Dear Friends in Christ,

Miracles confound and astound us at the same time. In our current culture, it would be curious to know if people desire to see miracles as we hear of throughout Sacred Scripture.

The Gospel for this weekend is the multiplication of loaves and fish, feeding five thousand men, not including men and women in that count. For a First Century Jew, this would have sparked strong memories of the manna in the desert that was constantly provided for the entire nation of Israel for years until they entered the Promised Land.

Many people are searching for miracles, and maybe more so today than in quite some time. A truth for us Catholics is that we have the opportunity and blessing to witness a miracle every single day. The Holy Mass and what it contains for our souls is a miracle. From its sacrificial character in re-presenting the Sacrifice of the Cross in an unbloody manner in the bread and
wine changed into the Body and Blood of our Lord on our Altar and offered up to God the Father is a miracle. The meal aspect in which we are fed with the Bread of Life, God's very Self in the Eucharist, helping us towards eternal life, is a miracle. The miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish was preparing the Jews and us for the greatest miracle that is given to us everyday in the Catholic Church, the Holy Mass itself.

I pray that as we still continue through these unique days with the virus that you are helping to not lose your faith but are nourishing it with good books and prayer on the Mass. The more you learn about the Mass, the more you will want to come and witness the best miracle that God constantly gives to us in our Catholic churches.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel
Pastor

Visit our website
Diocesan Coronavirus Updates

Liturgical Ministers

THIS WEEKEND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
Server: Leland Edenburn
Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Henry Saubers
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Penni Warner, Judy Wolf

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
Server: Curtiss and Ryan Schaller
Ushers: Bill Ruth, Mark Bock
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Penni Warner, Daniel Yung

NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
Server: Zander Peck
Ushers: D. J. Breitbach, Tim Davis
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Kaitlin Long/David Bremer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
Server: Wyatt Newman
Ushers: Bill and Thonya Kennedy
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

Mass Intentions
18th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney + Margaret Wright by Chris Porter
Wednesday, August 5 + David Witte
Thursday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord + Jack Hennessey by the Dohrman Family
Friday, August 7 + Diona Rowe
Saturday, August 8 All priests of the Kansas City - St. Joseph Diocese, living and deceased by Gary and Katy Crabtree
Sunday, August 9 - 19th Sun. in Ord. Time For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Gifts to God and Church
Through July 30, 2020
St. Bridget Envelopes..................
Dream Fund................................
Youth Group................................
Votive Candles............................
Special Collection (Christmas)........

Dream Fund MTD $2625.50

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### St. Bridget Ministry Schedule - August 2020

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### Reflections on the Word

For the reflections on this week's Mass readings, click on "Opening the Word" to the right. It is an offering of formed.org, a web site to which the parish subscribes for your use. To sign up, go to formed.org.

### Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

The Altar and Rosary Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th, with a rosary at 6:00 p.m., in the basement of the Education Building. Masks are required. Cemetery responsibility for August is Rita Pilcher. Altar cloths & laundry responsibility is Marijo O'Malley.

### Congratulations to Piper S.

on the occasion of her
First Holy Communion
last Sunday, July 26th!

Friday, August 7th - First Friday Mass - St. Bridget Church

First Friday Mass and Devotions

5:20 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.
Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass

Following Mass:
Adoration
First Friday Prayers
Benediction

Pleasant Hill Food Pantry
Please consider helping food pantry. It is in need of the following items:
Crackers
Peanut butter
Spaghetti sauce
Mixed vegetables
Ramen noodles

You may bring these items to church and place them in the wagon at the top of the steps in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity and caring for the poor as Jesus tells us to.

This Week on Formed.org
The Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday, August 6th. There is a short video on Formed where an Augustine Institute professor talks about the piece of classic Christian art, The Transfiguration by Raphael (in the Vatican Museum), and how it
Missourians to Vote on Amendment 2 for Medicaid Expansion

Aug. 4

The King will answer and say to them, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:40

The Missouri Catholic Conference, in an effort to uphold the dignity of the human person in accord with Catholic social teaching, is lending its support to Amendment 2, a ballot initiative which would expand Missouri’s Medicaid program to provide health insurance coverage to low-income Missouri citizens currently living without it.

Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph joins the other bishops of the Missouri Catholic Conference in support of Amendment 2. We encourage you to review the informational flyer provided by the MCC, and share the information with your parish community, neighbors and friends in Missouri. You can find additional resources including videos and printable flyers on the MCC website.

In response to concerns raised about the risk of funds being diverted to anti-life activities, please note that the Hyde Amendment protects against this. For more info, see the MCC flyer.

Missourians will vote on Amendment 2 on August 4, 2020.

School Supply Drive

With tax-free school shopping coming up next weekend in Missouri, please consider purchasing and donating supplies for the students whose families struggle to provide the most basic needs. We are collecting backpacks and essential supplies to offer to schools in the lowest income areas of the KCSJ Diocese. This year's tax-free school supply shopping in Missouri runs from August 7-9. For more information or to give a gift of a backpack filled with supplies, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or (816) 659-8266.

WHY BELIEVE?

Edith Stein: This is True

In this series, "Why Believe", we find a short video about a beautiful saint, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (feast day August 9th). Born a Jew as Edith Stein, she became an atheist. Eventually, in her search for the truth, she converted to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun. She was killed in a gas chamber in Auschwitz. An incredible story of an incredible role model for us. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us.

Reflection: Close to the Mother of God

A mother’s love could be described as “fierce” in the sense that she would willingly give her life for the protection of her children. A motherly instinct kicks in when her child is in danger, hurting, or in need, and she loses all sense of her own well-being in favor of the protection of her child. So it is with the
Mother of God. You are her child by grace and by the Will of Jesus her Son. As a result, she holds you close to her heart in times of need and shelters you in her mantle of protection. This motherly love is offered even when you are not in harm’s way as a result of her unwavering motherly care. She is an advocate for you like none other. And she is not only your mother; she is also the Mother of God. And as the Mother of God, she obtains special graces for all her children from her Divine Son. He answers every request she makes on your behalf and will never abandon you. Stay close to her, nestled in her arms of Mercy (See Diary #1097).

Have you consecrated yourself to the love, care and protection of the Mother of God? If not, why not? What are you waiting for? Does it confuse you why you should trust in her maternal care? God deigned to create a spiritual family of love and He entrusted His mother with your care. Motherly care is central to the natural order of God’s design for humanity. Therefore, it is only logical to conclude that it is also part of His supernatural plan for humanity. Turn to her as your spiritual mother and trust that the Lord wills to pour an abundance of Mercy upon you through her mediation.

Dearest Mother, I love you and entrust myself to your motherly care and intercession. I believe that you are my mother in the order of grace and that you are “full of grace.” Pour down upon me the motherly Mercy in your heart as I put my trust in you. Dearest Mother, I consecrate myself to you. Please pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/07/28/reflection-211-close-to-the-mother-of-god-2/)

Reflection by Father Paul Turner
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 8:35, 37-39

Love Unfailing

Love is supposed to last forever, so it is horrifying when it does not. When we love someone, we offer all we have and are. We give our free time, because love enjoys leisure. We share our money, because love is priceless. We reveal our inmost thoughts, because love grows in intimacy. We take great risks when we love. We risk sharing our goodness and shortcomings. True love accepts what is imperfect because the heart is always good.

Sometimes love fails. We stop loving the person we loved, or the one we loved stops loving us. Imperfections come to light. Differences of opinion cannot be resolved. People who confused the warmth of love with love itself discover deceit in the other person or in the cravings of their own heart. The loss of love is a painful lesson in betrayal, misjudgment, and sorrow.

The question St. Paul asks the Romans, then, is fraught with risk. “What will separate us from the love of Christ?” Oh, my. Is this possible? We know from experience that love may depart. In human love, many things may cause separation: political opinions, selfish actions, lost opportunities for mutual sharing, or the attraction of another person. Love is strong, but other forces can be stronger.

Not so with Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. God’s love remains perfect and lasts forever, no matter where our heart bends. We
sometimes love God less, but God never loves us less. God’s love lasts forever.


**MASS TIMES**
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
St. Bridget Church and St. Bridget Facebook Page

**CONFESSSION**
- Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.
- Tuesday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
- Wednesday 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.
- Thursday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
- Thursday 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- And by appointment
  - Ledwidge Hall

**ADORATION**
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  - Fifth Friday 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 4:45 p.m.

**ROSARY**
- 20 min. prior to weekend Masses and 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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- Matt and Penni Warner, High School Youth Directors
- Kaitlin Long, Music Director
- Henry Saubers, Custodian
- Kathleen Chastain, Victims Services Coordinator (816) 392-0011
- Joseph Crayon, Ombudsman (816) 812-2500

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** Bulletin announcements are due via e-mail by Monday of week of distribution.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980

**NEW PARISHIONERS**
Welcome! Please register after Mass using the registration form in the vestibule, download form from our web site, or contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENTS**
- **BAPTISM** Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth
- **ANOINTING OF SICK** As requested after Mass and by appointment
- **CONFIRMATION** Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines
- **MARRIAGE** Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine-month preparation period

**2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Aug 2: DREAM  Fund
- Aug 2: Special Missionary Cooperation Plan
- Aug 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
- Sept 6: DREAM  Fund
- Sept 13: Holy Land (Good Friday)
- Sept 20: Church in Latin America
- Oct 4: DREAM  Fund
- Oct 4: Peter's Pence
- Oct 18: Mission Sunday (USCCB)
- Nov 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
- Nov 1: DREAM  Fund
- Dec 6: DREAM  Fund
- Dec 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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 (800) 392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
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