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Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
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Tuesday	8:25 - 8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday July 26	Curtiss S Wiley S	Tim Long	Katy Crabtree	Barry Schaller Piper S.	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / TBA		Louise Team July 25		Mike Corbin / Tim Long July 24
Sunday July 27	Joseph H Alex H	Mark Bock	Ryan Lindsay	Cathy Vogel	Kathy Meyer	Kaitling Long / Corbin Trimble	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team July 28	
Saturday August 2	Maxx S.	Guy Emhoff	Liana Kilgore	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Shirley Baldwin	TBA / Corbin Trimble				Tim Davis July 31
Sunday August 3	Patrick O Richard B	Ryan O'Hanlon	Laura Long	Tim Long	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / Melissa Neff	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team August 5th	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, July 22	9:00 a.m.	† Rev. Donald Paa by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Wednesday, July 23	6:00 p.m.	† Katherine Rolwes by Tim & Laura Long
Thursday, July 24	9:00 a.m.	† Jill Waddle by Janice Kessler
Saturday, July 26	5:00 p.m.	† Beulah Hennrich by Kevin & Patty Hennrich
Sunday, July 27	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2025	
August 3	DREAM Fund Youth Group
August 17	Diocesan Life & Justice
September 7	DREAM Fund / Youth

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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St. Bridget Parish	\$7779.00	\$1842.15	\$9621.15
Dream Fund	\$70.00	\$230.25	\$300.25
Dream Fund MTD	\$657.70	\$230.25	\$887.95
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
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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.
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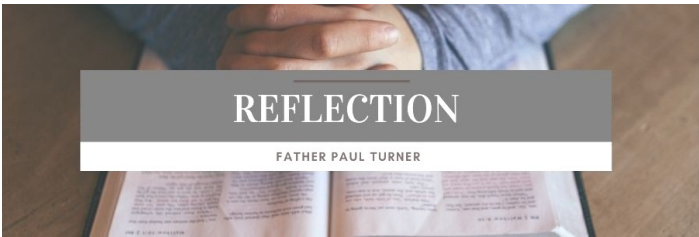
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Sacraments

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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a

Biblical Fast Food

Our idea of fast food is that you drive your car to a local chain, you pull up to the giant menu board with the scratchy speaker system, you yell out your order, you drive to the window, and you pay your money. Within minutes, you have your food and you speed away. It is fast.

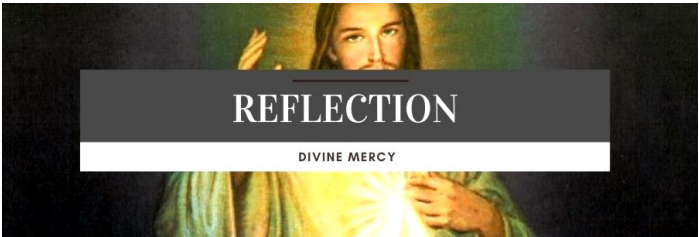
In the Book of Genesis, there is a different account of fast food service. Some mysterious visitors came to see Abraham and Sarah. Abraham realized that there was something divine about their presence. He immediately offered hospitality: a bath, a rest, and a meal. They agreed. But Sarah had to come up with some food, fast.

She baked rolls from fine flour. A servant slaughtered and prepared a juicy steer. The curds and milk were easier, but the basic ingredients of a hamburger, bread and meat, had to be prepared from scratch on the spot. By our standards, not fast food—but pretty impressive for its day.

As a result of his hospitality, Abraham received from God the gift he had waited for all his life: a son, Isaac, whom he would love.

When strangers or friends drop by, we have the opportunity to offer hospitality. Sometimes we are so busy that our primary hope is they will leave as soon as possible. But there is another solution. We can offer hospitality. The blessing we receive may be the one we have desired all life long.

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Loving Jesus in Others

We are quite familiar with the Gospel passage, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me” (Matthew 25:40). But do you believe this? If you do, then you will discover that loving Jesus is easy and that you have an opportunity to do so all day long, every time you encounter another. It may be through a kind smile or word. It may be through an act of generosity, forgiveness or service. But whatever you do to another in love, you do to Jesus. This is true. And it’s also true that when we treat another with harshness or a lack of Mercy we wound the Heart of our Lord. This basic truth is easily understood as a concept in our minds, but not so easily understood through our actions. It can be hard to actually see Jesus in another and to believe that we are loving our Lord by our service of them. But just because it’s hard to believe doesn’t mean we should not believe it and live it (See Diary #1029).

Think of the people that you encounter daily. When you look at them, do you see their presence as an invitation to love our Lord? Is it hard to do this? We must believe that Jesus is there, hidden within them, waiting to be loved. Reflect upon your hidden Lord waiting for you in the persons you encounter this day. Do not hesitate to love our Lord through them. For in them, the font of Divine Mercy waits to be opened.

Lord, You desire that I show an abundance of Mercy to those I encounter every day. Give me the grace to see You in them and to love You in each and every person I encounter. May I have the eyes to see You, dear Lord, and as I discover You in others, help me to open my heart to them, loving them with the Mercy You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/07/14/reflection-196-loving-jesus-in-others/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,

For my homily this weekend, I am preaching on Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is an ancient method of reflecting on Sacred Scripture that allows a soul to really get more out of the text, taking anywhere from 15-30 minutes. It's a tried and true method for centuries to

help deepen one's relationship with our God.

Additionally, if you are on the Signal app for either of our parishes, I am providing a walk-through Lectio Divina audio talk on the application of the Lectio Divina method of prayer by using this weekend's Gospel. To help follow along with that audio talk, I am providing in this bulletin article, in broad strokes, the Lectio Divina method, which is the following:

- (1) **Lectio:** Reading the Scripture text many times and slowly, soaking in the scene.
- (2) **Meditatio:** Repeating a word or phrase, focusing on it.
- (3) **Oratio:** Taking it to prayer to God - Why did this word or phrase stick out? God, what do You want me to learn from this word or phrase? How can I apply it to my life?
- (4) **Contemplatio:** One naturally flows into this step thanks to the prior steps. Here you rest in the presence of God.

I go into more detail and the application of the above Lectio Divina method related to this weekend's Gospel on the audio file that will come out to our parish groups on the Signal app. Hopefully, you can follow along and have a taste for some of the amazing fruits one can receive in this proven and true method of prayer.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel



Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

- 8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:25 a.m. Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting**

Wednesday, July 23

- 5:25 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Group**
- 6:40 p.m. OCIA Class**

Thursday, July 24

- 7:00 a.m. Garage Sale Open until 6 p.m.**
- 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, July 25

- 8:00 a.m. Garage Sale Open until 5 p.m.**

Saturday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m. Garage Sale Open until Noon**
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, July 27

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



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September 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.


Please contact the parish office by September 5th so that we can send your names to the Bishop's office. The event is for couples and their immediate family. Kindly inform us whether you would like to attend the Mass and celebration and how many will be in your party. If you are unable to attend the Mass, the Bishop would like to acknowledge you through the mail. Parishes are requested to send names, addresses, and wedding date to the Bishop's office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 331 Christ is the centre of the angelic world. They are his angels: “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him. .” They belong to him because they were created through and for him: “for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.” They belong to him still more because he has made them messengers of his saving plan: “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?” ”



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Please call Holy Spirit parish office to RSVP at 816-537-6990.

Journey Together Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, JULY 29
8:00 am - 10:00 am



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Tuesday, July 29 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am
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There is always a desire for Catholic teachers and volunteers, zealous in the faith. Teaching degrees are not required. A teacher meeting will cover the curriculum and formation plan. If you are **interested in being a part of the formation team** (at any level of involvement), please reach out to me at DREstbridgetph.org by Wednesday, **July 23rd.**

Thank you, Natalie Sadler, DRE@stbridgetph.org

