25

Tuesday, August 26

8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

2 - 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus/ Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 27

5:25 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Men's Group

6:40 p.m. OCIA Class

Thursday, August 28

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins

6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:50 p.m. Benediction

Friday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Start of 24 Hour Adoration

Saturday, August 30

4:40 p.m. Benediction / Close of Adoration

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 31

7:30 a.m. Confessions

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

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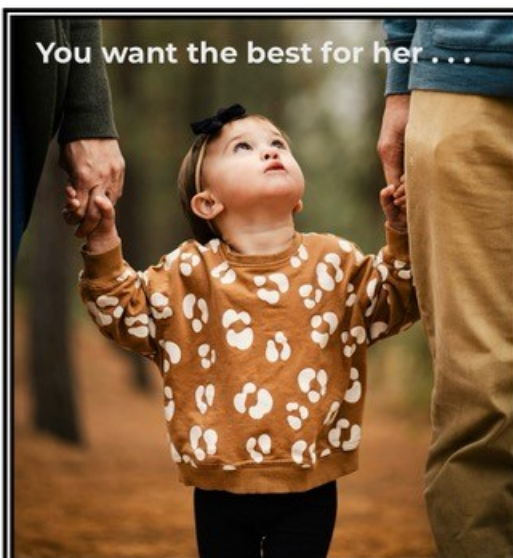
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“1861 Mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself. It results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back. However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God.”



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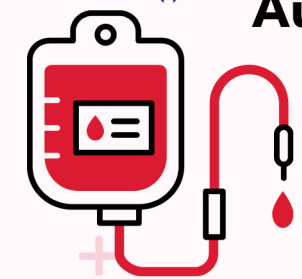
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August 26, 2025**

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2PM-6PM

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816.517.3707 or djkim1zz@gmail.com

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit savealifenow.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.



An Evening of Conversation for Parents with Bishop Johnston on *The Way*

***All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm
and will conclude at 8:00 pm.***

- ♦ **Monday, August 25th:**
Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph
- ♦ **Thursday, August 28th:**
Visitation, Kansas City
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 3rd:**
St. Thomas More, Kansas City
- ♦ **Thursday, September 11th:**
St. James, Liberty
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 17th:**
St. John Francis Regis, Kansas City (Spanish)
- ♦ **Thursday, September 18th:**
Our Lady of the Presentation, Lee's Summit
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 24th:**
St. Therese North, Parkville
- ♦ **Monday, September 29th:**
Holy Rosary, Clinton

Bishop Johnston invites all parents of the diocese to join him, along with staff from the Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship, for an opportunity to discuss the elements of our diocesan vision known as *The Way: Youth to Young Adult Initiative*.

Learn more about *The Way*:



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THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Then he said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. – Luke 9:23



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

*Join us after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for
a **Procession** through the streets of Holden.
Followed by a **Chicken Dinner** sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus and the Altar & Rosary Society.*

FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

ALL money collected to go to Weston in support of his education at the seminary.