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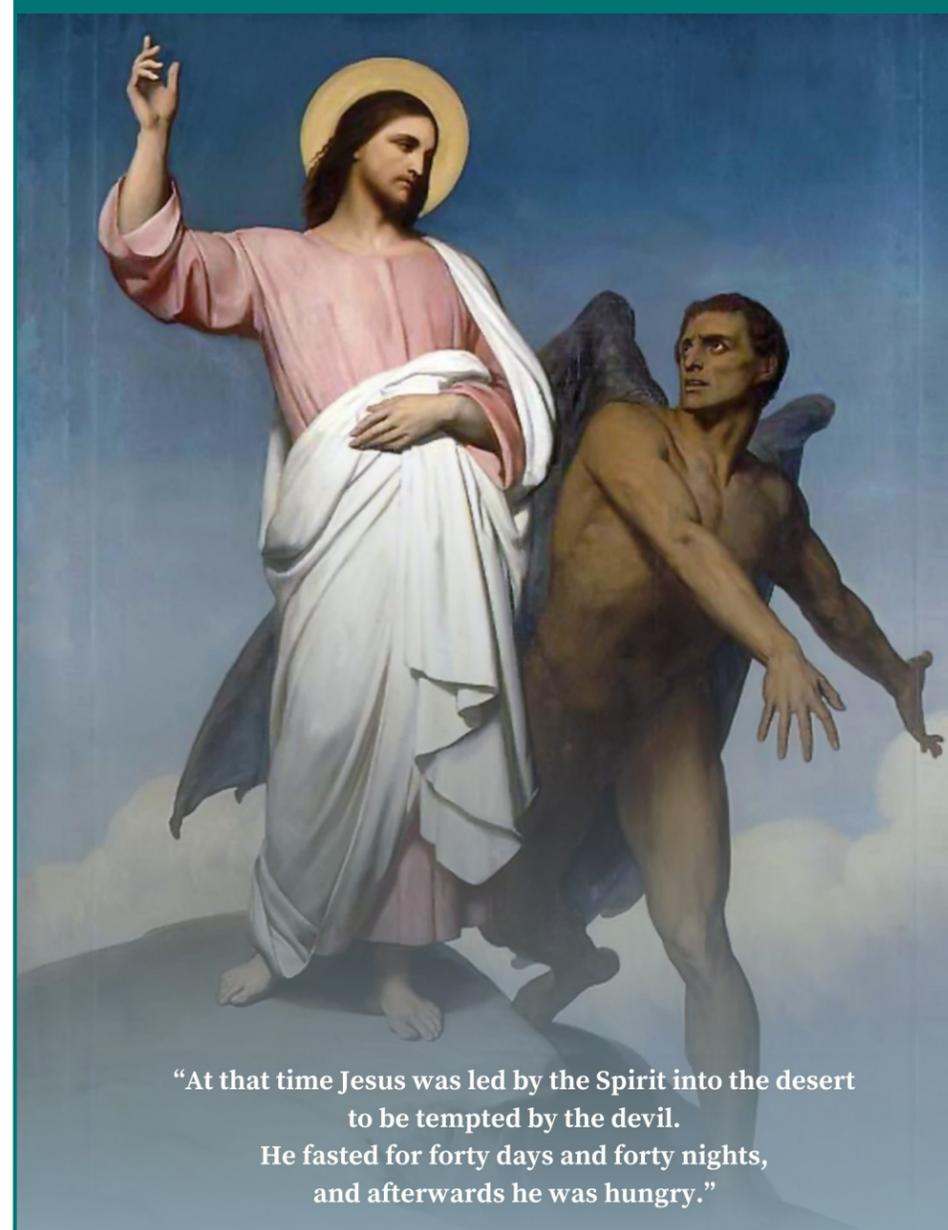
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First Sunday of Lent



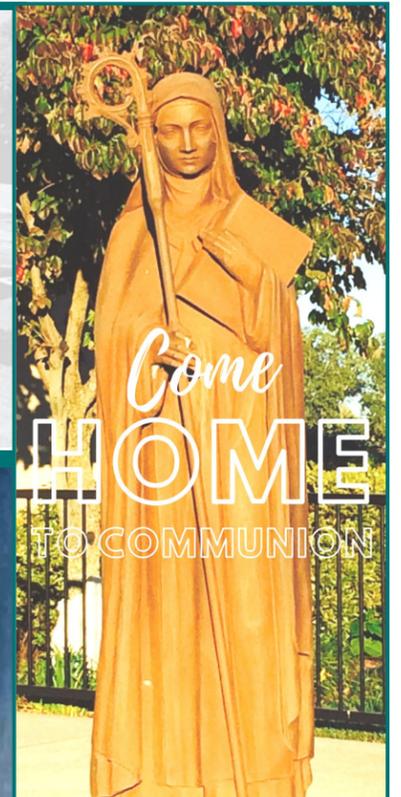
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"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and forty nights,
and afterwards he was hungry."

Matthew 4:1-11



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Thursday 8:25 - 8:50 am
Thursday 6:15 - 6:45 pm
First Friday 5:25 - 5:50 pm
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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday February 28	Curtiss S Wiley S	Tim Long	Guy Emhoff	Jenny Luttrall Maddie L	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf			
Sunday March 1	Richard B Bodon R	DJ Breitbach	Scott Bennett	Cathy Vogel	Kathy Meyer	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team March 2

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE WILL BE INSERTED NEXT WEEKEND!



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, February 24	9:00 a.m.	† Pam Kappler by St. Brigid Parish
Wednesday, February 25	6:00 p.m.	† John Soukup Jr. by Shawna Rogers
Thursday, February 26	9:00 a.m.	† Janet Hoffman by St. Brigid Parish
Saturday, February 28	5:00 p.m.	† Henry Himmelberg by Tim & Laura Long
Sunday, March 1	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Brigid

Special Collections

2026

February 22	Catholic Charities (CCEAAO)
March 1	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.**

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Week ending 02/15/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Brigid Parish	\$6565.00	\$912.61	\$7477.61
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$872.75	\$0.00	\$872.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$61.00
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Please remember the Dream Fund. **Month to date: \$872.75**

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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.

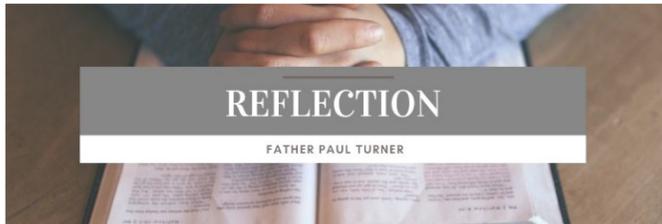
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

First Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:12-19

What One Can Do

One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origins of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person's offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

At the beginning of Lent it is tempting to wallow in sin. This season will indeed turn our attention to our offenses. This is a perfect time of year to make a good examination of conscience and to bring our sin to the sacrament of reconciliation.

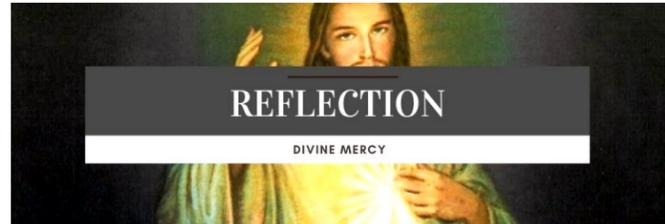
But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace.

St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person's transgression, but "how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ."

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. And by the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made righteous.

Yes, reflect on sin this Lent, but remember also the grace. Jesus brings life to the world, and to you .

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Silence

Our tongue can build others up, or cut them down. Our tongue also has a direct effect upon our own soul. When the tongue speaks words inspired by God, we grow in holiness. When the tongue speaks words not from God, we do great damage to our souls and others. The goal is not so much exterior silence; rather, it's interior silence. Interior silence means that we think and pray before we speak. It means we are interiorly recollected and in tune with the voice of God speaking silently and gently within our conscience. This interior recollection of God is necessary if we are to dispose ourselves to speak the words of Mercy to others at the right time and in the right way (See Diary #118).

Seek, today, to become a person who is continually in tune with the voice of God within your own conscience. God's language is real and transforming. His language is one of silent but clear communication with us. God is always speaking, are you hearing? Try to silence your own thoughts and ideas today so that you can hear only what He has to say to you.

Lord, I offer You my words this day. May I speak only what You inspire me to speak. May I hear only what You wish for me to hear. Help me, Lord, to enter into a deep and continual recollection of You, and in the silence of my heart may I meet Your divine presence so that I may share You and Your Mercy with others. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2026/02/16/reflection-48-silence-2/>)



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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, February 27

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. KoC Fish Fry
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 1

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



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LENT 2026

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. The season of penance, reflection, and fasting prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

- Penance Services in our area -

Our Lady of the Presentation - LS
Monday | March 9, 2026 | 6:00 pm

St. John LaLande - Blue Springs
Tuesday | March 24, 2026 | 6:00 pm

St. Mark - Independence
Wednesday | March 25, 2026 | 6:00 pm

Reconciliation During Lent at
St. Bridget | February 19 - April 1

Tuesday 8:25 - 8:50 a.m. no confessions March 17	Wednesday 5:25 - 5:50 p.m.	Thursday 8:25 - 8:50 a.m. 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Friday March 6 5:25 - 5:50 a.m.	Saturday March 14 6:00 p.m.	Sunday 7:20 - 7:50 a.m.

No Confessions during Holy Week





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FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 13
MARCH 27

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Parishioners are invited to bring a dessert to one of the Fish Fry Dinners. Look for sign-up sheet on the oak table. Please bring desserts to Ledwidge Hall between 1pm - 4pm the day of the Dinner.

MENU: FRIED, BAKED, GRILLED FISH;
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ST. BRIDGET Catholic Church

stations of the cross

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

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TLC News
THE LAY CLERGY

In 2025, The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy, Meals on Wheels served and delivered 6,515 meals; the Food Pantry served 364 families, Client Assist/Love Fund was able to provide funds for 147 adults and 52 children to help them with bills they could not pay; and the Thrift Store, with help of it's volunteers, provided funds and goods for those in need.

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2026

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

The 6th Commandment
"You shall not commit adultery"

With the 6th Commandment, God instructs each of us to honor and protect marriage, family, and life. Yet, over the past sixty years, as adultery has become accepted and even the norm, the mystery, glory, and authentic intimacy of marriage have suffered. As a result, marriages, families, and life have suffered the consequences.

Satan wants us to accept that the mystery and glory has been lost forever and to give in to the culture. But too much is at stake! Our salvation, and the salvation of our children are at stake! Therefore, take a stand. Learn what the Catholic teachings are on the beauty, purpose, and glory of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the privilege of being co-creators of life with God.

Then, engage with the children in your life about the wonder, blessings, and reverence of their bodies and Holy Matrimony. Teach them how authentic love is modeled through sacramental marriage and how preserving themselves is the greatest gift a person can offer their future bride or husband. If we don't restore the sacredness of our bodies and the preciousness of Holy Matrimony, our sexualized culture will continue to mislead our children and jeopardize their salvation.

For a deeper understanding of the 6th Commandment, enroll in the **God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life** study of the Ten Commandments at <https://ifuloveme.org/register>. Access is free for all St Bridget Parish members.

Prayer Intention for February
For the married members of our parish family. That their love be renewed through the example of Jesus's love for His bride, the Church.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 400 The harmony in which they had found themselves, thanks to original justice, is now destroyed: the control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the body is shattered; the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by lust and domination. Harmony with creation is broken: visible creation has become alien and hostile to man. Because of man, creation is now subject "to its bondage to decay". Finally, the consequence explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: man will "return to the ground", for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history. ”

1-DAY ENCOUNTER

FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7 - 10
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

7:45 AM - 8:20 PM

What: One day retreat
Where: Conception Seminary College
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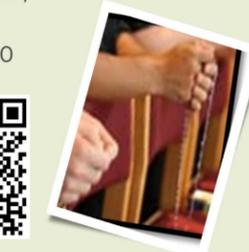
Transportation will be provided.
Two pick-up and return locations:

Departure on February 28:
7:45 am: St. Pius X High School, KCMO
8:30 am: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Joseph, MO
Return on February 28:
7:30 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Joseph, MO
8:20 pm: St. Pius X High School, KCMO

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LENTEN OUTREACH

Help Our Holy Nuns Grow this Lent

Our own Benedictine nuns, the ones you have heard their chant music and also recently have the incorruptible Sister Wilhelmina in Gower, MO, need our aid to expand their order.



Benedictines of Mary Queen of Apostles

What an amazing opportunity this is for us this Lent. Let's help these holy nuns in this holy and worthy cause by raising our \$10,000 as an almsgiving to help them expand.

(St. Bridget's goal is: \$6,500 | St. Patrick's goal is: \$3,500)



ST. BRIDGET & ST. PATRICK

FUNDRAISING

For almsgiving this Lent, **St. Bridget** and **St. Patrick** parishes are taking a combined effort to **raise a total of \$10,000** (*St. Bridget's portion: \$6,500; St. Patrick's portion: \$3,500*) for these devout nuns in our diocese. They desperately need to expand their three daughter houses, but they are restricted by normal operational costs at their main Abbey. Our almsgiving this Lent in raising \$10,000 will assist our nuns in their normal operational costs, thus giving them the ability to financially address their needed expansion in their three daughter houses.



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~ Fr. Curt Vogel



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