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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

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Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, September 30	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Brownsberger	by Joan Munsterman
Wednesday, October 1	6:00 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger	by Travis & Kathy Patrick
Thursday, October 2	9:00 a.m.	† Marilyn Storms	by the Andersons & Kitchells
Friday, October 3	6:00. p.m.	Kathryn Ochs & Cecilia Ochs	by Greg & Linda Ochs
Saturday, October 4	5:00 p.m.	For the People of St. Bridget	
Sunday, October 5	8:00 a.m.	† Don Vogel	by Cathy Vogel

Special Collections

2025	
October 5	DREAM Fund Youth Group
October 19	Mission Sunday
November 2	DREAM Fund

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 09/21/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$1704.00	\$6070.39	\$7774.39
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$715.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$647.75	\$715.00	\$1362.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Votive Candle	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$61.00
SC - Church in Latin America	\$517.00	\$0.00	\$517.00
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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
Ombudsman: David Noordeloos
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



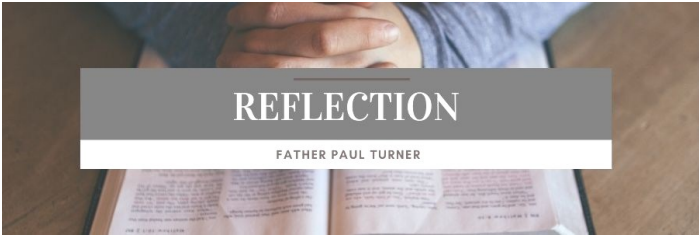
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2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.
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REFLECTION

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Rich and Poor

The gap between rich and poor is uncomfortably large. If you can read, you already have advantages over many other people in the world. If you worship in a church building and have printed copies of bulletins and worship aids, you have resources far beyond those of many others.

Most people are unaware of their privileges. They do not live in the squalor of poverty. They forget it is there, except in photographs and letters of appeal. They see the gap between themselves and those who are richer, but they ignore the gap between themselves and the poor.

The prophet Amos had no patience with the rich. They lived a comfortable life: They lay on beds of ivory. They ate meat. They played music. They drank wine by the bowlful. They anointed themselves with the best oils and perfumes. They had it all and used it all. They showed little concern for the poor.

Amos could envision another society, a society in which the rich shared. Those with more resources have more responsibility to help those who have less.

The rich who thought they had it all lost it all in the exile. When Jerusalem was taken into captivity, invaders took interest in the booty of the rich. The poor had nothing. They had nothing to lose. But the rich lost it all.

Our possessions hold us captive to our desires, to our fears, and to ourselves. Freedom is in giving, not in possessing .

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

The Rule of Love or Justice

We cannot escape the Hand of God. He is the one who sustains the Universe and keeps all things in being. Without His constant care we would cease to exist. But we remain under His providential Hand in one of two ways. Either we are guided by the “rule of love” or by the “rule of justice.” The rule of justice is God’s way of guiding our lives when we turn away from Him. We cannot escape His justice here or at the time of death. When we sin, especially in a serious way, we become slaves to our sin on account of the justice of God. He leaves us to experience the imprisonment of sin on account of His great Mercy. It is Mercy in that the ill effects of His justice are imposed so as to call us to repentance. But those who live under the rule of love are blessed to live on a whole new level. These holy souls bask in the Mercy of God and are freed from the effects of sin. They experience the numerous fruits of the Spirit and act in accord with the holy Will of God (See Diary #1315).

Which rule do you live by? Are you regularly falling from grace and encountering the justice of God in your life? Or are you striving to live by His rule of love? Wherever you find yourself today, know that it is a gift of God’s Mercy. Allow His justice to redirect your life when you fall, and seek to embrace the full outpouring of His Mercy. The Lord will never leave you, but it’s up to you how you will experience His Mercy.

My Lord, I desire to be filled with Your merciful presence in my life. I pray that I will daily turn from my sin and experience the freedom and joy that comes from living by Your rule of love. Help me, dear Lord, to always make the right choices in my life so as to be drawn into the abundant life You have in store for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/09/18/reflection-262-the-rule-of-love-or-justice/>)



Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

October 4th and 5th

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CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

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 2

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 3

8:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. 1st Friday Mass and Devotions

Saturday, October 4

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Blessing of Sacramentals
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Sunday, October 5

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Blessing of Sacramentals
Coffee & Doughnuts

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



Signal

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Fall Morning of Reflection
St. Ignatius and the Imagination
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Economic Justice

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH
FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
John 14:15
WEEK 4

The 1st Commandment
"I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me."

The First Commandment, "I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me," establishes God as the One and Only God, Creator of the Universe, the One who brings us out of the slavery of sin, and into relationships of authentic happiness and everlasting freedom. With such promise and hope, shouldn't we trust God and His recipe of the Ten Commandments above mere worldly wisdom?

To discover why and how to put God first in your life, and help the children in your life do the same, scan the code or go to IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments.



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LIFE *Our Sign of Hope*

October is Respect Life Month in the US for the Catholic Church.

Sunday October 5th the National Life Chain is taking place in our area in Blue Springs, at the corner of 40 Hwy and 7 Hwy from 1-2pm.

Parishioners from St. Robert, St. John La Lalande, St. Patrick and St. Bridget have participated in the past as well as other congregations from different faiths to stand for Life.

Pro-Life signs will be available to hold.

We pray and stand silently together for that one hour period.
Parking available at Kennedy Jewelry parking lot.


Please contact Thonya Kennedy for details or questions 816-308-2695.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2025

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“52 God, who “dwells in unapproachable light”, wants to communicate his own divine life to the men he freely created, in order to adopt them as his sons in his only-begotten Son. By revealing himself God wishes to make them capable of responding to him, and of knowing him and of loving him far beyond their own natural capacity.”

World Priest Day
September 28, 2025



On behalf of all the families that you serve, we want to say THANK YOU for saying yes to God's call to the priesthood and for being our beloved "good shepherd".

We love you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



St. Bridget Liturgical Ministry Schedule - October 2025

Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors/ Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mower/ Trimmers
Saturday October 4	Maxx S	Tim Long	Laura Long	Marie Makulilo Maddie L	Shirley Baldwin	TBA / Corbin Trimble		CJ Team October 3		TBD
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Saturday October 11	Curtiss S Wiley S	Henry Saubers	Liana Kilgore	Barry Schaller Piper S.	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Judy Wolf				TBD
Sunday October 12	Richard B	Tim Davis	Chris Porter	Joe Bouchard	Chris Porter	TBA / Judy Wolf	Scott Bennett		Nancy's Team October 13	
Saturday October 18	Emmett T	Chris Thornsberry	Guy Emhoff	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / 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	TBA / 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	

St. Bridget Calendar

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			5:25pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Women of Faith 6:40pm OCIA Class 6:40pm SOR Starts	8:25am Confessions 9:00am Mass 9:30am Adoration 6:15pm Confessions 6:50pm Benediction	9:00am Bible Study 5:25pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass & Devotions	4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Blessing of Sacramentals K of C - Tootsie Roll Drive
5	Father Vogel Off 6	Priest Assembly Days 7	----- 8	----- 9	Father Vogel Off 10	11
7:30am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 9:00am Blessing of Sacramentals Doughnut Sunday K of C - Tootsie Roll Drive		NO MASS	NO MASS 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Women of Faith 6:40pm OCIA Class 6:40pm SOR Starts	9:45am Word & Communion 9:45am Adoration 6:30pm KofC Rosary 6:50pm Benediction 7:00pm KofC Meeting	9:00am Bible Study	4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm 2nd Saturday Confessions
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7:30am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass		8:25am Rosary/Chaplet 8:25am Confessions 9:00am Mass	5:25pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Women of Faith 6:40pm OCIA Class 6:40pm SOR Starts	8:25am Confessions 9:00am Mass 9:30am Adoration 6:15pm Confessions 6:50pm Benediction	9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Knights of Columbus Grillin' at Cruise Night (Downtown Pleasant Hill)	4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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LIFE

Our Sign of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid.*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6.