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Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

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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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Luke 17:11-19

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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday October 18	Emmett T	Chris Thornsberry	Guy Emhoff	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	Marilyn Anderson	David Orson / Corbin Trimble		Louise's Team October 17		TBD
Sunday October 19	Patrick O	Tim Long	Scott Bennett	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	TBA / Melissa Neff	Cathy Vogel		Chris' Team October 20	
Saturday October 25	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	April Riley	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Shirley Baldwin	TBA / TBA				TBD
Sunday October 26	Alex H Joseph H	Mark Bock	Tim Haake	Cathy Vogel	Kathy Meyer	David Orson / Melissa Neff	Marijo O'Malley		Stephanie's Team October 27	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, October 14	9:00 a.m.	† Kenny Ring by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Wednesday, October 15	6:00 p.m.	† Patty Wagner by Richard Wagner
Thursday, October 16	9:00 a.m.	† Lucille Mazur by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Saturday, October 18	5:00 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger by Barbara Boehm
Sunday, October 19	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2025	
October 19	Mission Sunday
November 2	DREAM Fund Youth Group
November 9	Archdiocese for Military

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 10/05/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$2867.00	\$5166.54	\$8033.54
Dream Fund	\$380.00	\$452.75	\$832.54
Dream Fund MTD	\$380.00	\$452.75	\$832.75
Youth Group	\$595.00	\$25.05	\$620.75
Votive Candle	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
SC - All Saints	\$0.00	\$10.10	\$10.10
SC - All Souls	\$0.00	\$10.10	\$10.10
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Office of Child & Youth Protection

Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
Ombudsman: David Noordeeloos
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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.

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.
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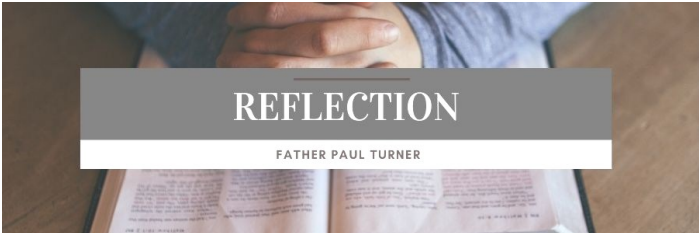
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17

The Kindness of Strangers

You expect your family and friends to help you. You expect church and society to help you. But you do not expect help from strangers, from people of other nations, and especially not from enemies.

The help we receive from God always delights us. But when it comes through an unexpected source, it brings special delight.

Naaman was a leper who sought a cure. He sought help from Elisha the prophet. But Naaman was a Syrian, not among the children of Israel. Elisha had little or nothing to do with Syrians. But God inspired Elisha to help Naaman. Elisha ignored the nationality and focused on the illness. At his command, Naaman washed in the Jordan River seven times. He came out healed. Naaman decided he would no longer worship any other god in Syria. He would worship only Israel's God.

The help we give strangers proclaims the gospel. In acting charitably toward others, we bring Christ to them, even to those who have not yet met Christ.

When we receive the kindness of strangers, we learn how Christ is at work in the world in places we did not imagine. The miracle of charity proclaims the universality of God's work.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Ignoring God

Do you ignore God? It's far too easy to do and, therefore, all too common. Very often, God is ignored after receiving Holy Communion. Many people get in the habit of coming forward to receive Him and do so with many distractions and little attention to the sacredness of this encounter. Do not allow yourself to fall into this habit. Receiving our Lord in Holy Communion must become a profoundly intimate encounter. Our souls are fused as one in this moment and we must be attentive to this reality. Though Holy Communion is the most profound encounter we can have with our Lord, we must be deeply aware of His presence all the time. When we pray to Him, we must allow ourselves to not only say prayers, but to be drawn into His glorious presence and consumed by His Mercy. As we go throughout our day, we must be constantly aware of Him walking with us, leading us and speaking to us. Do not ignore our Lord. If you find that you do this at times, or if it has become a regular habit, know that the opposite habit can be formed. Making regular choices to be aware of Him within you and all around you will open the door to you walking in His Mercy every day (See Diary #1385).

Reflect upon your attentiveness to our Lord as honestly as you can. Reflect, especially, upon your attentiveness to Him as He comes to you in Holy Communion. Seek Him, listen to Him and receive Him and your life will take on a new direction.

Lord, I know that I ignore You at times and that I fail to be attentive to Your gentle and holy Voice speaking in the depths of my conscience. I know that I do not properly reverence You and adore You in the countless ways that You come to me. Give me the grace to form a holy habit of always knowing that You are near. As I form this habit, give me the grace to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemeracy.life/2025/10/06/reflection-280-ignoring-god/>)



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CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith & Men's Group
6:40 p.m. SOR & OCIA Classes

Thursday, October 16

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, October 17

8:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, October 18

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass **(with Fr. Kirchoeffer)**

Sunday, October 19

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
11:15am Mary Procession @ St. Patrick



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Saturday, October 18, from 9-noon. Coffee and Breakfast Provided.
For more information and to register visit
<https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events/2025/fallmorning>

Day of Prayer
October 17, 2025

A Morning of Prayer and Reflection for the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Religious

The third annual Day of Prayer for the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious is on Friday, October 17. Activities begin at 8 a.m. with Morning Prayer and Benediction, followed by a keynote, panel discussion, prayer service and Mass. Find more details or register scan QR code:

Catholic in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery | Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
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- SURVIVOR GATHERING PARTICIPANT

Journey to Bethany Survivor Gathering | October 20
Monday, October 20
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
HJ's Community Center, 6425 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO

Journey to Bethany hosts a monthly gathering for survivors and their supporters. This is a safe, welcoming space where survivors can connect with those who share similar experiences. At each gathering we present an activity and tools to help foster peace, hope and healing. Survivors are welcome any time and can invite a support person to join them. Participants share or contribute as much or as little as is comfortable for them. Learn more at <https://www.journeytobethany.org/abuse-support-group-fall-2025/>.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 437 To the shepherds, the angel announced the birth of Jesus as the Messiah promised to Israel: “To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” From the beginning he was “the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world”, conceived as “holy” in Mary’s virginal womb. God called Joseph to “take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit”, so that Jesus, “who is called Christ”, should be born of Joseph’s spouse into the messianic lineage of David. ”

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Members of our Diocesan Seven Sisters Apostolate and ladies who want to learn about this Apostolate are invited to a retreat at **St. Andrew the Apostle Church**, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO on **Saturday, October 25**, beginning with Holy Mass at **8:00 am and ending by 3:00 pm**. The cost is \$25, and includes a light breakfast, lunch, three talks, Q&A and some goodies! Seven Sisters Apostolate Foundress Janette Howe from St. Paul, MN will join us as a presenter.

This year our theme is *“Everything Is Coming Up Roses”*. Come and see how one Sister, one hour, one day each week before the Eucharistic Presence soon becomes a shared gift. We pray to strengthen our priest in his daily needs and to draw him closer to Mary, and the Lord’s Grace touches us, changes us. The Church grows in strength. No dues, no meetings except your hidden hour with the Lord anytime your schedule allows on your specific day each week. Seven Sisters, seven hearts of prayer.

To register, email Judy Koster at sevensisterskcsj@gmail.com by Oct. 20.

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2025

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
John 14:15
WEEK 2

The 2nd Commandment
“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”

When God’s name is used disrespectfully, it degrades the image people have of God, harming their desire to know and love Him. Such disrespect subconsciously gives others permission to disrespect God’s name too. Therefore, when we break the Second Commandment, we share in the indifference and rejection others have of God. Conversely, as we give praise and honor to God, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in their names, others are encouraged to draw close to Jesus, to know Him and experience His love. Jesus showers us with abundant blessings every day. The food we eat, the air we breathe, and the beauty of a sunrise. Therefore, God and His name should be most respected, most honored, and most glorified. Be intentional to let others hear the glory and honor of God’s name so they will be given permission to do the same.

To learn more about honoring God’s holy and sacred name, go to www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments or scan the code.

Prayer Intention for October
Dear Mary, help us to revere the name of your Son, as you do. Help us, when we hear the name of your son being used irreverently, to have the courage and the right words to kindly remind others of His holy name.

ACA
2025 – 2026
Annual Catholic Appeal
DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

This week, you should have received information about the **2025-2026 ACA Annual Appeal**. Each year, our Bishop invites every member of the diocese to make a commitment to support the ministries and programs that strengthen our Church and help all of God’s children deepen their relationship with Him. We invite every family to join in joyfully, put their faith in action and support the **2025-2026 ACA Annual Appeal**.
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2.

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- Catholic schools and parish religious education
- Adult faith formation
- Campus and young adult ministry

3.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & VOCATIONS

- Parish ministry support
- Seminarian education/formation
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- Diaconate formation

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Every gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal puts faith in action. Your support is an expression of love for the Church and care for your brothers and sisters in need. Your gift reaches far beyond what any one of us could do alone. It strengthens parishes and schools, forms future priests and deacons, supports families, feeds the hungry, and shares the joy of the gospel with those in need of hope and healing.

No matter the amount, your gift is part of something greater. It helps our Church remain present and active, from baptizing our children to walking with the suffering, from teaching the faith to celebrating the Eucharist in every parish.

Together, let us answer the call to love and serve the Lord.
Let us put our Faith in Action.

A Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, Catholics across our diocese come together in a spirit of unity, generosity, and love through the Annual Catholic Appeal. And each year, I am in awe of the way in which the people of our diocese put faith into action.

Your gift helps the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph accompany those in need through ministries rooted in the love of Jesus. But this work is not about programs. You are providing vital resources to every parish, supporting the education of future priests, helping Catholic Charities reach families in crisis, lifting up those who feel forgotten, and proclaiming the Gospel in places where it might otherwise go unheard.

No one person and no one parish can do it alone.

Your gift matters. Stewardship is not about equal gifts. It's about a shared spirit of sacrifice, offered in love. It is a sign of our trust in God's blessings, and of our desire to respond with joy.

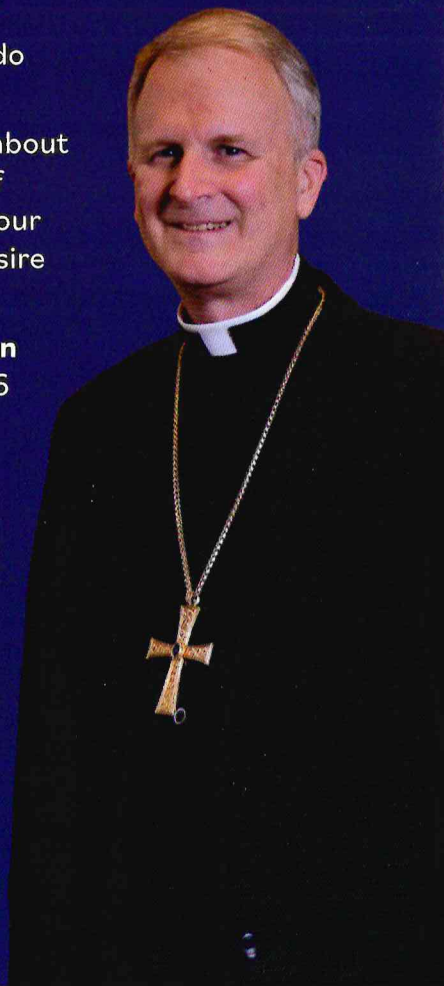
Together, let us put our **Faith in Action** with a sacrificial gift to the 2025-2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. When we give, we take the final words of the Holy Mass to heart. May we truly **"go in peace to love and serve the Lord."**

Thank you for your prayers, your faith, and your generosity.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ James V. Johnston, Jr.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL *Prayer*

Heavenly Father,
You call us to be united in faith and generous in love.
As we take part in this year's Appeal,
help us to give with joyful hearts and trust in your Providence.
May our gifts bring hope to the poor, strength to our parishes,
and support to those who serve your Church.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph,
protector of the Holy Family,
may we put our faith into action and build up your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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