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October 19, 2025
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Regular Mass Times for

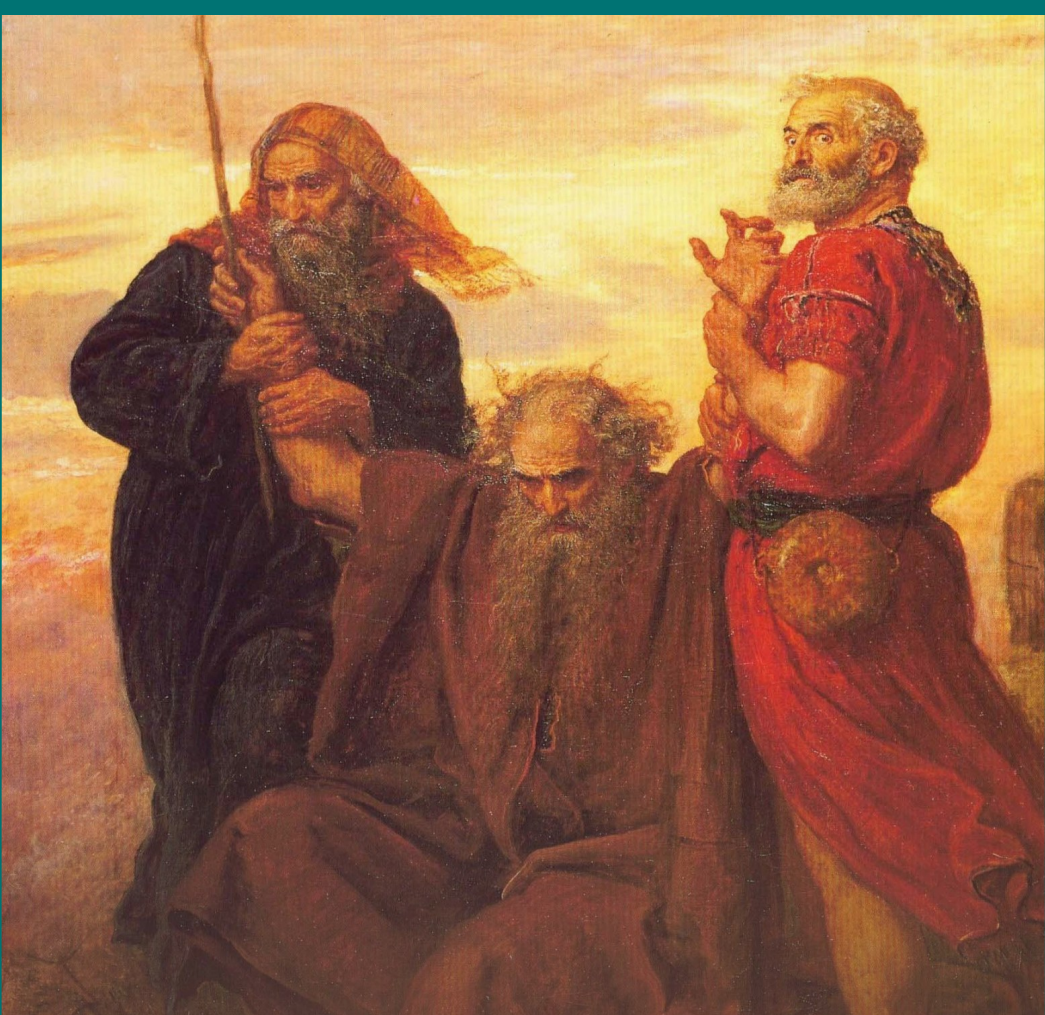
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

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
2nd Saturday	After Mass

Office Hours

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



**"As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight."
Exodus 17:8-13**



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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
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	
Saturday November 1	Emmett T	Tim Davis	Laura Long	Mary Adams Lilly L.	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / TBA		Donna's Team October 31		N/A
Sunday November 2	Patrick O Richard B	DJ Breitbach	Marijo O'Malley	Joe Bouchard	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / TBA	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team November 3	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, October 21	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Brownsberger by Bill & Theresa Munsterman
Wednesday, October 22	6:00 p.m.	† Jill Waddle by Janice Kessler
Thursday, October 23	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Brownsberger by Travis & Kathy Patrick
Saturday, October 25	5:00 p.m.	† Patty Wagner by Richard Wagner
Sunday, October 26	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.

GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH			
OFFER RIGHT SACRIFICES & PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD. PS 4:5			
Week ending 10/12/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$3474.00	\$105.50	\$3579.50
Dream Fund	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$45.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$872.75	\$5.00	\$877.50
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$23.00
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$877.50			



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Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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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



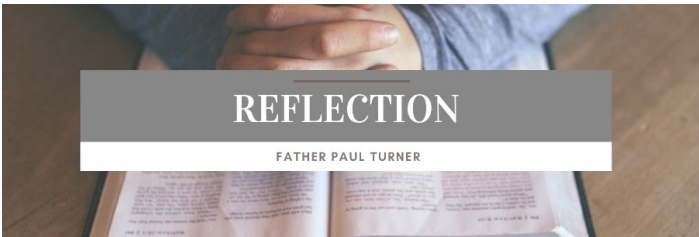
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church.
If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18).
2. Contact your local 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.
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

Raising Hands in Prayer

When people find it hard to pray, they seek ways to improve. Sometimes a simple change can bring great benefits to our prayer.

Most people derive benefit from prayer if they get into the right routine. For example, the celebration of the Eucharist always follows the same outline. The predictability of the structure allows people to enter into the prayer. Some young people express frustration about the repetitive nature of the mass, and that is understandable. But it takes time with the repetition to let the mystery of the mass sink into one's spirit. Once it does, the repetition provides a framework out of which people can pray.

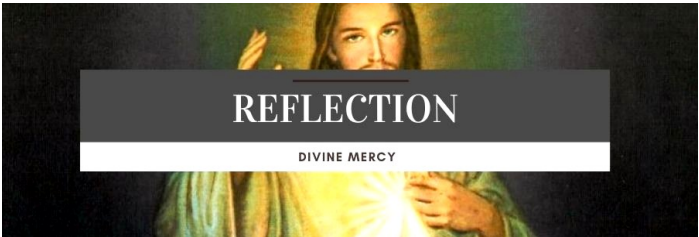
Prayer at home can be improved through routine as well. Many people find it helpful to pick a certain time of day when they will go to pray. Others find a certain place they can use—whether it is a room or a particular chair. The selection of time and place provides the structure in which prayer can happen.

Posture can also help prayer. Some people kneel. Others sit. Early Christians stood for prayer and lifted their hands aloft. The priest still uses this posture when he prays at mass.

It is similar to the posture taken by Moses when Amalek waged war against Israel. As long as Moses' hands were outstretched, Israel had the better of the fight.

If we are fighting at prayer, a minor adjustment in place, time, or posture might help.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Silence in the Face of Ridicule

If you are given the glorious gift of a deep faith, many will see this and rejoice in it. But it may be the occasion for some to have jealousy. This is a sad and painful experience. Know that the jealousy of another is not caused by you or by your faith, it is caused by their sin. Therefore, if you experience the jealousy or ridicule of another stemming from their jealousy, do not be alarmed. Certainly it is appropriate to feel holy sorrow over their action, but that sorrow must not turn into a wound. Instead, pay no attention to the mistreatment of another other than this holy sorrow that leads to silent surrender to God. Pray for this person and have great hope that their sin will be realized by them and that they will repent. Your hope, your silent suffering, and your holy sorrow will become an act of Mercy to them allowing them to see the effects of their sin (See Diary #1422).

Accepting the darts of another's sins can be difficult. Reflect upon how you react when one of these arrows is sent your way. Though it is easy to react with vengeance, your mistreatment by another offers you an opportunity for much grace. Mercy, silence and holy sorrow provide you with the tools you need to help bring conversion to those who mistreat you. This is difficult to do and can only be done when you have fully surrendered to the Mercy of God. God loves you and He loves every sinner with a burning love. Reflect upon that love God has for those who have hurt you and reflect upon the fact that you are in a unique situation to help them experience God's love. Do not shy away from this duty and the Lord will bless you more than you could ever imagine.

Lord, I pray that Your Mercy floods my heart, especially for those who have hurt me. May I love them with Your Heart and become a source of grace in their lives. I love You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/10/14/reflection-288-silence-in-the-face-of-ridicule/>)



FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Persistence and Friendship. These are the major points we can take from our Mass Readings this weekend. The Gospel brings up the need for us to be persistent in our prayers on a daily basis, and to be persistent in praying for petitions that we want to give up praying for because we

have been praying on them for so long. The Old Testament reading brings out the vast importance of friendship, yet here it's about good, sincere friendships. The kind of friends that we can not only hang out with for companionship, but also the kind of friends that will help us when we are struggling.

How persistent are you in your prayers? Do you pray regularly, daily? If not, why not? If not, what can you do to change that? Make a list of three ways you can implement prayer better in your life. Have you given up on prayer petitions because you didn't see your hoped for results? From our Gospel, now is the time to resume them. Be persistent.

Are your friends good friends? Are they the kind that are fun to hang out with, yet will be there in a heartbeat to help you when you need it? Do you not have good friends such as being described? Why not? What can you do to change that? God gives us friends, and we need solid friends.

Persistence and Friendship. Vastly important for us to help us walk down that path that leads towards Heaven itself.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

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 23

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 24

8:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Marian Grotto
11:30 a.m. Annual Autumn Festival



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Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 2573 God renews his promise to Jacob, the ancestor of the twelve tribes of Israel. Before confronting his elder brother Esau, Jacob wrestles all night with a mysterious figure who refuses to reveal his name, but he blesses him before leaving him at dawn. From this account, the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance. ”

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2025

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

WEEK 3

The 2nd Commandment

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”

Blasphemy and perjury are two serious ways the Second Commandment is broken. Blasphemy is referring to God in a curse or using His name carelessly or unnecessarily as in “Oh my G” as a meaningless expression. Perjury is when we call upon God to make a serious oath, such as in court, and then we break the oath. We also perjure God’s name when we swear God’s name in frivolous matters such as, “I swear to G that I will be on time.”

To learn more about avoiding blasphemy and perjury, 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.

FREE EVENT

ST. BRIDGET Catholic Church

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NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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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.**

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PARISH MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

In partnership with Catholic Charities, parishes launched parish-based mental health ministries. Parishes continue to have events and groups. All are welcomed. To stay up-to-date about current events, visit <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/mentalhealthministry/> or scan QR Code and scroll down to view the calendar.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES 66TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

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Sunday, November 2nd | 11-2pm

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A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner featuring: **KURZWEILS**

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OCTOBER 26, 2025

AT 11:00 A.M.

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AUTUMN FEST

GOOD OL' FASHION FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26, 2025

Dinner: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Silent Auction 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

25% of net profit will go to the Lay Clergy Council.

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DINNER MENU:

Tickets will be available at the door day of event

Sliced beef brisket, or pulled pork, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls and sauces. Home made desserts Coffee, water, and lemonade

Carry out will also be offered at no extra cost.

Credit Cards Accepted at the door.

Tickets are available for purchase after Masses or at the parish office starting October 4, 2025.

- Side of Beef Raffle
- Door prize gift cards given away
- Silent Auction Including Baskets and Custom fire pit from Brinkoetter's Iron Works and much more.
- Bingo

Raffles will be held every 20-30 minutes for gift cards





Stewarding God's Resources:
**Estate Planning and Transferring
your Wealth to the Next Generations**

Saturday, November 8, 2025
6:15pm in Ledwidge Hall
for dinner and a presentation



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CREATIVE PLANNING

Parishioner and financial advisor Ryan Lindsay will present on estate planning from a Catholic perspective. A lot of people put time and effort into stewarding God's resources during their life, but it's equally important to create a plan for how your finances and other assets are managed after your passing. Ryan will present on various estate planning documents (trusts, wills, powers of attorney, etc.), how they work, and how we as Catholics should incorporate our faith into transferring wealth to the next generations. This is a great opportunity to learn how to create an estate plan that honors our Lord if you don't have one, and a great opportunity to revisit your current plan if you do.

RSVP by November 3, 2025

So we can plan meals accordingly!

SCAN QR Code or go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945A8AC22A2F58-59613104-estate>



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Called To Be *Saints* Retreat



Nov. 14-16, 2025 | For single women, ages 18-40

This is a silent retreat. Conferences will focus on how we are called to be saints. Participants will have an opportunity to pray the Monastic Liturgy of the Hours, attend Mass, spend time in Adoration, do *Lectio Divina*, pray in our Relic Chapel, pray the Rosary and walk our grounds.

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 8 PERSONS.

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

Info & Registration

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Spaghetti Dinner



**Sunday, November 9, 2025
11 am - 4 pm**

Delicious Pasta Meal

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Bake Sale

Silent Auction

50/50 Raffle

Join Us!
for this fun
Fall
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Dinner Includes:

Pasta & Meatballs, Bread, Salad,
Drink, and Dessert

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$8 Kids (3-10 yrs old)

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