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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
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	Mario O'Malley		Stephanie's Team January 26
Saturday January 30	Emmett T	Don Ring	Guy Emhoff	Pat & Maurice Devolder	N/A	David Orson / Corbin Trimble			
Saturday February 1	Patrick O Richard B	Tim Long	Laura Long	Joe Bouchard	Olivia Carrasco	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team February 2



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, January 20 9:00 a.m. † Bill Porter by Chris Porter
 Wednesday, January 21 6:00 p.m. For the intentions of Kate Brown
 Thursday, January 22 9:00 a.m. † John Bruns by St. Bridget Parish
 Saturday, January 24 5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Bridget
 Sunday, January 25 8:00 a.m. † Patty Wagner by Rick Wagner

Special Collections

2026

February 1 Dream Fund Youth Group
 February 18 Ash Wednesday
 February 22 Catholic Charities

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 01/11/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$1566.00	\$1449.00	\$3015.00
Dream Fund	\$10.00	\$200.00	\$210.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$659.50	\$200.00	\$857.50
Youth Group	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
SC - Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$857.50

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Henry Saubers, Parish Custodian

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.

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

Reporting Abuse

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL



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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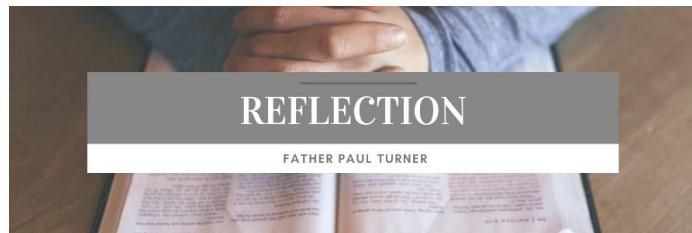


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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Checking the Roadmap

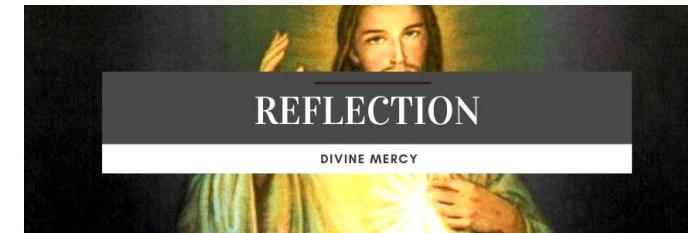
If you veer off course, you check the map or get directions. If you want to get to your destination, you need to remember where your destination is. It also helps to remember why you are going there, in case you get tired along the way.

St. Paul wrote letters to the Corinthians in Greece because they were getting off course. He reminded them about the basics of the Christian life, and answered a few of their specific questions. Paul had spent a year and a half with this community on his missionary journeys. He stayed at the home of Aquila and Priscilla, who had emigrated there from Rome during the persecution of Claudius. Paul shared faith, ethnicity, and occupation with Aquila: They were tentmakers (Acts 18:1-11).

Now Paul had moved on, but some problems had surfaced with this community after he left. Now he sat down with his friend Sosthenes and wrote a letter to the Corinthians.

He starts with a brief glimpse at the roadmap. He writes the letter "to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." There was bickering within the church at Corinth. People complained about everything from liturgy to hair to food. Paul reminded them that they are holy and all who believe in Christ are holy. Whenever any church community veers off course, it's good to look back at the map.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

An Invitation Within the Silence

Within our souls we must seek to hear God speak. He speaks in the silence and in the depths. He speaks, first, an invitation. He speaks an invitation to know Him and to encounter The Divine Mercy flowing from His Heart. The invitation is only that: an invitation. Jesus' Mercy is not imposed or forced. For that reason, the invitation requires a response and our response will determine the depth of Mercy we open ourselves up to receive. The response must be that of loving and holy obedience to Him Whom we hear speaking (See Diary #7).



Ponder two things: 1) Do I hear the invitation from Jesus to receive His Mercy? Hearing is the first step. Without hearing we cannot respond. 2) How do I respond to that invitation when I hear it? Am I willing to accept it on the deep and all-consuming level that it was offered? If so, it will change your life.

Lord, I know You constantly speak to me in the silent depths of my soul. Help me to be attentive to Your voice amidst the noise of this world. And as I hear You speak, help me to be generous in my response accepting Your gift of unlimited Mercy and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2026/01/12/reflection-13-an-invitation-within-the-silence/>)



FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

The excitement of Christmas, the Octave of Christmas, Mary Mother of God Solemnity, and the Christmas Season have all concluded. We are now in the interesting interval of Ordinary Time that is between the Christmas Season and the Season of Lent. It is a time for us to look ahead and plan for Lent. That may sound awkward to some, but it is a great time

to focus on what one should observe during Lent so that when Ash Wednesday rolls around, we are not playing "catch up" in figuring out what we should observe during Lent.

To help, I will propose a series of questions and comments. Your answers may help you to solidify what you should observe during Lent so as to make it the most fruitful one for yourself.

What have I done well in past Lents? What have I not done well in past Lents? What am I lacking in my life? Is it my prayer (s), such as not doing them? Not good quality in my prayers? Do I ever visit our Lord in the Eucharist outside of weekend Mass? If no, why not? Can I change that? Do I do any form of daily or weekly spiritual reading, whether a book by a saint, the Bible, or the daily Mass Readings?

Do I ever fast outside of the obligatory days of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? Should I fast from one meal on a particular day every week? Or the whole day? Should I fast from social media for 24 hours every week? Should I put my phone on "Do Not Disturb" in the evenings so I can be more with my family?"

Do I ever give alms? Have I ever helped in a soup kitchen? A thrift store? A food pantry? Have I given to a charity? (As a heads up, we are planning on doing a parish effort between both St. Bridget and St. Patrick parishes for this Lent to raise \$10,000 for the Benedictine nuns in Gower, MO).

How can I improve my quality of life? How can I grow in a particular virtue (i.e. chastity, humility, patience, perseverance, etc.)? Do I go to Confession minimally once a month? If not, how can I fix that?

We have approximately one month until Ash Wednesday arrives and we begin Lent. With a month of preparation, now is the perfect time to start contemplating and praying on what one should observe during this upcoming Lent so it may be the most fruitful Lent one has ever experienced yet..

*In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel*



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 19

Tuesday, January 20

- 8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:25 a.m. Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 21

- 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 22

- 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 23

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, January 24

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

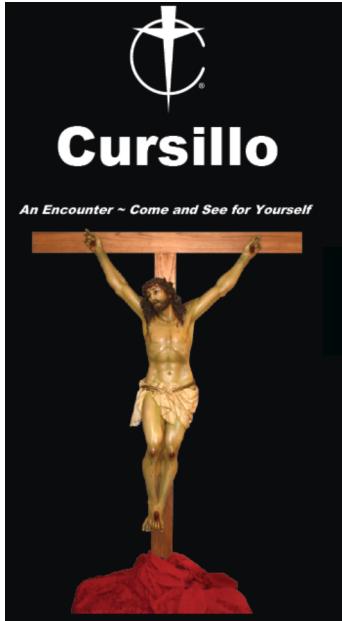
Sunday, January 25

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

 **Signal**

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Gentlemen Need a New Year's Resolution?

**The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
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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**.

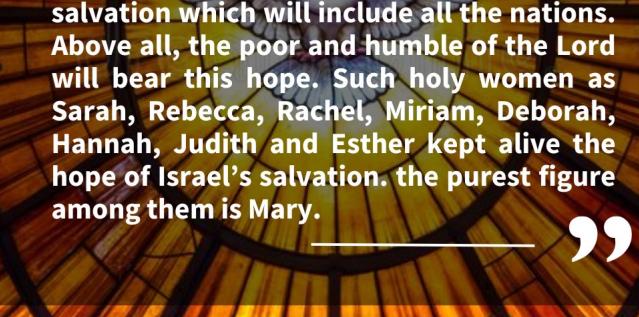
The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. The Knights operate under 4 main principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend.... all while living our Catholic Faith. Collecting items for our local Food Pantry; Organizing 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 or stbridgetknights.org

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“
64 Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts. The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations. Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel's salvation. the purest figure among them is Mary. ”



True Love Requires More than Words

True 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.wwme.org to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.



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 **

**COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH
FOR JANUARY 2026**


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

WEEK 3

**The 5th Commandment
“You Shall Not Kill”**

The Commandment of the Month for January emphasizes the sacred nature of life. To impress upon your children the sacredness and miracle of life, we encourage you and your family to spiritually adopt a baby. You decide if your baby is a boy or a girl, choose a name and decide on your baby's birthday. Over nine months, your family will observe the miracle of creation as it develops month by month. Just as you would for any unborn baby, include the baby, and its mother and father in your family prayers. Then, on the big day, celebrate your baby's birth with a party. Invite other family members and friends. Include baby gifts that will be donated to a local pregnancy resource center or adoption agency. Make their birthday an annual celebration to be reminded of the miracle of God's gift of life.

To make your spiritual adoption fun and easy, instructions with adoption certificates, posters, prayer cards and birth certificates are provided for free at IfULoveMe.org/SpiritualAdoption, or scan the code.

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.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE
MARDI GRAS!
**WITH THE ANNUAL
PARISH CHILI COOK-OFF**
FEBRUARY 14, 2026
AFTER THE 6 PM MASS
**BRING YOUR BEST CROCKPOT OF
CHILI & WIN THE CONTEST!**
(CHILI COOK-OFF RULES ON OAK TABLE).

**PLACE A BETS WITH THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THE MOUSE RACES ARE BACK!**

**WIN A DELICIOUS CAKE IN THE
ALTAR SOCIETY CAKE WHEEL!**

**FIND THE BABY IN
THE KING CAKE!**

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

SIGN-UP IN VESTIBULE

- TO JOIN IN ON THE CHILI COOK-OFF
- TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WORK THE CHILI COOK-OFF
- TO BRING A CAKE FOR THE CAKE WHEEL
- TO RSVP

THIS WEEKEND



**FREE THROW
CONTEST**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

- PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL GYM
- GIRLS DIVISION AND BOYS DIVISION
- AGES 9 THRU 14 (AS OF JAN. 1ST)
- ALL PARTICIPANTS
RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

Age group winners advance to District competition in February, and State competition in March

No pre-registration required. Arrive any time between 1pm-2pm to participate.

