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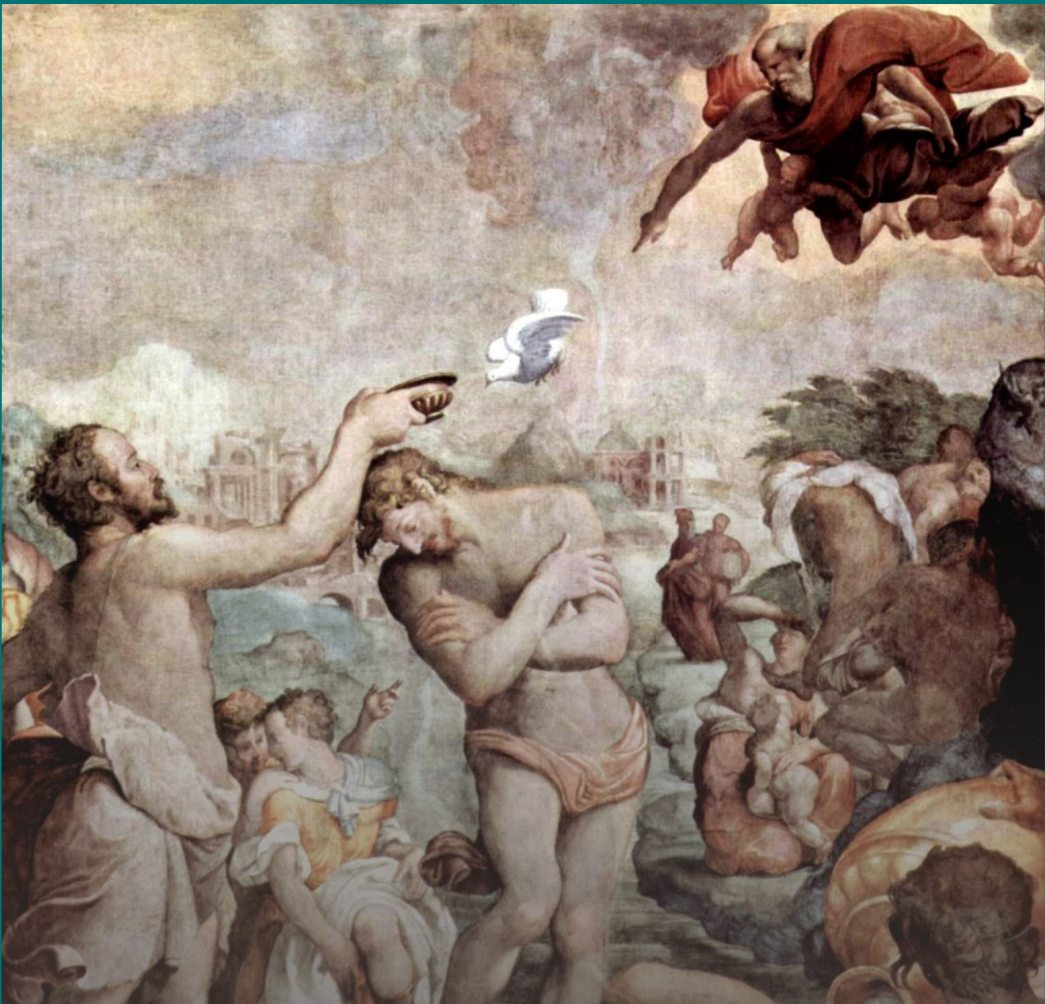
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January 11, 2026  
*The Baptism of the Lord*




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After Jesus was baptized,  
he came up from the water and behold,  
the heavens were opened for him,  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.  
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
**Matthew 3:13-17**



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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
Saturday January 17	Curtiss S Wiley S	Henry Saubers	April Riley	Barry Shaller Pipper S	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / Corbin Trimble			
Sunday January 18	Patrick O Bennett S	Ryan O'Hanlon	Chris Porter	Cathy Vogel	Chris Porter	Kaitlin Long / 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	Kaitlin Long / TBA		Donna's Team January 23	
Sunday January 25	Joseph H Alex H	Tim Davis	DJ Breitbach	Tim Long	Kathy Meyer	TBA / Melissa Neff	Marijo O'Malley		Stephanie's Team January 26



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, January 13	9:00 a.m.	† Pat Atteberry	by Peter & Katherine Sheehan
Wednesday, January 14	6:00 p.m.	† Pam Long-Steinmeyer	by Gordon & Donna Johnson
Thursday, January 15	9:00 a.m..	Steve M	by John Muller
Saturday, January 17	5:00 p.m.	† Myrna Hershberger	by Albert Black & Sharon Preston
Sunday, January 18	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget	

Special Collections

2026	
January 18	Catholic Home Missions
February 1	Dream Fund Youth Group
February 18	Ash Wednesday

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 01/04/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$7694.55	\$2286.76	\$9981.31
Dream Fund	\$420.00	\$227.50	\$647.50
Dream Fund MTD	\$420.00	\$227.50	\$647.50
Youth Group	\$85.00	\$20.00	\$105.00
Votive Candle	\$58.00	\$0.00	\$58.00
SC - Christmas Offerings	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
SC - Solemnity of Mary	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$905.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$647.50

Parish Staff

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Kaitlin Long, Director of Music Liturgy  
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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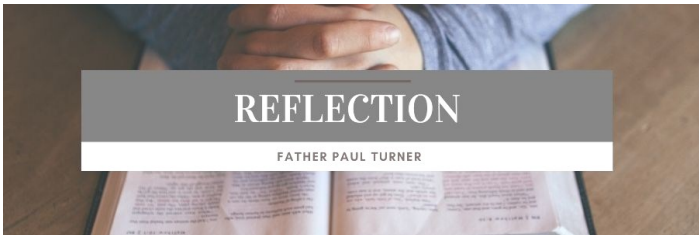
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## REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

### The Baptism of the Lord

Acts 10:34-38

#### New Beginning

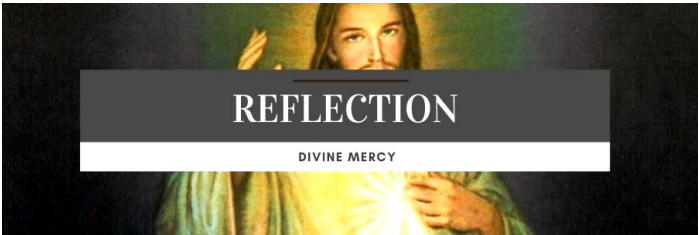
Something happened at the baptism of Jesus. John had been using baptism as a way of ushering people into a new way of life. They turned down a new path on life's journey, and placed themselves completely at the service of God.

When Jesus accepted baptism by John, his public ministry began. He worked wonders. He preached about the reign of God. He acquired disciples. He foretold his death and resurrection. He prayed. He lived for God alone. When the evangelists searched out how this ministry began, they all turned back to the same moment: the baptism by John.

In Acts of the Apostles, Peter went to the house of Cornelius the Gentile, because Cornelius wanted to know more about Jesus. Peter began teaching by summarizing the life of Jesus. He did it the same way the evangelists did: God proclaimed peace, "beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached," where "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

Many of us can point to a moment when something happened in our lives, too. Perhaps there was one day when we started looking at the world a lot differently. We saw more clearly who we were and what God wanted us to be. We pledged to be faithful to the God who loves us, and ever since, we have striven to live out our commitment. No one did it as perfectly as Jesus, but we are all called by God for some purpose.

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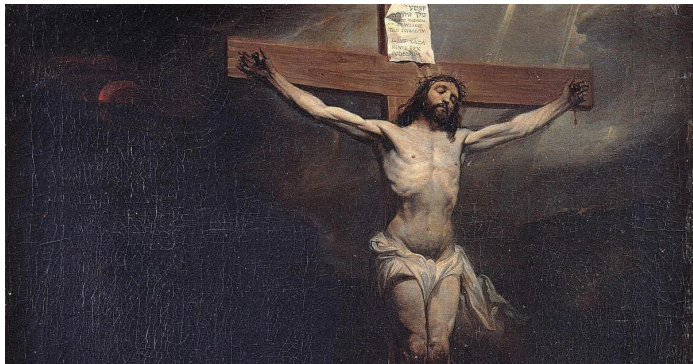


## REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

### Redemption of the World

The Incarnation was the greatest act of Mercy ever known. The only subsequent act that surpassed it was the act of Jesus dying on the Cross destroying sin and death by His blood. The redemption of the world, through the blood of the Cross, is an act of love and Mercy that we will never fully comprehend. We could never be grateful enough for this act since we will never fully fathom the depth of this love.



Spend time throughout this day pondering the crucifix. Hold it in your hand, look at it, imagine it and meditate on it. And then try and close your eyes from time to time pondering the full reality of the Crucifixion. This was not an easy sacrifice. It was especially difficult to receive such brutality and to say, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." This is Divine Mercy.

*Lord, help me to gaze deeply upon Your Cross and to discover, within that Cross, an ocean of pure Mercy. Wash me in this sacrificial love and help me to obtain eternal redemption. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2026/01/04/reflection-5-redemption-of-the-world-2/>)*

## Gentlemen Need a New Year's Resolution?

The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive will be held the weekend of January 17-18.

All men of the parish – Did you make your New Year's Resolution yet? Consider joining the Knights of Columbus Council here at our parish: **St Bridget Sons of Mercy**.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. The Knights operate under 4 main principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend.... all while living our Catholic Faith. Collecting items for our local Food Pantry; Organizing our annual Tootsie Roll Drive; Providing Fish Fry meals for our community during Lent. St Bridget Sons of Mercy members continue to serve God, as our founder Fr Michael McGivney did.



For more information visit these web sites:  
[kofc.org](http://kofc.org) or [stbridgetknights.org](http://stbridgetknights.org)



### 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.



## CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, January 12

#### Tuesday, January 13

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, January 14

5:25 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:30 p.m. WoF / Men's Group**  
**6:40 p.m. SOR / OCIA**

#### Thursday, January 15

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, January 16

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

#### Saturday, January 17

4:30 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:00 p.m. All Staff / Volunteers Dinner**

#### Sunday, January 18

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".





# SAVE THE DATE

for the annual

# LADIES DINNER

Plan for a fun filled, special evening with fellow women parishioners.



**February 7, 2026**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Ledwidge Hall (lower level)**

The cost for non - A&R Society members is \$15

The gentlemen of the parish will serve a wonderful meal for the ladies and there is great entertainment.

RSVP on the Sign-up Sheets located on the Oak Table in the Vestibule



SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14, 2026


SAVE THE DATE!

# Mardi Gras Chili Contest



DUST OFF YOUR BEST CHILI RECIPE FOR THE ST. BRIDGET ANNUAL MARDI GRAS CHILI COOK-OFF

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2026

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

WEEK 2

The 5th Commandment  
"You Shall Not Kill"


Have you ever considered that physical killing is just one of the ways we can kill? Words, and the tone in which we used them, can cut to the bone, killing someone's reputation, their enthusiasm, and their self-worth. Lies and gossip can destroy a person's reputation and sever relationships. Our words, and the tone of our voice, don't originate in our mouth. They originate in our heart. Therefore, to help us avoid killing through our words, Jesus warns in Matthew 5:21-22:


"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not kill'; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."

Have you ever spoken in anger, resentment, jealousy, or impatience and then realized how your words pierced the heart of someone you love? Most everyone has, and therefore we all could benefit from spending some time better understanding how the 5th Commandment is relevant for all of us.

For a deeper understanding of the 5th Commandment, watch the video by going to <https://ifuloveme.org/register> and then clicking your parish/school name in the list. Access is free for all St Bridget Parish members.

**Prayer Intention for January**  
Dear Jesus, Thank you for the gift of the life that you have given each of us. Help us to increase our love, honor and respect for the lives of every person.





# Catholic in Recovery

## Catholic in Recovery | Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Meeting Room at Visitation Catholic Church  
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Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass, liturgical themes and recover topics with honest discussion and prayers. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from alcohol addiction. For more information or with questions, contact Ted at 816-501-8822.


## True Love Requires More than Words

**T** rue love requires saying "I Love You" with our actions more than our words. Put your love into action by giving your spouse the gift of time and your undivided attention. Register today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. This weekend away offers the chance to reflect on, renew and reignite the depth of your sacramental love for one another.

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

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





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**2026 Weekend Dates**


Men #279: March 5-8  
Women #280: March 19-22

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## Living Waters prayer and healing group

Mondays, January 17th - May 19th  
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
St. Thomas More Parish  
(11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO)

*How does Jesus transform our brokenness into a gift to His Church?*

*We can begin by applying His mercy to the ways we fail to love well: our sexual sin, sins against us, giving too much, or withholding ourselves altogether. We will seek wholeness through honest admission of our brokenness. This confidential, in-depth prayer/healing group is for men and women, marrieds, and singles.*

Email Katie at [kcomiskey@desertstream.org](mailto:kcomiskey@desertstream.org) for more info or to apply.

## 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.”



# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life novena**

**9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24.**

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