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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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"Father, I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me."
And when he had said this,
He cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:1-45



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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
Friday 9:00 - 3:00 pm



Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday March 28	Emmett T	Henry Saubers	Don Ring <i>(voice for the Passion)</i>	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf			
Sunday March 29	Bodon R	Mark Bock	DJ Breitbach <i>(voice for the Passion)</i>	Don Ring	Cathy Vogel	David Orson / Judy Wolf	DJ Breitbach		Rita's Team March 30

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE WILL BE INSERTED NEXT WEEKEND!



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, March 24	9:00 a.m.	† Louise Radmacher by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Wednesday, March 25	6:00 p.m.	Adam Sabaliauskas by Barry Schaller
Thursday, March 26	9:00 a.m.	† Marge Kemerling by STB Homebound Ministry
Saturday, March 28	5:00 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger by the Svatos Family
Sunday, March 29	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2026	
April 2	Holy Thursday
April 3	Holy Land / Good Friday
April 5	Easter 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 03/15/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$4513.00	\$1113.49	\$5626.49
Dream Fund	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$953.00	\$0.00	\$953.00
Youth Group	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$93.00
Votive Candle	\$83.00	\$0.00	\$83.00
SC - Catholic Relief Services	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
SC - EASTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SC - Nuns of Gower	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$370.00
Nuns of Gower TO DATE	\$370.00	\$1056.89	\$11,115.89

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$953.00

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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Independent Ombudsman:

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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.

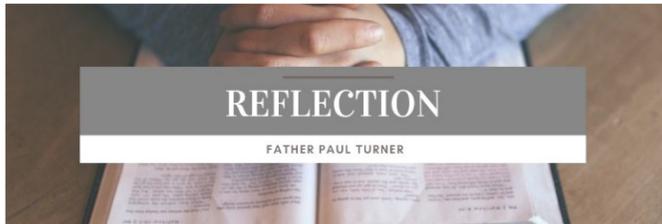
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ephesians 5:8-14

Romans 8:8-11

As Lent nears its end, we become more mindful of our sins. We have promised to renew our hearts throughout this season. We have accepted a spirit of penitence. The elect, who are preparing for baptism at Easter, have received our prayers in scrutiny rites that purify their intentions and turn their hearts more firmly towards Christ.

But at this stage of Lent, we may be even more aware of our sin. Perhaps we have not been completely faithful to our Lenten resolutions. Perhaps we feel more strongly the difficult challenge to overcome bad habits that have taken years to form. Lent offers promise, but it sometimes causes discouragement.

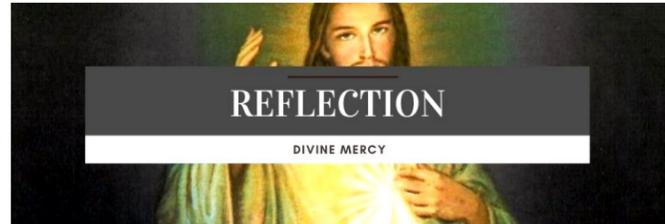
Sin is no stranger to the human condition. But sin is not our natural condition. Through baptism, we are children of God.

St. Paul tells the Romans not to feel disappointed by their experience of sin, because the Spirit of God is much more powerful. "If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

God's Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. The same Spirit dwells within us. The same Spirit gives life to our bodies prone to death.

If Lent has made us more aware of our sin, it should also make us more aware of God's love. God's Spirit reaches us, holds us, and lifts us high—in spite of our sin.

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Struggles Tempt Us to Doubt

We all encounter struggles in life. The question is: "What do you do with them?" Too often, when struggles come our way we are tempted to doubt the presence of God and to doubt His merciful help. In fact, the opposite is true. God is the answer to every struggle. He alone is the source of all we need in life. He is the One who can bring peace and serenity to our soul in the midst of any and every challenge or crisis we may face (See Diary #247).

How do you deal with struggles, especially ones that turn into crises? How do you deal with daily stress and anxiety, problems and challenges, worries and failings? How do you deal with your own sins and even the sins of others? These, and many other aspects of our lives, can tempt us to turn from total trust in God and lead us to fall into doubt. Reflect upon how well you handle daily struggles and adversity. Do you remain confident each and every day that our Merciful Lord is there for you as the source of peace and serenity in the midst of a turbulent ocean? Make an act of trust in Him this day and watch as He brings calm to any storm.

Lord, You and You alone can bring peace to my soul. When I am tempted by the difficulties of this day, help me to turn to You in perfect trust placing all my cares on You. Help me to never turn from you in my despair but to know with certainty that You are always there and are the One to whom I must turn. I trust You, my Lord, I trust You. Jesus, I do trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2026/03/09/reflection-69-struggles-tempt-us-to-doubt-2/>)



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March 22-23-24 at 6:30 p.m.



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LENT 2026

- 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 thru 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.	1st Friday March 6 5:25-5:50 a.m.
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Saturday | March 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Sundays | 7:20-7:50 a.m.
no confessions during Holy Week



Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 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, March 26

8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
6:50 p.m. Benediction (w/ Deacon Morgan)

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28— Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
(start downstairs)

Sunday, March 29 — Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
(start in vestibule)



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St. Bridget Safety Committee News 3/22/26

Please Note that beginning the **April 11 & 12 weekend at St. Bridget all entry doors will be locked once Mass begins.** We will have personnel available to allow entry to latecomers. Absolutely, no entry from Ledwidge Hall will be available. The only entry will be through the Church front doors. For fire safety reasons, exiting the building via any exterior doors will be available. Proceed to the nearest exit without delay.

Introductions of the Safety Committee Members: Cheryl Orr, Chairperson; Tommy Wright, Chief of Police; Don Ring, Tim Davis, Misa Davis, David Orson, Katie Orson, Richard Maxwell, Tim Long.

We thank our members for their time and expertise.



ATTENTION!

For all adults seeking to become **certified in VIRTUS, St. Margaret of Scotland** will be hosting a **Protecting God's Children Workshop** on **Thursday, March 26 at 6:00pm** in the Holy Family Room. This training is required for anyone who would like to serve in a capacity that directly interacts with minors and/or vulnerable adults. Please help us ensure a safe and healthy environment for all those in our community. Space is limited, please register at virtusonline.org.

The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy
Holy Week services as follows:
March 30th - April 3rd

- † Monday, March 30th: Christian Church | 519 Cedar Street
- † Tuesday, March 31st: United Methodist Church | 1300 Lexington
- † Wednesday, April 1st: HIS Church | 1210 N. State Route 7
- † Thursday, April 2nd: Community of Christ | 1007 Timber St
- † Friday, April 3rd: St Bridget Catholic Church | 2103 Lexington

Remembrance services each day will start at 11:30 AM followed by a lite lunch!
 Donations to benefit The Lay Clergy!

Holy Week Schedule:

- April 2**
Maundy Thursday - 7 PM
 with Fr. Carlyle
- April 3**
Good Friday - 7 PM
 with Fr. Carlyle
- April 4**
Easter Vigil - 8 PM
 with Fr. Vogel



COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH
FOR MARCH 2026
WEEK 3



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

The 7th Commandment
"You Shall Not Steal"

The 7th Commandment, "**You shall not steal.**" calls us to detach from the things of this world so our possessions don't interfere with pursuing treasures in heaven. Stealing is evidence that we don't trust God and that we love ourselves more than we love others. Taking what belongs to others demonstrates that we lack generosity, and it turns us inward on ourselves, setting us up for loneliness and discontentment.

Conversely, the 7th Commandment calls us to trust that God will always provide what we need, to be grateful for the big and small blessings each day offers, and extend God's blessings on those in need. By sharing what we have, others experience the love of Jesus and take a step toward their salvation. Don't miss such an amazing opportunity.

Do your possessions get in the way of loving others as you love yourself? Do you struggle being generous? If so, we invite you to explore how this Commandment calls us to greatness and to experience joyful generosity. Go to www.ifuloveme.org/7th-command-overview or scan the code.

Prayer Intention for March

For the love and grace to set aside our selfishness and cultivate hearts of generosity that lead to authentic friendships and joy.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

“**994 But there is more. Jesus links faith in the resurrection to his own person: "I am the Resurrection and the life." It is Jesus himself who on the last day will raise up those who have believed in him, who have eaten his body and drunk his blood. Already now in this present life he gives a sign and pledge of this by restoring some of the dead to life, announcing thereby his own Resurrection, though it was to be of another order. He speaks of this unique event as the "sign of Jonah," the sign of the temple: he announces that he will be put to death but rise thereafter on the third day.**”

The Easter tradition for the littles continues. Join our Knights for their annual

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Easter Egg hunt

April 5th at 9am
 After Mass

FOR CHILDREN AGES 9 AND UNDER

It will be held outside the back of church. The area will be divided into three sections for three different age groups.

Be sure to have the little ones bring their Easter baskets to church with them that morning!
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