





Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday December 20	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	DJ Breitbach	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
Wednesday December 24 5:30 pm	Weston W Everett W	Mark Bock	April Riley	Pat & Maurice Devolder	N/A	David Orson Christmas Choir Judy / Melissa			
Thursday December 25 Midnight	Weston W Everett W	TBA	DJ Breitbach	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	N/A	Penni Warner Lillian Saddler Evan Bensen			
Thursday December 25 9:00 am	Patrick O Richard B	Ryan O'Hanlon	Janice Motta	Joe Bouchard	N/A	David Orson / TBA			



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, December 16 9:00 a.m. Kathryn & Cecilia Ochs by Greg & Linda Ochs  
Wednesday, December 17 6:00 p.m. † Jill Waddle by Tim & Janet Anderson  
Thursday, December 18 9:00 a.m. † Patty Wagner by Richard Wagner  
Saturday, December 20 5:00 p.m. † Paul Brownsberger by Joan Munsterman  
Sunday, December 21 8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2025

December 14 Religious Retirement

December 25 Christmas

January 2026 Initial Envelope Offering

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 12/07/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$9356.00	\$2071.25	\$11,427.25
Dream Fund	\$270.00	\$252.75	\$522.75
Dream Fund MTD	\$270.00	\$252.75	\$522.75
Youth Group	\$75.00	\$25.05	\$100.05
Votive Candle	\$64.00	\$0.00	\$64.00
SC - Retired Religious	\$0.00	\$46.24	\$46.24
SC - Christmas Offering	\$0.00	\$56.38	\$56.38
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$522.75			

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Position OPEN, High School Youth Director

Henry Saubers, Parish Custodian

Parish Leadership

ST. BRIDGET FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL

Mark Bock

Michelle Carrasco

Gary Crabtree

Bob Dostal

Rick Kitchell

Robert Radmacher

Office of Child & Youth Protection

Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Phone: 816-714-2357

Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Independent Ombudsman:

Phone: 816-213-6024

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.



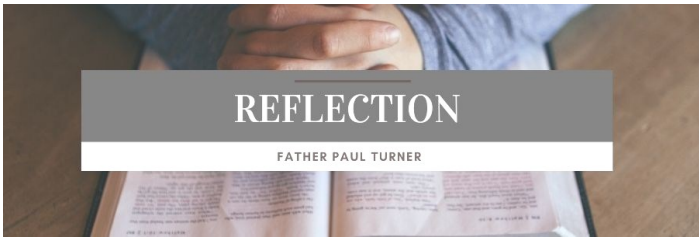
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## REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

### Third Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

#### If Only...

We all have our own "if onlys." If only my hands didn't shake. If only my knees were stronger. If only I weren't afraid. If only we had enough rain. If only I could see more clearly. If only I could hear as I used to. If only I didn't feel trapped.

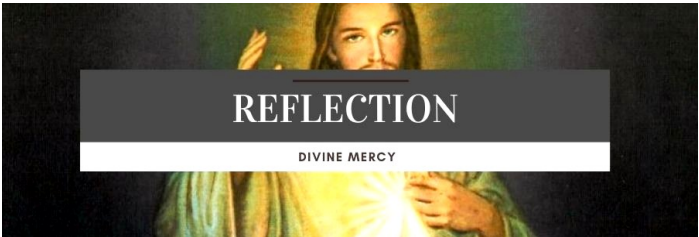
God understands. Even though life is not perfect, and even though our property and bodies deteriorate, God promises a restoration of all that is beautiful. The struggles of this life cause us to yearn for another, more glorious life.

Isaiah prophesies a day when God's glory will come. "Here is your God," Isaiah says. "God comes to save you." These words brought hope to those in exile, a people powerless and poor.

When Christians hear this text, we hear a promise that echoed all the way to the birth of Jesus. Jesus, whose name means "savior," is coming, and all will be made new in him.

Every time we strengthen the weak, help the needy, water the plants, or shovel the snow, we remove someone's "if only." We help them witness the coming of Christ.

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## REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

### Glorifying the Lord in All Things

It's easy to be grateful only when things go well. But when times are tough we tend to turn in on ourselves in self-pity. But you must learn to glorify the Lord in all things. There are countless blessings and graces that God gives you for which you must experience immense gratitude. Family blessings, spiritual consolations, fulfillment of duties, etc., must all be occasions of gratitude. But gratitude must permeate everything in life, even hardships. Seek to glorify the Lord not only because of the "good things of life," but also throughout the difficult things. Everything can be used by God for His glory and we must rejoice in that fact day and night (See Diary #1661-1662).



Reflect upon this "challenge." Can you find joy in all things and offer praise and gratitude to God no matter what? God is worth it and He deserves your continual praise. He never leaves you and when you realize this it will be the source of unending praise and thanksgiving.

*Lord, I adore You, worship You, praise You and thank You for all things in my life. Thank You for the blessings and for always being there when life is hard. Help me to grow in my gratitude for You and to rejoice always for Your Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/12/08/reflection-343-glorifying-the-lord-in-all-things/>)*



## FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Gaudete Sunday is this weekend, which is Latin for "Rejoice." This is "Rejoice Sunday" weekend because the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass is "Gaudete." This weekend is popular because it is one of two weekends that the priests and deacons can wear Rose colored vestments. Why

the color Rose instead of the Advent color of Violet? It's because it's us showing our exuberance that we are now so much closer to Christmas, so much closer to celebrating Baby Jesus' birth.

We are close to Christmas, yet we must finish the "race," the final stretch of the Advent season strong if we desire to have an even more joyful Christmas compared to years past, and possibly even the best Christmas we have ever experienced yet.

To that end, how are your Advent observances from the areas of prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving going? Still carrying them out? Are they of good quality? If you have slacked from your initial fervor at the beginning of the Advent season, never fear. Rejuvenate your fervor right now on this Gaudete Sunday weekend. Refine and sharpen your Advent practice(s) from the areas of prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving. Let us all, as a parish family, finish strong this Advent season so we can more wonderfully welcome the glory of our Lord's birth on Christmas with possibly the best joy we have ever experienced yet. Let's finish strong. Let's do it.

*In Christo et Maria,*  
Father Vogel



## CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, December 15

### Tuesday, December 16

8:25 a.m. Confessions  
Rosary & Divine Mercy Caplet

9:00 a.m. Mass

**6:00 p.m. Penance Service HERE**

### Wednesday, December 17

5:25 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass

**6:30 p.m. Women of Faith & Men's Group**

**6:40 p.m. OCIA & SOR**

### Thursday, December 18

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, December 19

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

### Saturday, December 20

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, December 21

7:30 a.m. Confessions

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass



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



Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father’s works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for “offence”; they are not intended to satisfy people’s curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons. ”

**Our Son Wanted us happy.**

But, we were struggling as a couple. We needed help and knew we could not be the only couple facing similar struggles in their marriage.

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COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2025

 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15  
**WEEK 3**

The 4th Commandment  
**“Honor your father and mother”**


The 4th Commandment is a complete guidebook for family life. It provides children the wisdom needed to choose good friends and how to be a good friend. It offers the recipe for strong, loving and fun marriages, and it paves the way for children to have a successful and joy-filled future. God incorporated all these family treasures in just one of His AMAZING Ten Commandments.

An easy way to teach children the 4th Commandment is to tell them to hold up four fingers on their right hand. Then, holding the four fingers just above their right eye, as though they are saluting, have them say, “The 4th Commandment is, Honor your father and mother.”

To access more fun and free resources that bring the Commandments to life for you and your family, go to [www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments](http://www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments) or scan the code.

**Family Activity:** Play the game, “Mother May I” with your children. Then enjoy one of your favorite family treats. For full instructions on this Family Activity, see page 20 of your book, **God’s Recipe for a Wonderful Life.**

**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**

<b>December 15</b>	<b>Presentation</b> Lee’s Summit, MO	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>St. Bridget</b> Pleasant Hill, MO	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>St. Mark</b> Independence, MO	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>St. Robert Bellarmine</b> Blue Springs, MO	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>



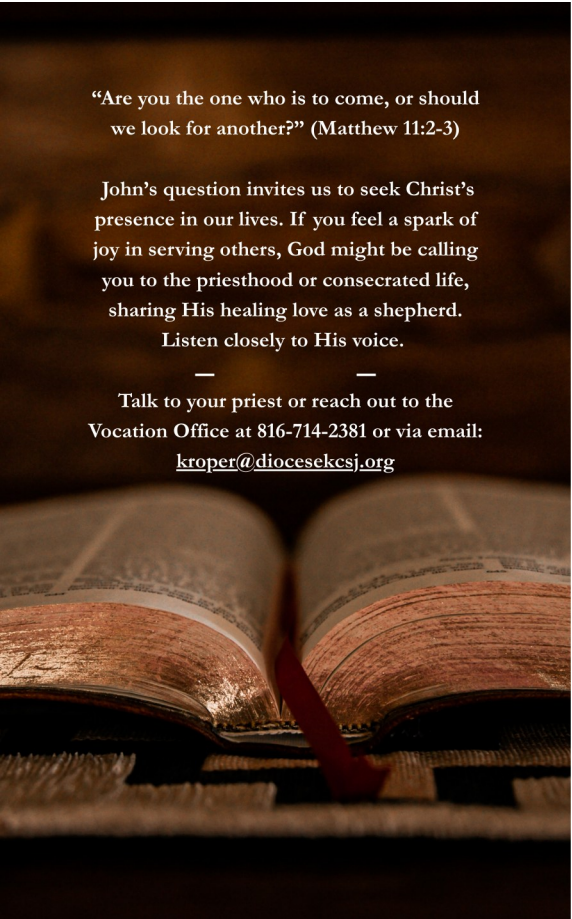
*An Opportunity to Receive God's Forgiveness and Prepare for the Coming of Christ*

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Matthew 11:2-3)

John’s question invites us to seek Christ’s presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice.

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Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 816-714-2381 or via email: [kroper@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:kroper@diocesekcsj.org)



**Looking for the Perfect Gift?**

**G**ive your spouse the gift that keeps on giving, *the gift of your presence*, by scheduling a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. This weekend away offers the chance to reflect on, renew and reignite your relationship as husband & wife.

Upcoming local area Experiences include:  
February 13-15, 2026 in Kansas City, KS  
March 20-22, 2026 in Carthage, MO

Visit [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org) to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.



**Save the Date!**  
**HELP YOUR NEEDED!**  
**Christmas Decorating**

Ladies and Gents, many hands make for light work. If you can carry trees upstairs, or decorate please help  
**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
immediately following the morning Mass.



**Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 2025**  
**5:30 pm & Midnight**

**Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25, 2025**  
**9:00 am (with Fr. Dave Holloway)**

(Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

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