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Tuesday 8:25 - 8:50 am
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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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Friday 9:00 - 3:00 pm

"We no longer believe because of your word;
for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."
John 4:5-42



Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Saturday March 14	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	David Orson	Barry Schaller Piper S	David Orson	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf			
Sunday March 15	Richard B Bennett S	Don Ring	Rick Bouchard	Joe Bouchard	Rick Bouchard	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff	Marijo O'Malley		Chris' Team March 16
Saturday March 21	Maxx S	Tim Long	Laura Long	Patty Hennrich Abrah Sullivan	Shirley Baldwin	David Orson / Corbin Trimble		CJ's Team March 20	
Sunday March 22	Patrick O	Ryan O'Hanlon	Marijo O'Malley	Cathy Vogel	Chris Porter	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf	Scott Bennett		Stephanie's Team March 23



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, March 10 9:00 a.m. † **Ritamae Cobb** by Stephanie Lewis & Mary Ann Batliner
 Wednesday, March 11 6:00 p.m. † **Marge Kemerling** by St. Brigid Parish Homebound Min.
 Thursday, March 12 9:00 a.m. † **Jean Taylor** by St. Brigid Parish
 Saturday, March 14 5:00 p.m. **For the People of St. Brigid**
 Sunday, March 15 8:00 a.m. † **Ray Bryant** by Chris Porter

Special Collections

2026

- March 15 Catholic Relief Service
- April 2 Holy Thursday
- April 3 Holy Land / Good Friday
- April 5 Easter

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 03/01/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Brigid Parish	\$3141.00	\$2699.58	\$5840.58
Dream Fund	\$360.00	\$25.25	\$385.25
Dream Fund MTD	\$360.00	\$25.25	\$385.25
Youth Group	\$50.00	\$5.05	\$55.05
Votive Candle	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
SC - Ash Wednesday	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
SC - Nuns of Gower	\$1915.00	\$42.62	\$1963.62
Nuns of Gower TO DATE	\$2265.00	\$505.51	\$2770.51
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$385.25			

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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**

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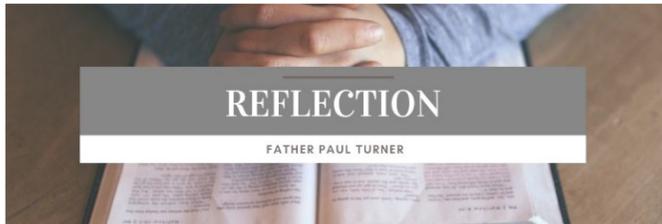
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Third Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Withholding Forgiveness

If someone offends you and apologizes, you are probably willing to forgive. But if someone offends you and never apologizes, you might withhold forgiveness.

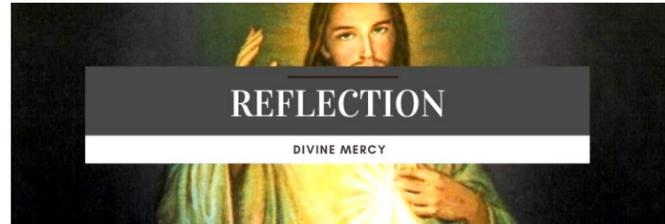
You might do a favor for someone you love, or even for a complete stranger. But if someone has offended you and never apologized for it, you probably will not do a favor for that person. Offenders might think the wrong they have done was not so bad after all. You would not want to take that risk.

You would not take that risk, but God would. God did. God did all of us a favor. God sent the only-begotten Son into the world to suffer and die so that we could have eternal life. God did this not for those who committed the least sin, not for those who fasted, not for those with the most service hours, and not for those who made the best grades. God did it for everyone. God even did it for sinners.

St. Paul tells the Romans that Christ died for the ungodly. "Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die."

How different God is from us. We would not give the time of day to people we know are sinners. Jesus gave his life for them. Jesus gave his life for you, no matter what you have done or how well you have apologized. God's love lies beyond human experience.

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The Small Sacrifices of Life

Do small sacrifices matter Sometimes we can think that we should try to do great things. Some may have ideas of grandeur and dream of accomplishing some great feats. But what about the small, monotonous, daily sacrifices we make? Sacrifices such as cleaning, cooking, helping another, forgiving, etc.? Do the small things matter? Most certainly. They are a treasure we give to God like none other. Small daily sacrifices are like a field in the open valley, filled as far as the eye can see with beautiful wild flowers. One flower is lovely, but when we commit ourselves to these small acts of love all day, every day, we present to God a flowing field of endless beauty and magnificence (See Diary #208).



Reflect upon the small things today. What is it that you do each day that tires you and seems boring or unimportant. Know that these acts, perhaps more than any other, present you with a glorious opportunity to honor and glorify God in a magnificent way.

Lord, I offer You my day. I offer You all that I do and all that I am. I especially offer You the small things I do every day. May each action become a gift to You, offering You honor and glory throughout my day. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2026/03/02/reflection-62-the-small-sacrifices-of-life-2/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we dive further into Lent, we also dive further into seeing how much has been raised towards our two parish almsgiving effort to help the holy nuns in Gower, MO grow.

As of this past week, St. Bridget parish raised

\$2,770.51, which is 42% of their goal (\$6,500) raised so far. St. Patrick parish has raised \$5703.00, which is 163% over their goal (\$3,500) raised so far. Incredible! Our overall goal is to hit \$10,000, and if we have more than that, well that means that much more almsgiving will be given to these holy nuns to help them in their ever growing religious order.

Awesome job, both parishes! I am always amazed at everyone's generosity when there is a cause we all get behind on to support. Let's keep it going for our Lent almsgiving in helping these Benedictine nuns of ours.

We also begin the Scrutinies this weekend. These are blessings and minor exorcisms given to our Elect as they draw closer to receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass. These Scrutinies give them extra strength from God to keep pursuing down this path to its completion because the Devil certainly does not want any human being to receive the Sacraments of the Church. Please keep everyone who is entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass this year very much in your prayers.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

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, March 11

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 12

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins

6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Rosary

6:50 p.m. Benediction

7:00 p.m. Knight of Columbus—Meeting

Friday, March 13

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 14

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (w/ Fr. Ron Will)

6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions

Sunday, March 15

7:30 a.m. Confessions

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass



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February 18 - March 29 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** On the public sidewalk outside the **Center for Women's Health abortion facility; 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66211**
- **Vigil hour:** Saturday | 10 am to 11 am | March 21, 2026
- **Bring a friend.**

For questions and details, please contact
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604 By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: “In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.” God “shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”
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COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2026

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15
WEEK 1

The 7th Commandment “You Shall Not Steal”

This month's featured Commandment of the Month is the 7th Commandment, “You shall not steal.”

This is one of those Commandments that most people feel they have under control. And this is true, regarding tangible possessions, but how about intangibles. Consider a person's reputation. Might you 'steal' someone's peace of mind through gossip? How about stealing someone's peace of mind by being careless with an angry or snide remark? And then there are those times when we, either intentionally or out of negligence, arrive late to meet with someone. Aren't we stealing their precious time?

All forms of stealing demonstrate selfishness and that we have work to do to live up to the Commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

During the season of Lent, give some thought to the intangible forms of stealing, reflect on any areas of selfishness and then be intentional to take specific steps to cultivate generosity.

For a more complete understanding of the 7th Commandment and ideas on how to help the children in your life understand the blessings of the Commandments, enroll for free in the **God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life** study at IfULoveMe.org/register, (or scan the code) by clicking your parish/school name in the list. Access is free for all St Bridget & St. Patrick Parish members.

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.



CULTURE OF SAFETY AT ST. BRIDGET

We have formed a *Culture of Safety Committee* at St. Bridget Parish with the intention of preparing a comprehensive safety plan that will address a variety of areas of concern such as Medical, Weather, Fire, Active Intruder, safe environment, and other challenges that we might encounter. To that end and as a first step, the committee has recommended that we begin with the most basic of safety measures, **locking doors during Mass**. Once Mass starts, we will lock ALL entry doors. We will have personnel available to greet you and allow entry if you're running a few minutes late. No access from the lower level will be granted once Mass starts, so all entries must be via the front doors of church.

We will implement this process beginning with Masses the weekend following Easter. Beginning Saturday and Sunday April 11-12.

This is a proactive measure and we believe in the interest of everyone's safety and peace of mind. If you have questions of concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Tim Long in the parish office.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam,
Tim Long



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



ST. BRIDGET

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Greetings St. Bridget and St. Patrick Families,

Officially brought on board after my bulletin article for this weekend, a new position, Administrative Assistant, has been made for both St. Bridget and St. Patrick parishes. We welcome Mr. Bill Kennedy, a St. Patrick parishioner, as our new Administrative Assistant.

This position is to help with normal work that can be issued to someone else that I have normally been doing but no longer have adequate time. Additionally, Bill will help with some of the work that our business manager and secretary have to help alleviate their jobs too.

I have known Bill for years, and he is the perfect man for this position. He is a devout Catholic, a hard worker, a great organizer, and is constantly seeking how to make things run better, more efficiently, or brings great ideas for the parishes. Welcome Bill, and thank you for taking on the new Administrative Assistant position for both St. Bridget and St. Patrick parishes. May God bless you and Mother Mary strengthen you as you help His Kingdom in this job.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel

Please see a bio from Bill below.

I am Bill Kennedy, and I am excited to be joining St. Bridget and St. Patrick as the new part-time administrative assistant to Fr. Vogel. Having been a member of the St. Patrick's community for some time, I look forward to serving in this new capacity.

When I am not at the church, you can usually find me in my workshop or on our acreage. Please stop by and say hello if you see me around—I would love to get to know you better.



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