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December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent



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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



**2nd
Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea
and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday December 13	Emmett T Maxx S	Chris Thornsberry	April Riley	Patty Hennrich Abrah Sullivan	Marilyn Anderson	David Orson / Judy Wolf		Donna's Team December 12	
Sunday December 14	Patrick O	Ryan O'Hanlon	Chris Porter	Cathy Vogel	Chris Porter	David Orson / Judy Wolf	DJ Breitbart		Chris' Team December 15
Saturday December 20	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	DJ Breitbart	Jenny Luttrall Maddie L.	Shirley Baldwin	Kaitlin Long / Corbin Trimble			
Sunday December 21	Joseph H Alex H	Tim Long	Tim Haake	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team December 22



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Monday, December 8	7:00 p.m.	† Msgr. Henry Bauer	by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Tuesday, December 9	9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Wednesday, December 10	6:00 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger	by Michael Boehn
Thursday, December 11	8:00 a.m.	† Patty Wagner	by Richard Wagner
Saturday, December 13	5:00 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger	by Cathy Vogel
Sunday, December 14	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget	

Special Collections

2025

December 7 Dream Fund
Youth Group
Christmas Flowers

December 8 Immaculate Conception

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 11/30/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$2289.00	\$1816.51	\$4105.51
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$25.25	\$25.25
Dream Fund MTD	\$1427.75	\$25.25	\$1453.00
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$5.05	\$5.05
Votive Candle	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$41.00
SC - Assumption of Mary	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
SC - Immaculate Conception	\$0.00	\$5.05	\$5.05
SC - Solemnity of Mary	\$0.00	\$10.10	\$10.10
SC - Christmas Offering	\$0.00	\$10.10	\$10.10
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1453.00			

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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

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Email: ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.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.

Blessing Have you experienced a miscarriage?

Contact Father Vogel or Deacon Morgan to receive a blessing.

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, at ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-213-6024

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



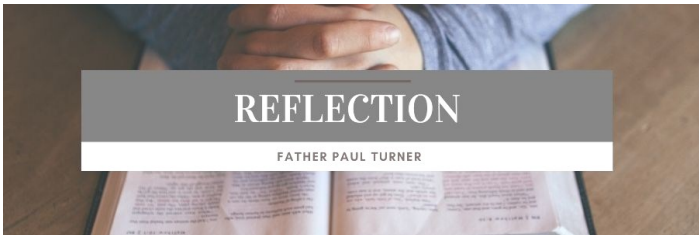
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Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Jesse Tree

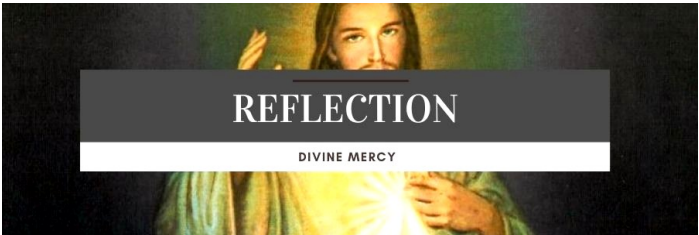
Today’s first reading inspired the Advent custom of the Jesse tree. During Advent some households read stories from the Bible about the people and events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Those who hear the stories create depictions of them and hang these on a tree. The idea of decorating a tree comes from Isaiah’s prophecy that “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.” A “Jesse tree” reminds us of God’s marvelous plan for salvation.

The entire passage is filled with words of comfort. The shoot sprouting from Jesse is to be a leader filled with God’s spirit—a spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. The reign of that ruler will even bring peace to animals. The lamb will host the wolf. The calf and young lion will be the playmates of a child.

Because Jesse was the father of David, the prophecy foretells an idealized time under a great king. When Christians hear this prophecy during Advent, we look farther down Jesse’s lineage all the way to Jesus. Jesus was anointed with God’s spirit and brought enemies together around a common belief in God’s mercy.

The Jesse tree does not stop growing with Jesus. It continues with us. Through the new birth of baptism and the anointing of confirmation, God has filled us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are anointed, like Jesus, to be agents of peace .

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Helping the Anxiety of Others

In our lives it is almost certain that we will encounter people from time to time who are agitated, upset or worried. They may obsess about this or that and their thinking may even be somewhat irrational. What a graced opportunity this is for Mercy. Anxiety and worry will happen in life and we should not let it draw us in. We must keep our peace, make the situation light, and especially offer prayers for those struggling with this burden (See Diary #1636).



How do you react when you encounter the excessive worries or anxieties of another? This is a heavy burden to them and a source of much stress. Reflect upon how you approach people in this situation. Know that the Lord wishes to use you to bring peace to their worried minds and anxious hearts. Commit to this act of Mercy and the Lord will bless them.

Lord, please do make me an instrument of Your peace. When I encounter those who have no peace and are filled with anxiety, help me look at them with compassion and love. Help me to know that these souls need Your Mercy and that I am the one sent to dispense it. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/12/02/reflection-337-helping-the-anxiety-of-others/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John the Baptist cries out in our Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” What is repentance?

Repentance is more than just feelings, emotions, and thoughts. Repentance is an act of the will to change one’s life; to change one’s life from the sins/evil they are committing in addition to their sincere contrition.

An essential element to repentance is to hate one’s sins and to hate evil. Our society has embraced so many sins that sadly many Catholics have too. Sins of the flesh, whether in thoughts alone or in deeds carried out. Taking the Lord’s Name in vain. Missing the weekend Mass or Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. These are evils. Because these and all sins are evil, we are supposed to hate them as faithful Catholics. The one thing that God sincerely wants us to hate is sin/evil in all its manifestations.

Do you hate your sins? Do you hate all evil? “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” declares St. John the Baptist. The more we hate our sins, the more we are showing our love towards Baby Jesus. Why? Because God abhors all sin and evil. If sin is lessened or eradicated from our lives, then God has a more central place in our heart, mind, body, and soul.

How do I start hating sin? First, daily (and I do mean daily) keep this in your prayers; anything along the lines of, “God, help me to hate my sins today/God, help me to hate this particular sin, the sin of (name sin here).” Second, make some sincere, concrete, practical steps to help you stop committing particular sin(s). Third, accept that with some sins, because the habit is so ingrained, you will need help from others to help you conquer the sin, and then ask for that needed help. This courage and humility adds more to your sincere repentance, aiding more to hate your sin(s).

If you can hate your sins more during this Advent season, you are indeed repenting, and if you are growing in repentance, then you will indeed have an even more glorious and joyful Christmas, which I desire for each and everyone of you.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel



Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

6:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 9

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 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, December 12

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, December 13

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions

Sunday, December 14

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass



Signal

Stay up to date with St. Bridget Parish! Download the Signal App and scan the QR code to join the “St. Bridget Parish Group”.







SOLEMNITY of the
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CONCEPTION**
December 8th

9:00 am - St. Patrick
Holden, MO


7:00 pm - St. Bridget
Pleasant Hill, MO
(Confessions @ 6:15pm)

Holy Day of Obligation

Advent Retreat

with Fr. Paul Turner

“The Coming of the Lord: Appreciating the Masses of Advent”



December 16 & 17

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
in Parish Hall
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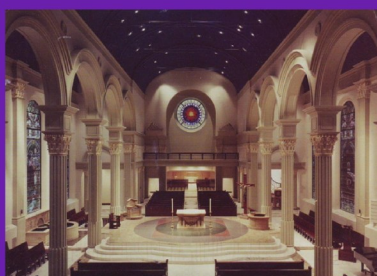


The Coming of the Lord: Appreciating the Masses of Advent

Reflecting on how God draws near in Advent - in Christ’s coming, in our lives, and in the liturgy.

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- Opportunity for confession each evening
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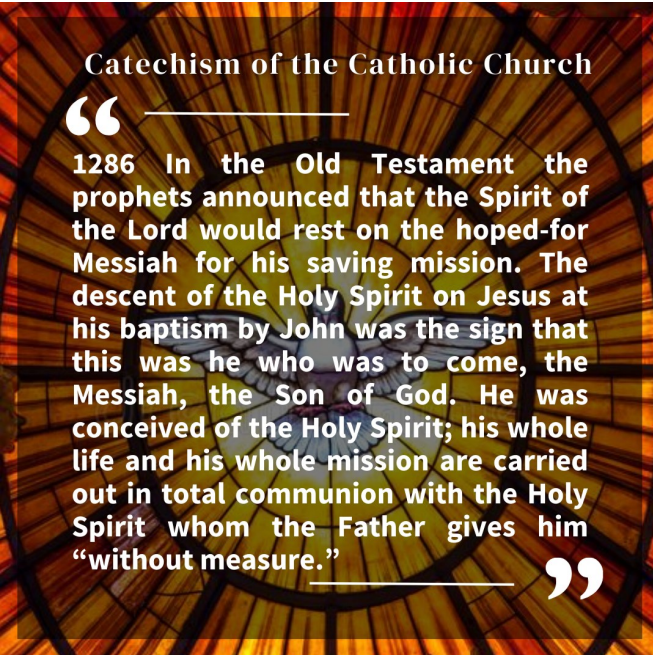
Visit www.wvme.org to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.






Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 1286 In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him “without measure.” ”



**COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH
FOR DECEMBER 2025**



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

The 4th Commandment
“Honor your father and mother”


Hello Children. Why do you think God gave you the 4th Commandment, **“Honor your father and mother?”** Was it just to make you obey your parents? Or, did God have something more in mind?

The 4th Commandment is not just about obeying your parents. It is about preparing you for a good future. When you learn to honor and obey your parents, you are preparing yourself for a good life. A life of happiness, friendship and goodness.

Throughout your life, you will make thousands of choices. Many of those choices will appear good, but in reality, they will cause problems and unhappiness. To help guide you to make wise decisions, God gave you your parents. In their love, your parents will help you see beyond the temptations that appear good, but are empty, false and lead to heartache, so you can make wise choices, avoid problems, and experience the joy and happiness that is truly satisfying. As you learn to make wise choices, you will be preparing yourself for a more promising future.

For some fun games, videos and other resources to learn about the hidden gems of the 4th Commandment, go to www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments or scan the code.

Prayer Intention for December
Dear Jesus, Thank you for the Commandment, “Honor your father and mother.” Help me/us to remember to always honor my/our parents, even when it is hard to do.



2025

Advent

PENANCE SERVICES

December 9 —	St. John LaLande Blue Springs, MO	— 6:00 p.m.
December 10 —	Holy Spirit Lee's Summit, MO	— 6:30 p.m.
December 15 —	Presentation Lee's Summit, MO	— 6:00 p.m.
December 16 —	St. Bridget Pleasant Hill, MO	— 6:00 p.m.
December 17 —	St. Mark Independence, MO	— 6:00 p.m.
December 18 —	St. Robert Bellarmine Blue Springs, MO	— 5:00 p.m.



An Opportunity to Receive God's Forgiveness and Prepare for the Coming of Christ

Poinsettias Reflecting the Beauty of Prayers

With the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord will come a beautiful display of flowers in our sanctuary. They can be a reminder of the “cloud of witnesses” in heaven, those who have gone before us. If you would like to have a beautiful flower in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please fill out the envelope that you received in your church envelope packet (*like the one to the below*).

Or you may also fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket with your donation. **PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 14.** These donations help defray the cost of the flowers. *Suggested donation \$20.00. Thank you.*



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES TO TYLER TOOMAY

Prison ministry is an often times forgotten about ministry during our busy lives. Cards and visits are vitally important to those in prison and especially to those who have no one that writes or visits. St. Bridget has a young man from our parish in prison and we do have a few parishioners who visit and stay in touch with Tyler.

We have Christmas stationary and addressed envelopes available in the vestibule if you'd like to send a Christmas note to Tyler Toomay.



Save the Date!

HELP YOUR NEEDED!

Christmas Decorating

Ladies and Gents, many hands make for light work. If you can carry trees upstairs, string lights, or decorate please help

Sunday, December 21, 2025

immediately following the morning Mass.

