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We are grateful! Mr. Nelson Gipson was Very generous to St. Bridget Parish. He played the organ at St. Bridget every Sunday for more than 50 years. When our current church building was opened in 1999, Nelson donated the Rogers organ that we use today. With proceeds from Nelson’s estate, we purchased the Baldwin baby grand piano that is played every Saturday and Sunday. He donated a large amount of money to St. Bridget Parish, Kansas University, and the Pleasant Hill Historical Society as well as other charities. He also donated two parcels of real estate to St. Bridget Parish. The final parcel of land, a lot on 7 Hwy. just south of Longe’s Barbecue restaurant, was sold earlier this past week. St. Bridget Parish gratefully remembers Mr. Nelson Gipson and his benevolence. Nelson is a great example of humility and generosity. Thank you Nelson, for remembering St. Bridget Parish in your will. May you rest in eternal peace. Amen.

School of Religion
We will be releasing the SOL options for this year soon, as well as those for Confirmation. Details are being finalized.

Blessing of Religious Items, Water and Salt
On the first weekend of every month, Fr. Vogel will bless items that you would like to use as sacramentals (rosaries, medals, water, etc.). The first time he will do this is the weekend of Sept. 5/6. Please put your names on your items to be blessed and place them in the vestibule. Father will bless them after Mass. You are asked to remain in church while he blesses them so that social distancing can be maintained. When he is finished he will let you know that you can pick up your sacramentals. For more information on sacramentals, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1667 and following. www.vatican.va/archive/cc_css/archive/catechism/p252c2a1.htm

COVID Announcements
We had another full church on Sunday last weekend. It is wonderful to see more people coming back to Mass. Ushers will now be escorting you to your pew to ensure that available seating is efficiently utilized. IMPORTANT: if you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, you must go after everyone else has received on the chair. Please sit in the back of church and go last in line. Thank you for your cooperation.

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St. Bridget
Catholic Church
Established in 1897
2ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020

Fr. Curt Vogel, Pastor
Office Hours
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Mon.- Thu.
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Fri.

Mass Times
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 Consult Bulletin
Confession Times
Tue.- Thu. 8:25 - 8:55 am
Wednesday 5:25 - 5:55 pm
Thursday 6:45 - 7:45 pm
Sunday 7:20 - 7:50 am

Thank you for your cooperation.
Liturgical Ministers - Next Week Aug. 29/30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020
SERVER Leland Edenburn
USHERS Guy Emhoff and Henry Saubers
ROSARY LEADER TBD
MUSIC Renee Edenburn and David Bremer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020
SERVER Aidan Fleischmann
USHERS Tim Long and Mark Bock
ROSARY LEADER Don and Cathy Vogel
MUSIC Kaitlin Long and Daniel Yung

"The more you miss church, the more you don’t miss church." Please continue to stay home if it is best for your health and those in your immediate circle. The Mass is not only best for your soul & and a serious obligation, but it’s good to be with church family.

Save the date
Be included in the new
St Bridget Catholic Church directory.
Friday November 6th
Saturday November 7th

Gifts to God and Parish

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Please remember our Dream Campaign.
Dream Fund MTD: $2960.50

Reflection: The Contradiction of the Cross

We should never tire of pondering the wounds of Christ. Each and every wound He received was unjustified and caused by the sins of others. His perfect hands and feet, His brow and back and His Sacred Heart should have been treated with the utmost respect, adoration and care. But they weren’t. Instead, they were treated with great malice and abuse. From a worldly point of view, this is tragic. But from the Divine perspective, each and every wound, be it from the scourging, thorns, nails or spear, opened up springs of grace flowing in abundance. This effect is only possible as a result of the Mercy of God. Think of each and every wound our Lord endured as an underground spring or the freshest water, gushing forth from the earth to provide nourishment for all. From the streams that flow on account of these springs of Mercy, we are invited to drink our fill so as to be refreshed and satiated by grace (See Diary #1190).

Ponder, this day, the very wounds of Jesus. Try to see them and to understand the pain that He endured. As you do this, see also beyond the fleshly scourge and trauma caused by the brutality of His persecutors. Ponder the spring of Mercy that is opened with each wound. Become aware of the streams of grace running forth from these wounds and allow yourself to taste of the refreshment that they provide. Mercy has come forth from the sufferings of Christ. Now He desires to flood you with Mercy and to pour forth Mercy from the wounds that you also endure.

Lord, I thank You for Your infinite power and for doing the unhinkable. You allowed Yourself to be beaten and scourged and produced from this malice the springs of new life. May I bathe in these waters, dear Lord, and may I also allow my wounds to become a source of Your grace for a world in such need. Jesus, I trust in You. (This reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/08/16/reflection-230-the-contradiction-of-the-cross/)

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Bulletin announcements due Wednesday one week prior to weekend of distribution.
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Ombudsman: Joseph Crayon (816) 812-2500 crayon@ombudsmanksj.org

Liturgical Ministers...
Sacraments

Confession Sunday 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 8:25 - 8:55 a.m.
Thursday 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday and First Friday 5:25-5:55 p.m.

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 other approved 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

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday After Mass—8:00 p.m.
Fifth Fridays 5:00 p.m.—Sat. 4:45 p.m.

First Friday Mass and Devotions 6:00 p.m.

Rosary
Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday

Prayer Chain Requests
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

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!

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Reflection: Rich in Wisdom

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 11:33-36

We cannot completely figure God out. God dwells in ultimate mystery. We believe strongly in God’s presence, and we experience this divine majesty in spiritual ways. But we do not understand it or fully grasp it.

God created with unending variety. Consider the many plants and flowers in bloom, the various animals that roam the earth, the fish that swim, and the birds that fly. Consider the differences in human beings alive today and in generations past. Consider the stars of the sky and the planets unseen. God’s creativity knows no end.

In the course of our lives we sometimes question God’s judgments, but we also stand in awe at our blessings. God has given us the gift of life in the midst of a wondrous creation. God has given us freedom to choose our actions, to develop good friends, and to pray in faith.

Life brings its challenges, but in the end, all of life is in God’s hands. St. Paul tells the Romans, “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!”

We cannot completely figure God out. We do not always know why God creates the good and tolerates the evil we see. But it is not ours to know. It is not ours to understand. It is ours to be in awe. It is ours to give glory. It is God’s to be rich in wisdom.


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Father Vogel's Column

Dear Friends in Christ,

Walking around in the Holy Land is an experience which at times words cannot describe. From Bethlehem to Nazareth to Jerusalem to Calvary to the Empty Tomb. It’s so real, our Faith, and walking and praying and encountering the areas that our Lord Jesus Christ ventured to makes you grow in your Faith. I wondered how it was for St. Peter in this weekend’s Gospel when he confessed the true identity of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

St. Peter may not have been able to describe the impact of those words that our Lord said to Him after his confession of faith. Our Lord Jesus Christ was creating a new Church, a new community of believers that would cover the globe and even transcend this world.

Growing up as a cradle Catholic, I took it for granted that our Lord founded the Catholic Church. As I grew up and especially with my time in the seminary, I could not understand why people who are Christian of any denomination but Catholic could continue in their denomination. Ignorance does come into play here, but for those non-Catholic Christians who know that Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church, it’s practically shocking that they do not convert to Catholicism. Wouldn’t you want to be a part of God’s Church?

This is a blessing that some Catholics take for granted; to be a part of the church that Jesus Christ established and ratified in His Own Sacred Blood. We profess our Faith at every Sunday Mass with the Nicene Creed, declaring to ourselves and to the world around us what we believe in as Catholics. Christ’s church, the Catholic Church, is filled with His Truth and His very Life. It has beauty because it reflects and also contains the divine. Our beautiful Catholic Church, founded on the rock of St. Peter, is an institution founded by God so that we may worship Him perfectly even though we are sinners. Let us thank God today for creating His Church which the gates of the netherworld can never conquer. A Church filled with angels, saintly men and women, and even His very self in the Eucharist.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel

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Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.


Mass Intentions
Tuesday, August 25  +Dee Burnett by Stephanie Lewis
Wednesday, August 26 +Kathryn Kennedy by The Kennedy Family
Thursday, August 27 +Mary Ellen Munsterman by the Brownsberger Family
Saturday, August 29 +Nelson Gipson
Sunday, August 30 Parishioners of St. Bridget

Mass Readings and Antiphons
Monday, Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew Rev. 21:9-14; Psalm 144(145):10-13a,17-18; John 1:45-51

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory. Cf. Ps. 96 (95):2-3

Communion Antiphon: I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord. Lk. 22:29-30

Tuesday, August 25
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Psalm 95(96):10-13; Matthew 23:23-26

Entrance Antiphon: In your strength, O Lord, the just one rejoices; how greatly your salvation makes him glad! You have granted him his soul’s desire. Cf. Ps. 21 (20):2-3

Communion Antiphon: Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord. Cf. Mt. 16:24

Wednesday, August 26
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Psalm 127(128):1-2,4-5; Matthew 23:27-32

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. Cf. Ps. 86 (85):1-3

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart. Cf. Ps 104 (103):13-15 OR

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day. Cf. Jn. 6:54

Thursday, August 27 St. Monica
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 24:42-51

Entrance Antiphon: Behold a wise woman who has built her house. She feared the Lord and walked in the right path. Cf. Prov. 14:1-2

Communion Antiphon: Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother, says the Lord. Mt 12:50

Friday, August 28 St. Augustine of Hippo
1 Corinthians 1:7-25; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10, 11; Matthew 25:1-13

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory. Cf. Sir. 15:5

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers. Mt. 23:10, 8

Calendar
Tuesday, August 25 8:25-8:55 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass
Wednesday, August 26 5:25-5:55 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Mass
Thursday, August 27 8:25-8:55 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass 9:45am - 8:00pm Adoration 6:45-7:45pm Confessions
Saturday, August 29 5:00 pm Mass After Mass Blessing of water, salt, religious items
Sunday, August 30 7:30 -7:50am Confessions 8:00 am Mass After Mass Blessing of water, salt, religious items

Catholic Charities: Volunteers
There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at Catholic Charities KCSJ. If you’re looking for something rewarding to do with your free time or can only help occasionally on certain projects, we are the place for you. Different times of the year find us working on various projects and often people are looking for service hour opportunities. To find out what our specific needs are, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.

Catholic Charities: Volunteers In Sep 2020, Catholic Charities of Kansas City-Joseph, was one of the 26 organizations through the USCCB that were chosen to participate in the Catholic Charities Service Year Program. The 2020-2021 Service Year is open to Catholic high school seniors and recent high school graduates. For more information, please visit our website, or contact our office. The deadline for submission of applications is October 12, 2020.

COVID Bulletin - Windshield Edition
Reading something on the computer is just not like reading it in print. We haven’t been printing the bulletin because the ushers cannot hand it to you (social distancing) or items cannot be put on the table to be picked up. However, putting it on windshields is COVID-legal! Items in the print bulletin are the same as the e-mailed version. Enjoy having a paper copy.

2nd Annual “In His Presence” Eucharistic Congress
Saturday, September 12th
Registration (if space available): $15.00 includes lunch
Religious are Free: Please register by emailing Lorie Sage: sage@diocesekcsj.org
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
4503 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO 64506

Catholic Relief Services: Beirut Relief
Many people are mobilizing to provide charitable love and mercy to help the suffering in Lebanon. The Maronite Catholic bishop of the USCCB has asked that all the Catholic faithful be invited and encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Any parishioners who would like to donate to the relief effort in Lebanon can conveniently do so through Catholic Relief Services at https://support.crs.org/donate/beirut-explosion.