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Holy Days	See Bulletin

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Thursday	6:15 - 6:45 pm
First Friday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
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**Luke 14:25-33**



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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday September 13	Maxx S	John Bost	Janice Motta	Maurice & Pat Devolder	Marilyn Anderson	David Orson / Melissa Neff				Gary Crabtree September 11
Sunday September 14	Patrick O Richard B	Ryan O'Hanlon	Chris Porter	Joe Bouchard	Chris Porter	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff	DJ Breitbach		Chris' Team September 15	
Saturday September 20	TBD	Henry Saubers	David Orson	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	David Orson	TBA / Corbin Trimble		Donna's Team September 19		Tim L / David O September 18
Sunday September 21	TBD	Tim Davis	Scott Bennett	Cathy Vogel	Kathy Meyer	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team September 22	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, September 9 9:00 a.m. † **Thomas Ward** by Gary & Katy Crabtree  
Wednesday, September 10 6:00 p.m. † **Laura Frazier** by Jim & Jewell Lucas  
Thursday, September 11 9:00 a.m. † **Don Vogel** by Cathy Vogel  
Saturday, September 13 5:00 p.m. **For the People of St. Bridget**  
Sunday, September 14 8:00 a.m. † **Roy May** by Marlene May

Special Collections

2025

September 21 Church of Latin America

October 5 DREAM Fund Youth Group

October 19 Mission Sunday

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	\$1091.00	\$2003.51	\$3094.51
Dream Fund	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$1775.00	\$5.00	\$1780.00
Youth Group	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$86.00	\$0.00	\$86.00
SC - Dio. Life & Justice	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1780.00			

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be e-mailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to [secretary@stbridgetph.org](mailto: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](http://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:

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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](mailto: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@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:graff@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



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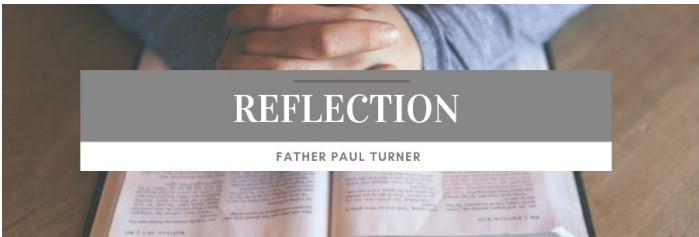
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge Beyond Us

As painful as it is sometimes to know the truth, not knowing is worse. If someone we love is rushed to the hospital, the greatest agony comes from not knowing what is wrong. Is it serious? How extensive are the injuries? Are they life threatening? Will they cause further suffering? Not knowing the answers is very painful.

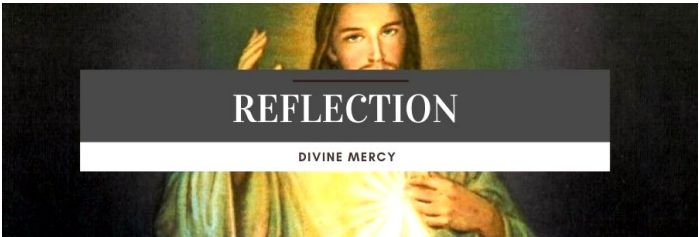
Once we know, even if it is bad news, the situation is easier to accept. We can start to make adjustments, to deal with the truth. But when truth is unknown, chaos reigns. It terrifies us.

There are things we do not know. You can be the smartest kid in your class, the expert in your field, the parent who knows the habits of your children better than they do, but there are still things you do not know.

Only with difficulty, the Book of Wisdom says, do we understand the things of this world. "But when things are in heaven, who can search them out?" As hard as it is to understand the things of earth, it is impossible to grasp the mystery of God.

The closer we come to God, the more awesome is the mystery. The more we understand about God, the more we realize we do not know. Some people quit their relationship with God in despair of ever learning the truth. Others go into that mysterious relationship, deeper and deeper .

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Upon Receiving Holy Communion

What do you do after receiving Holy Communion? Do you go back to your pew in a distracted way, with your mind wandering, paying attention to others around you, and failing to encounter our Lord on an authentic spiritual level? Or do you allow that moment to be a moment of true prayer and communion with God? If the truth is the former, just be honest with yourself and with God and use this realization for an opportunity to reexamine your approach to this most sacred Gift! The moment after Holy Communion is a treasured moment in which each soul is invited to be consumed by Him who was just consumed. In other words, the act of receiving Holy Communion is not just the physical act we do, it must also become something God does to us. We must choose to not only consume our Lord, we must also allow Him to consume us with His Mercy. There is no better time to do this than the moments after receiving this priceless Gift. This is accomplished by making your life an oblation to God. An "oblation" is an offering, and the reception of Holy Communion must become a moment in which we completely offer ourselves to our Divine Lord (See Diary #1264).

Reflect upon the last time you received Holy Communion. What was that experience like? Did you have a complete focus on what you were doing? Did you offer yourself to our Lord as an oblation of love? Did you place yourself into the hands of our Lord in a sacrificial way? Did you allow our Lord to consume you with His merciful love? Ponder these questions and commit yourself to this depth of offering. If you do, Holy Communion will become the greatest act of Mercy in your life.

*My Lord and my God, I give myself to You with total abandon and surrender. My life is Yours, dear Lord. I give myself to You without reserve as an oblation of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2025/09/02/reflection-246-upon-receiving-holy-communion/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,

There's an exciting possibility for St. Patrick parish in Holden, which is acquiring a pipe organ. The one we are looking at is currently in a shutdown church in Illinois. It's from the 1890s, and it is in excellent shape. We have a short timetable because the church building this organ is in was just put on the market, and once this church building is sold, so is the organ.

After St. Patrick's Sunday Mass this weekend, there will be a presentation in the parish hall about this possible organ for St. Patrick parish. I will ask the Saturday Mass crowd this weekend (on September 6) if they too desire a presentation after the Saturday Mass on this organ, and if so, it will happen on Saturday September 13 after the 3:00pm Mass.

Please keep this in your thoughts and prayers for St. Patrick parish.

Furthermore, on Sunday September 14, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at St. Patrick parish we are having a procession through the town of Holden with our crucifix, singing hymns and saying prayers connected to our Lord's Passion and the Cross. Afterwards, we are having a fundraiser meal of fried chicken in which 100% of the proceeds will go towards Weston Warner, our seminarian, to help offset his seminary expenses. Carry-out option will be available. The fundraiser meal will start at approximately 12:30pm.

Please join us, bring friends too, for this procession and this fundraiser meal for this worthy cause, and God bless you all.

*In Christo et Maria,*  
Father Vogel



- Monday, September 8**
- Tuesday, September 9**  
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, September 10**  
5:25 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Group**  
**6:40 p.m. OCIA Class**
- Thursday, September 11**  
8:25 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins  
6:15 p.m. Confessions  
**6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Rosary**  
6:50 p.m. Benediction  
**7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Meeting**
- Friday, September 12**  
8:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, September 13**  
**4:30 p.m. Rosary**  
5:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions**
- Sunday, September 14**  
7:30 a.m. Confessions  
7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass



# Signal


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COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2025





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

WEEK 1

The 1st Commandment  
**“I am the Lord your God: you shall not have  
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Think of the strange gods of our modern world. How  
do they distract us away from God and our  
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THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE  
HOLY CROSS

Then he said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny  
themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. – Luke 9:23





SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Join us after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for  
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Thursday September 11, 2025  
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6:00—7:00 pm Remembrance Ceremony  
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Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 2544 Jesus enjoins his disciples to  
prefer him to everything and everyone,  
and bids them “renounce all that [they  
have]” for his sake and that of the  
Gospel. Shortly before his passion he  
gave them the example of the poor  
widow of Jerusalem who, out of her  
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# World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). **The theme for the 2025 celebration selected by the pope is “Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2).** “These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and highlight the hope placed in the Lord as the path to a Christian and reconciled old age.

'In this Jubilee Year, the *World Day* – established by Pope Francis in 2021 – aims to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly is a sign of hope in every family and ecclesial community” (Kevin Card. Farrell).

The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day (September 6 and 7, 2025) to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time.







World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2025

***Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly***

**'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'**  
(Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimage  
through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!  
Help us in this divisive world,  
to bring the hope of communion.  
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,  
to bring the hope of peace.  
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,  
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.  
Help us to be, for our grandchildren,  
for our loved ones  
and for everyone we meet,  
the memory of your tenderness.  
Help us to bring,  
in a world distracted from You,  
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost  
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.