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Regular Mass Times for

Regulai Mass II	11105 101
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
<i>First</i> Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin
Regular Confess	ion 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
<i>First</i> Friday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Sunday	7:20 - 7:50 am
2nd Saturday	After Mass
Office Hours	
Mon Thur.	9:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 - 3:00 pm

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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday July 19	Emmett T Maxx S	Guy Emhoff	Janice Motta	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	Shirley Baldwin	David Orson / Corbin Trimble				Steve Case July 17
Sunday July 20	Richard B	Tim Davis	DJ Breitbach	Cathy Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / Judy Wolf	Marijo O'Malley		Chris' Team July 21st	
Saturday July 26	Curtiss S Wiley S	Tim Long	Katy Crabtree	Barry Schaller Piper S.	Paul Brownsberger	TBA / Judy Wolf		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 / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team July 28	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

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9:00 a.m.	† Jim Galbraith by St. Bridget Parish
6:00 p.m.	† Dana Reynolds by St. Bridget Parish
9:00 a.m.	† Terri Kiger by St. Bridget Parish
5:00 p.m.	† Arthur Hennrich by Kevin & Patty Hennrich
8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget
	6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

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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 lergy at: (816) 987-3600.

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Week ending 07/06/2025	Collection	EFT	Total	
St. Bridget Parish	\$4783.00	\$4218.01	\$9001.01	
Dream Fund	\$340.00	\$247.70	\$587.70	
Dream Fund MTD	\$340.00	\$247.70	\$587.70	
Youth Group	\$140.00	\$20.00	\$160.00	
Votive Candle	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$587.70				

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Parish Staff

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Office of Child & Youth Protection

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



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. HEAL 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@diocesekcsi.org for more information.

- * Roofing
- Siding
- * Windows
 - * Wood rot
 - * Painting





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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Difficult Decisions

The most difficult decisions to make are the ones in which we cannot tell right from wrong. We feel drawn by one solution, but we are not sure why. Are our motives pure? Is the reason we find one option attractive a reason that is ignoble? Or are we truly choosing what is good for ourselves, for those we love, and for those we do not know.

Sometimes a decision is hard because both options seem bad. We do not want to choose because we will feel sad once we make the choice. But not choosing also brings its frustration and sorrow.

When the answer is not clear outside us, we turn inside ourselves. We pray. We ask God for a sign. We look for some clear direction. Sometimes God is silent. Sometimes God speaks.

Moses told his people that the task is not as hard as they might think. God's command is not up in the sky. You do not have to look for someone to go up there and bring it back. God's command is not across the sea. You do not have to find someone to cross over and get it. No, God's command is something very near, "already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

If we live our lives in the spirit of the gospel, we know what the answers to our dilemmas should be. We only have to carry them out .

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Overcoming Fear

Fear results from various causes. The perception of some immediate threat causes sudden fear as a sort of defense mechanism. In fact, this could save your life if, for example, the immediate threat is a car swerving into your lane. Sudden fear compels you to take action and avoid a collision. However, fear can also result from other more remote factors that we experience as threats to our well-being. For example, one may struggle with fear over an economic downturn or loss of profit in a business. The fear may be, "How will I support my family?" Or one may have health issues and this causes increasing fear about the future. And the list could go on. Though some forms of fear are healthy (swerving to avoid a car accident), most others are not. Specifically, when fear causes anxiety and worry, leading one to lose trust in God and His providence, this is a problem. But if God is alive in your heart, living and reigning there, His presence produces a supernatural confidence and trust in the midst of any and every struggle we face (See Diary #1001).

Reflect upon the specific fear you struggle with right now. What is it that causes excessive worry and anxiety? Whatever it may be, the Lord wants you to trust Him. Yes, a certain "holy" fear can help us evaluate all situations properly and act diligently and responsibly, but too often what we actually struggle with is a lack of trust in God. Reflect upon your fear and your trust and invite Christ more deeply into your heart so that His presence will cast out all useless fear, enabling you to fully trust in His care, providence and Mercy.

Lord, I do trust in You. Help me to trust You all the more. I surrender to You all that tempts me to fear. I trust in Your perfect love and desire to rely completely on Your Mercy in my life. My life is Yours, dear Lord, do with me as You will and guide me always. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at https://divinemercy.life/2025/07/07/ reflection-189-overcoming-fear/)





Dear Friends in Christ,

We hear one of the most popular parables in our Gospel for this weekend's Mass: the parable of the Good Samaritan. Famous for his exceptional charity and persistence in taking care of his fellow man, the Good Samaritan illustrates for us the depth of mercy we all must exercise towards everyone around us, towards friends and foes alike.

When I was in the Holy Land over Christmas break in the seminary, we went to a location between Jerusalem and Jericho. (There is no exact location for where the majority of the Good Samaritan parable took place because it's a parable/not a true story. Parables are stories that teach us lessons, which are moral and/or spiritual, helping us to shape our lives into better, saintlier individuals, and hence why our Lord Jesus used parables so frequently.) As I was at this location that the setting for the parable of the Good Samaritan is based at, there were two stark facts I experienced. First, it was a desert atmosphere. Hot, arid, dry, and very sunny. Two, the wind was fiercely strong. Literally, us seminarians (and all of us are ordained priests now) that were on this trip were able to lean almost to a 45 degree angle and the wind prevented us from falling flat on our faces. The wind was so incredibly strong.

Now that you have those extra facts in mind, reread the parable of the Good Samaritan. Painting the picture more completely for you, the story of the Good Samaritan shows the severity of the man beaten by robbers, and the magnitude of the Good Samaritan's heart to help this man in dire need.

Sometimes in our lives, we are called by God to be the Good Samaritan to other people. That other person may not be beaten up and left on the side of the road like from the parable, but it's clear that the person is suffering, and we have the means and/or talents to help them out. And if you do, my friends, our loving God will remember your "Good Samaritan" moment(s) as part of your personal judgement that will lie heavily in your favor.

In Christo et Maria, Father Vogel



Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

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 17—Fr. Vogel's Birthday

- 8:25 a.m. Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration Begins**
- 6:50 p.m. Benediction *(w/ Dcn. Morgan)*

Friday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, July 19

8 a.m.	Knights of Columbus
to	Cooking Breakfast at
10 a.m.	the Cass Co. Fair
4:30 p.m.	Rosary
5:00 p.m.	Mass

Sunday, July 20

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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".







John Wornall House Museum (6115 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO)

Wednesday, July 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan archivist, Zachary Daughtrey, will be speaking about the early history of the Catholic Church in Kansas City. He will be located in the master bedroom of the house museum, set up with several artifacts from the early Church. Copies of his book, Catholic Kansas City, will be available for purchase.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2025 **Bishop James Johnston** will celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown KC on 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.

816-537-6990.

Summer Gatherings JULY 28-30, 2025

Dinner 6:00pm • Presentation 7:00pm

"Mary, Life After Jesus" a documentary

Where did Mary live out her final days after Jesus' death and

resurrection? No. it wasn't in Jerusalem.

Come hear the story of Mary's last home on earth, its amazing discovery and the millions of Christians and Muslims who

nake pilgrimages there each year. Our presenter July 28 & 29

is Kansas City's own Bill Quatman, President of The Ephesus

Foundation, Inc., who produced the film. He will speak July 28

and show the film July 29. Deacon John Harden will conclude

with a presentation about Mary July 30.

You won't forget this amazing story!

There will NOT be childcare provided.

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.



The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life run September to May

Applications due by July 31, 2025

Are the Spiritual Exercises for You? Find out more https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/the-spiritual-exercises





Faith-based family activities for the summer

For families who might be running out of ways to keep the kids entertained this summer, share this series of ideas and help to keep families connected to their faith during this final month of summer break.

Catholic **Social** Teaching family activities for the summer

(TO-PO) Make a "bingo card" checklist of practical things you can do as a family to serve in your community over the coming year. Set some dates on your calendar to go out and do them!





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Visit a senior center and bring greeting cards and games to play.



Research a pillar of Catholic Social Teaching together as a family and discuss how that theme is lived out in life, at work, in school, and in your family.

lifeandjusticekcsj.org.



organizations can be found at

Catechism of the Catholic Church

66 331 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?"

ATTENTION ST. BRIDGET PARISHIONERS: We need to fill the Eucharistic **Adoration spot for** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Starting July 24, 2025, we need to fill the NOON slot for Thursday adoration. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with the Lord each week at Noon and contact the parish office to let us know we can add your name to schedule. Thank you for your time and consideration. 816.540.4563 | stbridget@stbridgetph.org | secretary@stbridgetph.org

Jogehter Coffee & Conversation

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

You're Invited: Journey Together Breakfast! Tuesday, July 29 – 8:00 am –10:00 am

> HJs Community Center, 6425 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO | in the Brookside area

Come enjoy good food, warm coffee, and meaningful conversation at a community breakfast hosted by Journey to Bethany and the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. We're building on past healing work—and we want your voice in the mix! Whether you're a survivor, a loved one, or simply someone who cares, this is your chance to connect, share, and help shape the path forward. All are welcome as we break bread and build hope. Register at journeytobethany.org/events/breakfast.



BETHANY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE 8 THE CATHOLIC MAN IN GETTING HIS FAMILY TO HEAVEN.

AUGUST 9. 2025 4PM - 9PN

AT ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH | PLEASANT HILL, MISSOURI

4:00 PM - WELCOME / FIRST TALK / BILL KENNEDY 5:00 PM - MASS 6:00 PM - DINNER AND TABLE DISCUSSION 7:00 PM - SECOND TALK / FR VOGEL 8:00 PM - ADORATION / CONFESSION / CONCLUSION

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FEATURED SPEAKERS:

BILL KENNEDY

PRAYER AND PURPOSE: THE CATHOLIC MAN'S CALL TO LEAD

FR. CURT VOGEL

AUTHENTIC FATHERHOOD



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The Transforming Power of the Liturgy

Source and Summit, Life and Action

evoted participation in the liturgy transforms the Christian faithful, and, having been transformed, they become capable of transforming the world. This truth is expressed at every Mass, especially in the Prayer after Communion and the Dismissal. In the Prayer after Communion, the Church "turns to God to thank him for having shared the banquet and to ask that what was received may transform our lives" (Pope Francis, General Audience, March 21, 2018). In the Dismissal, the deacon invites the Church to live out the Prayer after Communion by going forth. That Eucharistic call to go forth manifests "the relationship between the Mass just celebrated and the mission of Christians in the world" (Sacramentum caritatis, no. 51).

It is important to understand more fully the relationship between liturgical celebrations and the Church's life and mission. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council aptly describes this relationship: "The sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church" (no. 9). This sentence echoes Venerable Pius XII's address to the Assisi Congress: "The liturgy is the work of the whole Church. But we must add: the liturgy is not, however, the whole Church; it does not exhaust the scope of her activities" (The Assisi Papers: Proceedings of the First International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy, Assisi-Rome, September 18-22, 1956, pg. 226). In particular, Pope Pius has in mind the Church's duties of teaching, governing, and pastoral care. These activities of the Church, while related to the liturgy, extend beyond it. It would be inappropriate to confuse these distinct acts with the liturgical one or for one to absorb the other.

In what way is the liturgy related to these actions that extend beyond the liturgical sphere? Even though the liturgy does not exhaust the action of the Church, it nevertheless "is the summit (*culmen*) toward which the activity (actio) of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font (fons) from which all her power flows" (no. 10). The footnotes of this paragraph in earlier drafts of Sacrosanctum *Concilium* make clear that the language of "summit" and "font" is derived from the Church's teaching about the relationship between the sacrament of the Eucharist and the other sacraments. The Eucharist is the font from which the other sacraments flow, and the other sacraments are ordered to the Eucharist as to an end or summit. Thus, as the Eucharist is to the other sacraments, so the liturgy, with the Eucharist at its center, is to the action of the Church. The liturgy is not the entire activity of the Church, but the entire activity of the Church flows from the liturgy as from a font and is directed to the liturgy as to a summit.

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The Eucharistic "heart" of the liturgy is important to keep in mind. Documents which follow the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy refine its articulation of the liturgy as source and summit. In *Lumen gentium*, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on

the Church: "Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which [sacrifice] is the fount (fons) and apex (culmen) of the whole Christian life (vita), [the faithful] offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with It" (no. 11). In Presbyterorum ordinis, the Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests: "The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. [...] In this light, the Eucharist (Eucharistia) shows itself as the source (fons) and the apex (*culmen*) of the whole work of preaching the Gospel" (no. 5). This refined articulation – citing both *Lumen gentium* and *Presbyterorum ordinis* – is taken up by the Catechism of the Catholic Church in its article on the Eucharist (no. 1324). Yet, there is no contradiction between this refined articulation and its earlier expression in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Indeed, as stated in an explanatory remark of the August 1961 draft of the Schema on the liturgy, "All liturgy is ordered around the eucharistic sacrifice and is derived from it, and the remaining life of the Church is ordered around the liturgy with the eucharistic sacrifice as its natural center and is derived from it" (Angelo Lameri, La "Pontificia Commissio de sacra liturgia præparatoria Concilii Vaticani II": Documenti, Testi, Verbali, Bibliotecha *Ephemerides Liturgica – Subsidia* 168, pg. 508).

The liturgy has power to transform us, not only by our participation in it, but by works inspired by faith, such as to:

- care for the sick and dying;
- cherish and cultivate vocations to Holy Orders and the consecrated life;
- go forth with the Gospel to those on the margins and peripheries of society;
- uphold the dignity of all races and ethnicities;
- care for our common home; and
- gladly receive migrants, refugees, and the poor.

We bear fruit interiorly by being transformed by God's gift of grace operating through the liturgy, which leads us to prayer and devotion. We bear fruit exteriorly by moving to action, transforming the world around us, fulfilling the good works of faith communicated in the liturgy. In this way, the liturgy is the source and summit of Christian life and action.



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