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When the magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you."
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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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
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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Wednesday December 31 7:00 pm	Patrick O Richard B	DJ Breitbach	Laura Long	Tim Long	N/A	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf			
Saturday January 3	Emmett T	Chris Thornsberry	Liana Kilgore	Mary Adams Lily L	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Corbin Trimble			
Sunday January 4	Richard B Bodon R	Mark Bock	Scott Bennett	Don Ring	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / Judy Wolf	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team January 5



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Margaret Ledwidge by Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday, December 31	7:00 p.m.	† Raymond Offutt by Stephanie Lewis & Mary Ann Batliner
Thursday, January 1		NO MASS
Friday, January 2	6:00 p.m.	† Pam Long-Steinmeyer by Greg & Stephanie Dustman
Saturday, January 3	5:00 p.m.	† Pam Kappler by Joyce Anderson
Sunday, January 4	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2025	
January 2026	Initial Envelope Offering
January 1	Solemnity of Mary
January 4	Dream Fund Youth Group

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

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Week ending 12/21/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$3437.00	\$2847.79	\$6284.79
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$405.00	\$405.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$887.75	\$405.00	\$1292.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
SC - Retired Religious	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
SC - Safety & Security	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1292.75

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Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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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.



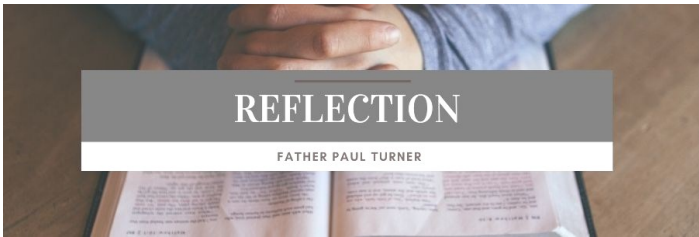
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

Our first experience of family is dependence. As children we need the help of parents. As children we get lots of attention. We do not earn it. We just receive it because of who we are.

Then our eyes are opened. We recognize the sacrifice our parents have made. We see how they thought less of themselves in order to give us life. Our respect for them grows.

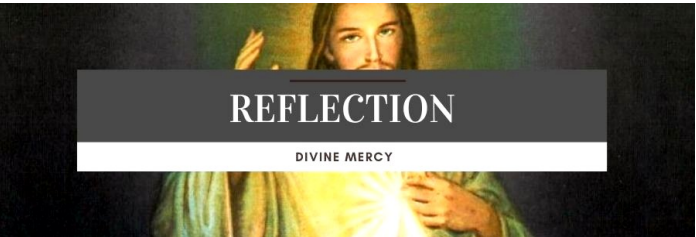
Today we remember the care that Mary and Joseph gave to Jesus. We recognize the sacrifice they made. We imagine the many ways they thought less of themselves to improve the life of the son entrusted to their care. Our respect for them grows too.

Sirach proclaims that those who honor their parents atone for their sins and keep themselves from evil. Their prayers reach God's ears. The benefits of satisfaction return to those who honor their fathers and mothers.

The Christmastime feast of the Holy Family celebrates the model of home life, but it also reminds us to honor our parents. Kindness to them will not be forgotten.

How will you honor your parents this coming year? How will you keep their memory?

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To Know or Experience God

It must be your constant goal to know God. Study of Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the lives of the saints all help in this endeavor. But knowing God is not the ultimate goal of life. Knowledge comes from faith and faith is a gift from God. But being fully united to God in charity is of far greater importance. They are not opposed, but they are not the same. In fact, at times the Lord will darken one's mind and not even allow it to understand Him so that He can, instead, transform the will so that this holy soul will choose Him and live a life of charity even in the darkness of faith. This is a deep mystery (See Diary #1697).

Are there times when you feel as though you cannot understand God or His ways? Do you experience a cloudy vision and dimmed intellect? If so, this may be a grace of far greater value than you know. It is in these moments, especially, that God invites you to love and to choose His Will despite the fog that appears to have set in. Choose His Will and live charity even when it does not make perfect sense to you and the Lord will bring forth much Mercy through you.

Lord, I thank You for the times of clarity in life. But even when my mind seems darkened and confused, I submit to Your holy Will. Help me to love You and others in those moments so that my life may be a living instrument of Your pure Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/12/16/reflection-351-to-know-or-experience-god/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The most Holy Family. Is your family like theirs?

The weekend after Christmas is always the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Set perfectly this time of the year as we continue through the Octave of Christmas and its proximity to

Christmas, we are all still probably with our families; in other words, family is on the mind.

I don't know how frequent or not any one of us may reflect on this, but if we can either say we grew up in a solid family and/or we can say we have a solid family right now, then what a blessing. Having solid, loving, Catholic families is not something that is easy to come by, maintain, endure, and live in day in and day out. This calendar year has seen a significant turn in the USA in young people (in their 20s and 30s) taking God and family more seriously than in many years past. May this trend continue, and may it continue with these same people and us too looking up to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as our role model.

Family life, especially solid Catholic family life, takes work. It's not a picnic. We all need Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as central figures in every family. As individuals and as a family unit, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph helps us to realize how much we can grow, mature, and become even better husbands, dad, moms, wives, sons, and daughters. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should be so normal in your household that maybe at times the youngest children may think (in their innocence) that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph will be popping over for a family weekend.

Love your families, my children, and love the Holy Family even more so in turn your love for your families may grow stronger too. Love them and cherish them, and Merry Christmas to you all.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel



Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

Mary Mother of God—Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Parish Office CLOSED!

Friday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, January 3

Knights of Columbus—Roses for Life
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Blessing of Sacramentals

Sunday, January 4

Knights of Columbus—Roses for Life
7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Blessing of Sacramentals



Signal

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Dates to Remember

THE EPIPHANY TRADITION OF
"CHALKING THE DOORS"
20 + C + M + B + 26
BLESSED CHALK IN VESTIBULE

EPIPHANY
HOUSE
BLESSING

Altar Rosary
SOCIETY

Next Meeting
January 8, 2026

Please note the date is a week later than usual. Rosary will be with the Knights in church and the meeting will be in the Adult Education Room.



JANUARY 8, 2026 -
ROSARY IN SANCTUARY AT 6:30PM
MEETING IN LEDWIDGE HALL AT 7:00 PM

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“
530 The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to the light: “He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.” Christ’s whole life was lived under the sign of persecution. His own share it with him. Jesus’ departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents him as the definitive liberator of God’s people.”
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For more information, please contact retreats@scls.org or call 913-758-6552.

Good Conversations: I have loved you

January 8, 9:00am – 2pm

Marillac Assembly

Fr. Kevin Cullen

As we conclude this Jubilee of Hope, we reflect by using Synodality on the graces we find in the latest Papal Encyclical *Dilexit Te*. We know the path with the poor in living the Gospel. Knowing we are loved, helps us welcome with charity and grace all in our world – as God reminds us “I have loved you.”

Next Retreat

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2025



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

The 4th Commandment

“Honor your father and mother”

A major facet of the 4th Commandment, “Honor your father and mother”, is that it instructs us to honor our parents by caring for them in their old age. No one has perfect parents, and too many have parents who clearly fell short of providing an ideal childhood. Regardless, we are all called by God to set aside our differences and honor our parents by seeing to their needs as they become physically and mentally unable to care for themselves.

When the responsibility of caring for aging parents is embraced with an attitude of love, forgiveness and sacrifice, attending to them can be one of life's most beautiful seasons of life. The time spent with them provides sacred moments. Times to laugh and cry together as you relive past memories. Times for heart-to-heart conversations that lead to forgiveness and peace, before it is too late.

As children observe their parents, as they care for their grandparents, the children begin to appreciate their calling to do the same for their parents, so their children will, in turn, learn and do the same for them.

Also, to help you prepare for these conversations, I encourage you to watch a video on the 4th Commandment that is part of our video study of the Commandments. You can access all the videos by going to <https://ifiloveme.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54c773480cf3ab173763cc6b9&id=cd3c14dd5d&e=557a533fd6> or scan the code, and then select your parish/school name in the list.

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.



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thursday, January 1, 2026

(a holy day of obligation)

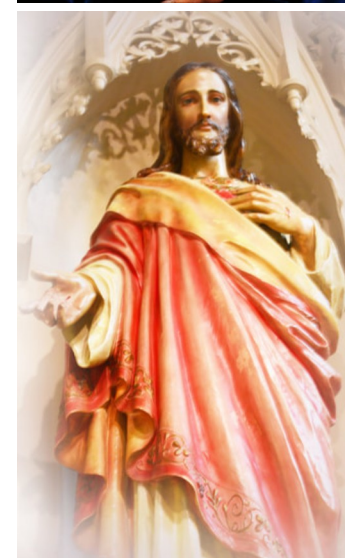
† St. Bridget - Vigil Mass 7:00 pm
(Wednesday, December 31, 2025)

† St. Patrick - 9:00 am
(Thursday, January 1, 2026)

FOR BOTH ST. BRIDGET AND ST. PATRICK
• There will be NO Thursday Adoration at St. Bridget January 1, 2026

• There will be First Friday Mass at regular Mass times, January 2, 2026

• Fr. Vogel will be off the week following - No Daily Masses, January 5-9, 2026



ST. BRIDGET
Catholic Church
FIRST FRIDAY
MASS

FRIDAY | JAN. 2 | 6:00 PM

CONFESSIONS | 5:25 PM

ADORATION | DEVOTIONS
AFTER MASS



January Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For peace and reconciliation among estranged families, within our nation, and between nations.

Holy Father: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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Join the Knights in the Roses for Life Program

Roses for Life will be on the weekend of January 3rd and 4th - next weekend.

The Knights of Columbus will have them available at church at that time. You can put your name on a rose and it will be sent to state legislators as a memorial to the lives lost due to abortion and families affected by this tragedy.



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St. Bridget Liturgical Ministry Schedule - January, 2026

	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors/ Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday January 3	Emmett T	Chris Thornsberry	Liana Kilgore	Mary Adams Lily L	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Corbin Trimble			
Sunday January 4	Richard B Bodon R	Mark Bock	Scott Bennett	Don Ring	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / Judy Wolf	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team January 5
Saturday January 10	Maxx S Bodon R	Don Ring	David Orson	Patty Hennrich Albrah Sullivan	David Orson	TBA / TBA		Louise's Team January 9	
Sunday January 11	Joseph H Alex H	DJ Breitbach	Tim Haake	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	TBA / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Nancy's Team January 12
Saturday January 17	Curtiss S Wiley S	Henry Saubers	April Riley	Barry Shaller Pipper S	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Corbin Trimble			
Sunday January 18	Patrick O Bennett S	Ryan O'Hanlon	Chris Porter	Cathy Vogel	Chris Porter	TBA / Melissa Neff	Don Ring		Chris' Team January 19
Saturday January 24	Maxx S Bodon R	Guy Emhoff	Don Ring	Jenny Luttrall Maddie / Lilly	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / TBA		Donna's Team January 23	
Saturday January 25	Joseph H Alex H	Tim Davis	DJ Breitbach	Tim Long	Kathy Meyer	TBA / Judy Wolf	Marijo O'Malley		Stephanie's Team January 26
Saturday January 30	Emmett T	Don Ring	Guy Emhoff	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Corbin Trimble			
Saturday February 1	Patrick O Richard B	Tim Long	Laura Long	Joe Bouchard	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / Judy Wolf	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team February 2

January

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Day 1 <div>No MASS No Adoration</div>	2 9:00am Bible Study 5:25pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass & Devotions	3 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Blessing of Sacramentals  Roses for Life
4 7:30am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 9:00am Blessing of Sacramentals  Roses for Life	5	6 <div>NO MASS</div>	7 <div>NO MASS</div> 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Women of Faith 6:40pm OCIA Class 6:40pm SOR Starts	8 9:45am Word & Communion Service 10:00am Adoration 6:15pm Confessions 6:30pm A&R Society & KoC - Rosary 6:50pm Benediction 7:00pm A&R Society & KoC Meeting	9 9:00am Bible Study	10 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Confirmation Retreat @ OLOL - Harrisonville 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm 2nd Saturday Confessions
11 7:30am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass	12	13 8:25am Rosary/Chaplet 8:25am Confessions 9:00am Mass 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting	14 5:25pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Women of Faith 6:40pm OCIA Class 6:40pm SOR Starts	15 8:25am Confessions 9:00am Mass 9:30am Adoration 6:15pm Confessions 6:50pm Benediction	16 9:00am Bible Study	17 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6-8pm All Staff/ Volunteer Dinner
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THE EPIPHANY TRADITION OF “CHALKING THE DOORS”

THE TRADITION

The Church encourages us to have our homes blessed each year with a unique and powerful ritual connected to the Feast of Epiphany. It mirrors the command of God at the first Passover for faithful Hebrews to mark the doorways of their homes as a sign of God's protection over the dwelling and its inhabitants. The Epiphany blessing invokes the intercession of the Magi who promptly obeyed the commands of Heaven given through an angel.

In the Epiphany inscription (20+C+M+B+26), the letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and the Christian prayer of God's blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, (May Christ bless this house); the numbers represent the New Year; and the four crosses represent the four seasons of the year. The Epiphany blessing of Christian homes confers graces to guard, guide, and support those who live there and protect them from all forms of evil, including evil spirits.

THE BLESSING

To perform the blessing yourself, using a piece of blessed chalk (color of your choice), mark the main exterior door as follows:

Begin with this antiphon:

From the East the Magi came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel or the top of the door itself as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26 (or current year)

Then pray:

The Three Wise Men – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – followed the star of God's Son Who became Man two thousand and twenty-six (or current year) years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year.

Conclude with this prayer:

O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Upon this house, and those who dwell herein, may Thy blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Every exterior door can be marked and the chalk saved for subsequent years. The blessed chalk is a sacramental and should be treated as such. Keep it safe for next year. CANNOT be used for general purposes. Proper disposal; bury it.