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**Matthew 2:1-12**

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**Regular Mass Times for**

Saturday	5:00 pm
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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
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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday January 10	Maxx S Bodon R	Don Ring	David Orson	Patty Hennrich Albrah Sullivan	David Orson	Kaitlin Long / TBA		Louise's Team January 9	
Sunday January 11	Joseph H Alex H	DJ Breitbach	Tim Haake	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	David Orson / 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	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



**Mass Intentions** † Indicates deceased person  
Tuesday, January 6 9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**  
Wednesday, January 7 6:00 p.m. **NO MASS**  
Thursday, January 8 9:00 a.m.. **NO MASS**  
Saturday, January 10 5:00 p.m. † **Myrna Hershberger** by Albert Black & Sharon Preston  
Sunday, January 11 8:00 a.m. **For the People of St. Bridget**

Special Collections

2026	
January 4	Dream Fund Youth Group
January 18	Catholic Home Missions
February 1	Dream Fund

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 12/28/2025	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$18,607.70	\$1673.32	\$20,281.02
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$1292.75	\$110.00	\$1402.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Votive Candle	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
SC - Christmas Offerings	\$4772.00	\$50.50	\$4822.50
Special Collection -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1402.75

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be **e-mailed one week prior** to the weekend of distribution to [secretary@stbridgetph.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



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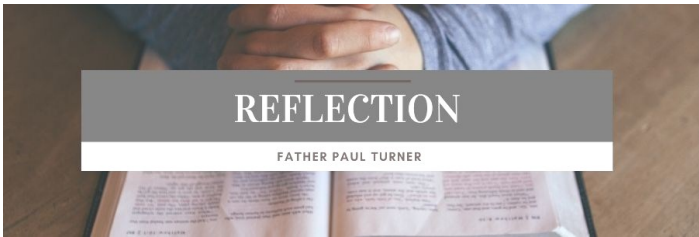
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**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

**Secret Plan**

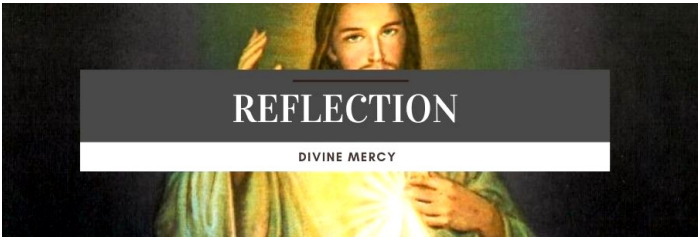
The birth of Jesus became the worst kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God's secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done.

But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God's two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race, but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God's mystery "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we came from, what we believed, or how we behaved. The mystery of God's love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God's secret.

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**Chastisement and Guilt**

It may not be pleasant to consider the chastisement of God. But it must be understood that His chastisements are real and are an act of His abundant Mercy. When souls turn from God and refuse His Mercy, this deeply wounds His Heart. As a result, God becomes more "passionate" so to speak in His tireless pursuit. One way He seeks to open their hearts is through chastisements. Think of the Pharisees, for example. They were filled with pride and egotism and the Lord rebuked them harshly. But He did so to win them back as an act of great Mercy. It worked for some, for others it did not (See Diary #1703).

Are you aware of the chastisements of God? For example, have you felt the pain of extreme guilt for your sins? If so, pay attention to this. Know that if you have gone astray, especially through pride, the Lord will pour down judgment upon you. If you persist, He will pour it down with a vengeance. And when a soul remains obstinate, God's Mercy cannot enter. But when these chastisements produce a sense of holy guilt, this means that the conscience is working and is in a position to change. Do not hold onto guilt and do not ignore it. Run to the Mercy of God so that He can free you from your sin and return His peace to your heart.

*Lord, please give me the grace I need to turn to You in all things. May I never be in need of the fierce chastisements of Your Mercy. But if I am in need of this grace, please help me to respond with conversion from my sins. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/12/17/reflection-352-chastisement-and-guilt/>)*



Dear Friends in Christ,

So we begin a New Year. I always say, so what? New Year's Day is not something to celebrate. I mean really, it's just another day, we change our calendars to a new one, and life carries on. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is something worth celebrating, which is why it is a Holy Day of Obligation on January 1 every year. New Year's resolutions I have never been a believer in because they are soon forgotten or broken before the month is out.

For us as Catholics, we need the constant guidance of the Virgin Mary to direct us more directly towards her Son, Baby Jesus. We need to work on our sinful tendencies by frequenting the Sacraments more so we receive more of God's loving Grace, His strength, to counter our sins and the temptations that arise for us. We need to develop a plan for us to grow in virtue, and then we need to execute that plan daily. This isn't something that we as Catholics do once a year on New Years. No, it is something we do all the time, in every liturgical season, in every month, everyday. In other words, we as Catholics do not make one resolution for the entire year. We make resolutions every single day so as to grow in holiness, so as to deepen our relationship with Baby Jesus in the Church He created, in the Catholic Church.

My advise: do not take the approach of a New Year's resolution. Take the approach of making a daily resolution. Then you will have success. Then you can grow. Then you can fall more easily into a deeper relationship with Baby Jesus.

*In Christo et Maria,*  
Father Vogel



- Monday, January 5**
- Tuesday, January 6**  
**NO MASS**
- Wednesday, January 7**  
**NO MASS**  
**6:30 p.m. WoF / Men's Group**  
**6:40 p.m. SOR / OCIA**
- Thursday, January 8**  
9:45 a.m. Word & Communion Service  
Adoration Starts  
**6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus / Altar & Rosary—Rosary**  
6:50 p.m. Benediction  
**7:00 p.m. Knights—Meeting (Parish Hall)**  
**A&R Society—Meeting (Adult Ed)**
- Friday, January 9**  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, January 10**  
**9:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat (at OLOL)**  
4:30 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions**
- Sunday, January 11**  
7:30 a.m. Confessions  
7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass



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### Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 529 The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior-the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel”, but also “a sign that is spoken against”. The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had “prepared in the presence of all peoples”. ”

### Next Meetings

### 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*.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

### Living Waters prayer and healing group

**Mondays, January 17th - May 19th**  
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*How does Jesus transform our brokenness into a gift to His Church?*  
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### COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2026

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

**WEEK 1**

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

The featured **Commandment of The Month** for January is the 5th Commandment, **“You shall not kill.”** This Commandment is relevant and applies to each of us, not just those who contemplate murder.

The 5th Commandment calls us to go beyond “not killing” and to commit ourselves to honoring and protecting human life, which God creates and deems as holy and sacred.

This month, thousands will leave the comfort of their homes to gather in Washington, D.C. to honor and protect human life in the annual March For Life. While some actually make the journey to DC, we are all called to be intentional in honoring and protecting human life.

What steps can you take to honor and protect the unborn, the vulnerable and the weak? A good first step is to take a few moments to see how this Commandment includes more than just physical killing, and by then reflecting on the sacredness and preciousness of life.

For a quick overview of the 5th Commandment, go to [www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments](http://www.IfULoveMe.org/ten-commandments) 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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Imagine the noise of the world fading away, replaced with a wonderful whisper—the “still, small voice of God.” Imagine feeling rested, revitalized, and refocused. That's what a retreat can provide. So come to Marillac Center for your own individual retreat or day of prayer.

For more information, please contact [retreats@scls.org](mailto: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 *Dilexiti 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**



### 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.

*My brothers and sisters of St. Bridget Church.*

*It is time for the Roses for Life campaign, a Pro-Life movement. On 01/03/2026 and 01/04/2026, Knights will be in the vestibule before and after Church with the Roses. Please sign the label and return it by 01/18/2026. I will send the collected Roses to our Representative, Senator, and Congressman with a letter urging them to fight for the Pro-Life stance.*

*Thank you!*

**Rob Prewitt - Life Director**  
**St Bridget Sons of Mercy, K of C**