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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
	6:15-6:45 pm
First Friday	5:25-5:50 pm
Sunday	7:20-7:50 am
2nd Saturday	After Mass

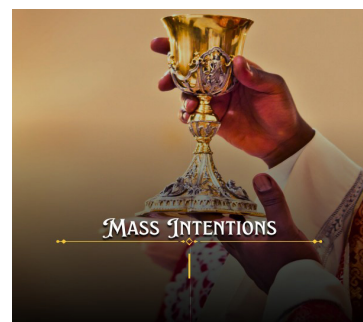
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SATURDAY MAY 9	Emmett T Bennett S	Chris Thornsberry	Guy Emhoff	Mary Adams	Fred Hershberger	David Orson / Judy Wolf				Valerie / Steave S May 8
SUNDAY MAY 10	Richard B	DJ Breitbach	Rick Bouchard	Don Ring	Rick Bouchard	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Scott Bennett		Nancy's Team May 11	
SATURDAY MAY 16	Boden R	Henry Saubers	Don Ring	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / Corbin Trimble		Louise's Team May 15		Bob D May 15
SUNDAY MAY 17	Alex H Joseph H	Guy Emhoff	Tim Haake	Cathy Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff	DJ Breitbach		Chris' Team May 18	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, May 5	9:00 a.m.	† Nelson Gipson by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Wednesday, May 6	6:00 p.m.	† For the Soul in Purgatory by Kathy Meyer
Thursday, May 7	9:00 a.m.	† Marguerite Hart by Bill Ruth & Marijo O'Malley
Saturday, May 9	5:00 p.m.	† Howard Greufe by St. Bridget Parish
Sunday, May 10	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2026	
May 14	Ascension
May 24	Peter's Pence
June 7	Tomorrow's Priest Dream Fund Youth Group
June 21	Catholic Communications

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 04/26/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$3363.00	\$290.00	\$3653.00
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$1277.75	\$0.00	\$1277.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$51.00
SC - Nuns of Gower	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1277.75			

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- Gary Crabtree
- Bob Dostal
- Rick Kitchell
- Robert Radmacher

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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 emailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@stbridgetph.org.

Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please contact the Administrative Assistant at Admin@stbridgetph.org or 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; Second Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar & Rosary Society, and Knights of Columbus

Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 5405980.

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.

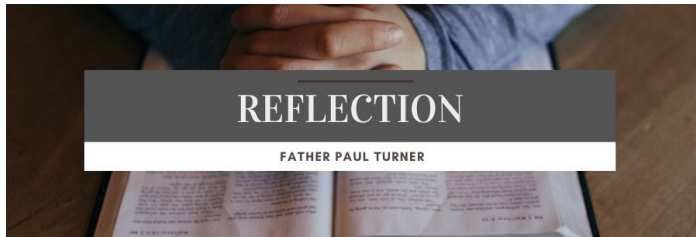
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 2:4-9

Stones That Live

A good artist can take something other people overlook and make it beautiful—a leaf, a pebble, or even a scuff or a scratch. An artist knows how to set something simple in an environment where its inner beauty shines.

God is the ultimate artist. God can take each of us, no matter how beautiful or ugly we are outside or inside, and turn us into a vision of glory.

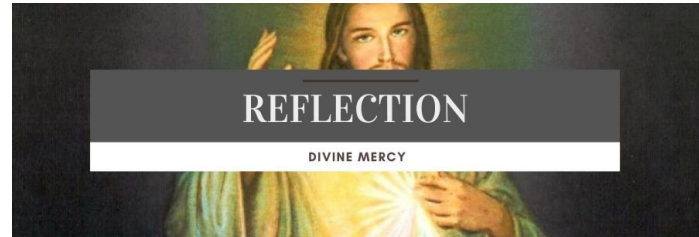
The First Letter of Peter calls us stones, material that can be overlooked or used for building. Jesus was a living stone that many people rejected. But God the artist found what was precious in Jesus the stone. The letter says, “like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices.” If we come to Christ, the living stone, he will fashion us into something remarkable.

Other people may not appreciate our inner beauty. They may not notice the gifts we have. They may not know how we can grace their lives. They may even make us feel useless.

But God finds us most useful. We are living stones, pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

Some people overlook what good Christians think and do. They build arsenals rather than feed the hungry. They sever relationships rather than grant forgiveness. They squander time rather than use it for the good. But God appreciates the good we do and builds us up as living stones.

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Interior and Exterior Mortifications

Mortification is a practice of denying your will so as to grow in greater detachment from the passing things of this world. We must seek to detach from everything but God and His holy Will. It's not that everything we like or desire is bad, but if we want true holiness, our desire for God must transform every other desire and direct them all. Interior mortification consists of ways in which we deny our own thoughts or will. For example, saying a kind word when we do not feel like it, or holding our tongue when it is hard to hold. Exterior mortification consists of practices such as fasting from foods we like or giving things up for Lent and throughout the year. These practices are essential to the spiritual life if you are serious about your relationship with God (See Diary #565).

What are you most attached to? What seems to control you and direct your desires the most? It could be a sinful tendency, or it could be a passion for some natural hobby. Start with your sinful tendencies and look for ways to mortify your desires so as to become strong enough to overcome these sins. Look also at your natural passions and likes. Choosing to freely sacrifice these, to a certain extent, from time to time, is a positive and holy way to grow in holiness. Look for ways to do this and God's Mercy will flow more abundantly.

Lord, I desire to desire You alone and above all other desires. Purify me and free me from my many attachments in this life. Help me to have the courage to make daily sacrifices to You so that my mind and will are more prepared to receive Your Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/04/28/reflection-119-interior-and-exterior-mortifications-2/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are having our children who have been preparing over this past year receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Bridget's 5:00pm Mass at St. Bridget this Saturday, May 2.

I wonder how many of us remember our First Holy Communion? I remember mine vividly. Seven years old, at the old St. Bridget church building in downtown Pleasant Hill, then Father Offutt was the

pastor. I remember some parts of that Mass as clear as day. I felt right from the Sign of the Cross that this was a special Mass, so much so that I kept my hands in a prayerful position throughout the entirety of the Mass, even while I was seated down. I remember that I couldn't tell you the exact moment when our Lord became present in the Eucharist as a seven year old boy, but I sure knew God was present in the Eucharist by the time I received Him in Holy Communion.

When that moment finally happened, man was it impactful. I remember being so filled with God's Presence, His Peace resonating so strongly in every fiber of my being, saying what prayers I could as a seven year old boy in the pew while kneeling, gazing at Him on the crucifix too.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. How can we make each Eucharist memorable? As a boy for me and for all the years since my First Holy Communion (albeit not every time but certainly many), the Presence of our Lord within me after receiving Him in Holy Communion is an intimacy I relish and cannot wait to repeat again. It's the love of my life, physically with me, changing me to be more like Him.

My friends, let's pray one Hail Mary right now for these children receiving their First Holy Communion and also for ourselves. May everytime we receive our Lord in Holy Communion be exceptional, because that's exactly how it is supposed to be for us. Receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. Exceptional. Every. Single. Time.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Women's Group
6:40 p.m. Men's Group

Thursday, May 7

8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
6:50 p.m. Benediction

Friday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 9

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Confessions

Sunday, May 10

7:30 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast



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“ 595 Among the religious authorities of Jerusalem, not only were the Pharisee Nicodemus and the prominent Joseph of Arimathea both secret disciples of Jesus, but there was also long-standing dissension about him, so much so that St. John says of these authorities on the very eve of Christ's Passion, “many... believed in him”, though very imperfectly. This is not surprising, if one recalls that on the day after Pentecost “a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith” and “some believers... belonged to the party of the Pharisees”, to the point that St. James could tell St. Paul, “How many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed; and they are all zealous for the Law.” ”

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2026

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

The 9th & 10th Commandment
“You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.”

This month we conclude our journey through with the 9th Commandment, “**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife/spouse.**” and the 10th Commandment, “**You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**”

God warns us about coveting to help us avoid acting on the negative emotions of covetousness. When we covet, we compare ourselves and the blessings of our lives with that of others. Comparing fosters jealousy and ill-will toward others that often provokes one to harm others, either with words or with our actions.



The object of covetousness might be something tangible such as cars, clothes, and money. Or it can be something intangible such as prestige, pleasure, friendships, or success.

Over the next week, be attentive to how covetousness may have found a comfortable place in your heart. Then, consider some practical, healthy, and holy ways to replace that covetousness with authentic love, compassion, and friendship.

To learn more about how to recognize covetousness and how to replace it with authentic love, go to <https://ifuloveme.org/ten-commandments>, or scan the code.


For an array of fun family activities to learn the Commandments, visit www.ifuloveme.org/family.

Prayer Intention for May
Dear Jesus, help us to be mindful of your Commandments to not covet by replacing jealousy and envy with gratitude and generosity.


Tuesday, May 12th
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Lower Level - Parish Hall

Blood Drive

Sign-up by scanning the QR Code or  Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use group code **CBAK**. For additional details, contact D.J. Breitbach at (816) 517-3707 or djkim1zz@gmail.com.

Foster Care Month Awareness Event


Saturday, May 30th, 6:00 p.m.
The Catholic Center, Kansas City, MO

Register: www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org/foster-care-event 

Learn how to support foster families in our churches.

Discover community resources for foster families.

Opening prayer and words from Bishop James V. Johnston




May Prayer Intention
Bishop Johnston: For an increase in the virtue of charity.
Holy Father: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

St. Bridget Safety Committee News

A reminder that we have begun to lock the doors to St. Bridget after Mass begins on the weekends. We will monitor the implementation and make adjustments as necessary. The doors will be monitored to allow for those who may arrive a few minutes late. Access to Mass will always be a priority and never be denied. We would remind everyone, that no access from the lower level Ledwidge Hall will be available and that exit from the building will always be available.

We appreciate your cooperation and invite parishioner input so that we can improve the safety of all who attend Mass at St. Bridget.

Thanks,
St. Bridget Safety Committee




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PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES BY 5/10/2026.



DON'T MISS NEXT WEEKEND! TEN COMMANDMENTS SUNDAY

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.” (John 15:10)

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“Ten Commandments Sunday”

Only one week left until “Ten Commandments Sunday” on May 9th and 10th! Prepare to delve into the eternal teachings of our faith. Free resources will be available after mass for you and your family.



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