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Regular Mass Times for

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

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

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After Mass

Office Hours

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9:00 - 4:00 pm

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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday August 23	Curtiss S Wiley S	Tim Long John Bost	DJ Breitbach	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	Shirley Baldwin	David Orson / Judy Wolf		CJ's Team August 22		Valerie / Steve Sommer August 21
Sunday August 24	Maxx S	Mark Bock	Scott Bennett	Cathry Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	Ken Tozer / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team August 25	
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	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person
Tuesday, August 19 9:00 a.m. † **Bob Dustman** by Peter & Katherine Sheehan
Wednesday, August 20 6:00 p.m. † **Patty Wagner** by Don & Connie Thompson
Thursday, August 21 9:00 a.m. † **Paul Brownsberger** by Rick & Nancy Bouchard
Saturday, August 23 5:00 p.m. † **Roy May** by Marlene May
Sunday, August 24 8:00 a.m. **For the People of St. Bridget**

Special Collections

- 2025
- August 17 Diocesan Life & Justice
- September 7 DREAM Fund Youth Group
- September 21 Church of Latin America

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.*

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Week ending 08/10/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$3646.00	\$3204.14	\$6850.14
Dream Fund	\$20.00	\$503.20	\$523.20
Dream Fund MTD	\$672.50	\$503.20	\$1175.70
Youth Group	\$20.00	\$25.05	\$45.05
Votive Candle	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$77.00
SC - St. Paul Mission	\$307.00	\$0.00	\$307.00
Special Collection - SOR	\$0.00	\$169.14	\$169.14

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1175.70

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FrVogel2015@gmail.com
Rev. Mr. Corey Morgan, Deacon
cdean.morgan@gmail.com
Tim Long, Business and Operations Manager
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Henry Saubers, Parish Custodian

Parish Leadership

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Robert Radmacher

Office of Child & Youth Protection

Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Phone: 816-714-2357 ext. 516
Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
Ombudsman: David Noordeeloos
Phone: 816-213-6024
Email: ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org

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.

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.



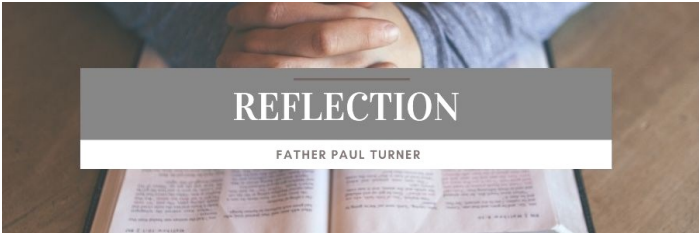
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Making Life Miserable

If some people want to make your life miserable, they can probably succeed. Your computer can pick up a virus. Thieves can break into your home. Terrorists can gain access to public gatherings. Sometimes there is nothing you can do to stop something evil from happening.

Most enemies are anonymous and take advantage of people with a weakness they can penetrate. But other enemies are well known to us. They are people we have hurt, challenged, or offended in some way. Their reaction is completely out of line, but at least we can trace the path that explains why they do the evil they do.

Jeremiah had that kind of enemy. His prophecies took a position opposed to many of the court princes. By making people question the wisdom of their political leaders, Jeremiah was fomenting unrest. He said only what God asked him to say, but it was hugely unpopular with some people in power.

So they tried to kill him. They brought him to the edge of a large empty cistern and dropped him down on ropes into the mud. "And Jeremiah sank into the mud."

A court official appealed to the king on behalf of Jeremiah, and the king relented, giving permission for a small group to pull Jeremiah out.

If some people want to make your life miserable, they can probably succeed. But if some people want to save you, they can probably succeed too .

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Feeling Overwhelmed

There are days when you most likely feel overwhelmed on account of one thing or another. It may be that you find yourself with much responsibility and are anxious about being able to properly fulfill your duties well. Or you may feel overwhelmed for the opposite reason, finding that life seems to be at a standstill and you are not sure what to do next. In these moments, of feeling overwhelmed, we must make an act of trust in God. The truth is that God could enter any situation in an instant and transform it, enabling us to face what is before us with the ease of a child. But He doesn't always do that. Sometimes He allows us to wait on Him so that the situation we face will help to purify us and urge us toward greater surrender and love. Know that God loves you and could do anything to immediately lighten your struggle. Knowing that will help you also realize that, at times, He remains at an apparent distance as an act of hidden Mercy. It's a Mercy because His wisdom is perfect and He will always act in a way that is most fruitful for your soul (See Diary #1153).

Look at your life this day and identify that which has the appearance of being your greatest struggle. How does that make you feel? If you do feel overwhelmed then pause and try to see the wisdom of God. He will never abandon you and may actually be offering you a hidden gift of Mercy through which He is calling you to greater holiness than if He immediately made your burdens light and easy.

Lord, help me to trust in You especially when I feel overwhelmed by the hardships of life. May I never doubt Your perfect love and perfect wisdom in all things. Give me the grace to see beyond that which burdens me so as to discover the hidden Mercy You offer me to purify and strengthen my soul. I thank You for all things, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2025/08/09/reflection-222-feeling-overwhelmed/>)



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Past & Current Seniors



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 20

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 21

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 22

8:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, August 23

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 24

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass



Stay up to date with St. Bridget Parish! Download the Signal App and scan the QR code to join the "St. Bridget Parish Group".



Blood Emergency

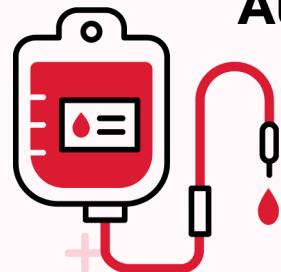


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Visit savealifenow.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 SO WE CAN GET
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Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a “Baptism” with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life. From then on, it is possible “to be born of water and the Spirit” in order to enter the Kingdom of God. ”



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Faith Forward Movement

The Case for Connection

*A National Response to
the Faith Crisis Among
Young Catholics*

Disengagement Is Real

- **80% of young people leave the Catholic Church before age 23**
- The **median age for leaving the Church is just 13**, though this often becomes visible at graduation
- Only **16% of Catholic young adults (18–25)** attend Mass weekly
- Fewer than **1 in 5 Catholic college students** engage in campus ministry without personal outreach
- **Nearly 75% of youth who leave the Church say it was a gradual process**—and high school is often the tipping point



The Transition Gap

- Thousands of Catholic seniors graduate each year with **no direct connection** to a faith community at their next destination
- Studies show that the friendships students form in the first 72 hours on campus are the **friendships they will keep** through their entire college experience
- The **first 90 days after high school** are critical for habit formation, identity development, and relationship-building
- Without outreach or guidance, students **assume there's no one waiting for them**—and quietly drift away
- Barna Group research shows that **only 10% of young adults are considered “resilient disciples”**—those who remain committed to their faith amid cultural change

Connection Changes Everything

- Students who receive **a personal outreach** from a campus ministry are **4x more likely** to engage regularly
- Catholic students who stay involved with a faith community after high school report:
 - Higher emotional and mental well-being
 - Greater resilience in academic and life challenges
 - Increased likelihood of attending Mass, praying, and discerning vocations
- Faith-connected students are **more likely to volunteer**, remain active in parish life, and raise families in the Church



The Impact on Catholic Schools

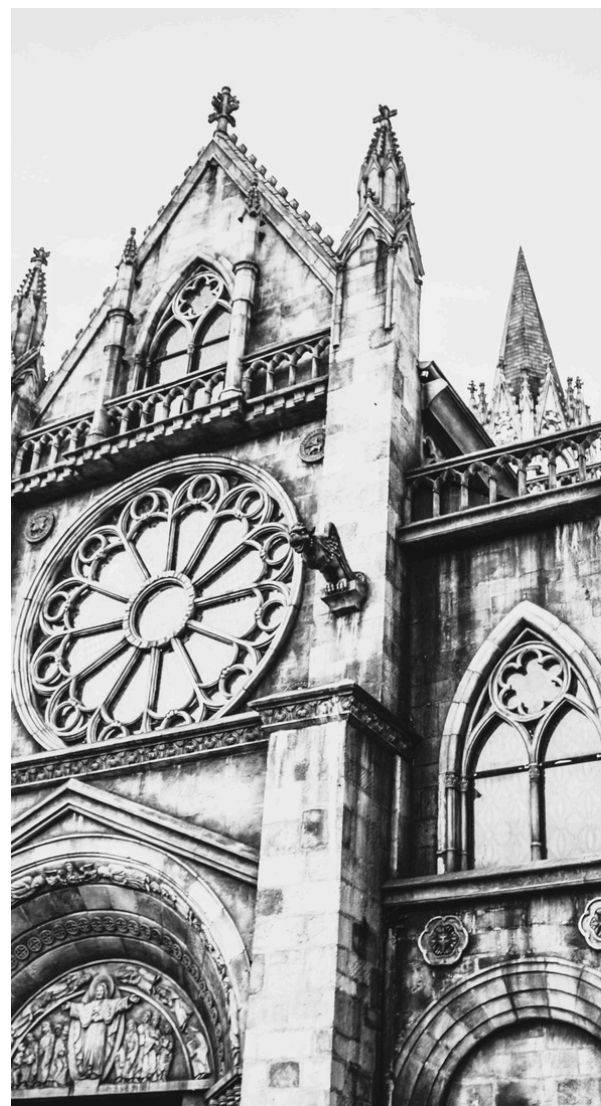
Participating schools see:

- Stronger alumni faith engagement
- Increased pride in Catholic identity
- A powerful story to share with prospective families

By supporting students in their faith after graduation, Catholic schools demonstrate a true commitment to whole-person formation—not just preparing them academically, but also nurturing their spiritual and emotional lives.

Faith Forward Movement Bridges the Gap

- Connects seniors to their next Catholic faith community.
- Empowers **schools, parishes, and parents** to collaborate
- Ensures students are **known by name and welcomed personally** before they arrive
- Offers schools a **free toolkit** with posters, QR codes, announcement scripts, and more



NOW IS THE TIME

Faith Forward Movement ensures every Catholic senior steps into college with faith, not fear.

Let's make disconnection a thing of the past.
Help your students stay Catholic for life.

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MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

**Do you pay
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Missouri allows you to re-direct half of the taxes you are required to pay towards Catholic education.

The **Bright Futures Fund** provides Catholic school scholarships to qualified students funded with purchased tax credits. When you file your taxes, you get 100% credit for the amount you reserved and paid. Help us fund over \$12 million in scholarships by reserving tax credits for up to half of your annual liability at no extra cost to you. By re-directing taxes, we can practice good stewardship and actively support a brighter future for students through Catholic education.

HOW TO RESERVE TAX CREDITS IN 5 EASY STEPS

Step 1

**GO TO
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Click on "MOScholars Program- Reserve MOScholars Tax Credits".

Step 2

**ESTIMATE YOUR LIABILITY
BASED ON WHAT YOU
OWED THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

Fill out all fields for the MOScholars Tax Credit Reservation System. You can reserve tax credits for up to half of what you will owe.

Step 3

**CHOOSE BRIGHT
FUTURES FUND**

Select **Bright Futures Fund** from the EAO (Educational Assistance Organization) drop down menu.

Step 4

**RESERVE YOUR TAX
CREDIT AMOUNT
BEFORE DECEMBER 31**

Click "submit" and you will receive an email from the MO State Treasurer's office. **Print and save your confirmation number.**

Step 5

WRITE A CHECK TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

Write a check to the Bright Futures Fund for the amount of the tax credits reserved. Mail the check within 30 days of your reservation and no later than December 31 to: **Bright Futures Fund, P.O. Box 419037, Kansas City, MO, 64141.** After your funds are received and verified, you will receive an email receipt from the State Treasurer's Office. **Include the receipt and an MO-TC form with your state income tax filing.**

- ☒ Reserved tax credits are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability.
- ☒ For the current MO-TC form, visit BrightFuturesFund.org OR search MO-TC at: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/>
- ☒ Tax credits may be carried forward for four (4) additional tax years. Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be sold.

Reserve tax credits now. When you file next year, you will have already paid half and will have directed your tax dollars towards quality Catholic education. Minimum contribution is \$500. Please call or visit website for more details.

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10



MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

HOW TO APPLY FOR A MOSCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP

Go to **BrightFuturesFund.org**. Click on **MOScholars Program** then MOScholars **Scholarships**. Click the button for your diocese. Fill out the pre-qualification form to see if you qualify to move on to the formal application.

Qualifying Paths

To qualify, your student must meet one or more of the state designated criteria. Scholarships are verified by F. A.C.T. S, granted in order according to state rules based on available funding.

- ▶ Siblings of current MOScholars recipients
- ▶ Students with an approved IEP 'individualized education plan' developed under federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or an individual service plan (ISP) that is developed in cooperation with a local education agency under IDEA, specifically those provisions pertaining to parentally placed private school children found in 20 U.S. Code 1412 (a) (10) and 34 CFR 300(b).*
- ▶ Attended a public school as a full time student for at least one semester during the previous twelve (12) months.
- ▶ Are eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade
- ▶ Must meet MOScholars income eligibility guidelines

Please refer to BrightFuturesFund.org or the MO State Treasurer's website for current eligibility requirements.

MOScholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026)			
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	100%	200%	300%
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2	\$39,128	\$78,256	\$117,384
3	\$49,303	\$98,606	\$147,909
4	\$59,478	\$118,956	\$178,434
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Students with ISPs that are not developed under IDEA are not eligible.

Qualifying Schools 2026-2027

Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

Bishop Hogan Memorial - Chillicothe
 Bishop LeBlond High School - St. Joseph
 Cathedral School - St. Joseph
 Cristo Rey High School - Kansas City
 Holy Cross
 Holy Rosary - Clinton
 Nativity of Mary
 Notre Dame de Sion School
 Our Lady of Hope
 Our Lady of the Presentation
 Our Lady's Montessori School
 Rockhurst High School
 St. Andrew the Apostle
 St. Charles Borromeo
 St. Elizabeth
 St. Francis Xavier - St. Joseph
 St. Gabriel the Archangel
 St. Gregory Barbarigo - Maryville
 St. James - Liberty
 St. James - St. Joseph
 St. John LaLande
 St. Mary - Montrose
 St. Michael the Archangel High School
 St. Patrick
 St. Peter
 St. Pius X High School
 St. Regis Academy
 St. Teresa Academy
 St. Therese North
 St. Thomas More
 Visitation

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