Blessing of Religious Items, Water and Salt

Next weekend, Fr. Vogel will bless items that you would like to use as sacramentals (water, salt, medals, etc.). Please put your names on your items to be blessed and place them on the designated table 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.

Walking Trail at St. Bridget

We have a short, beautiful nature trail circumnavigating our property. After Mass or anytime you would like, please use it and enjoy nature and marvel at God’s creation.

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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. - Thur. 8:25 - 8:55 am
Wednesday 5:25 - 5:55 pm
Thursday 6:45 - 7:45 pm
Sunday 7:20 - 7:50 am
Liturical Ministers - Next Week Sept. 5/6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
SERVER     Tavin Glass
USHERS     Adam Sabaliauskas, Sean Binkley
ROSARY LEADER  TBA
MUSIC       TBA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
SERVER     Wyatt Newman
USHERS     Bill Kennedy, Bill Ruth
ROSARY LEADER  TBD
MUSIC       TBA

Lifetouch  Cancelled

Lifetouch contacted the parish office this week to say they have cancelled all directories for the rest of the year - a casualty of COVID-19. Let’s keep all businesses in our prayers as they try to weather this pandemic, as well as workers everywhere.

Gifts to God and Parish

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Please remember our Dream Campaign.
Dream Fund MTD: $3190.50

Reflection: Fidelity in Times of Darkness

Though Saint Faustina and many other great saints entered into a unique spiritual darkness, defined by St. John of the Cross as the “Dark Night of the Soul” and the “Dark Night of the Spirit,” we will all experience a certain “darkness” of one form or another in our walk of faith. Our darkness may not be the result of the extraordinary purification of the soul that takes place on the journey toward perfection, but our response must be the same. No matter what we go through in life, when challenges arise we must speak the words spoken by the great saints, “Thy Will be done!” Holiness is all about doing the Will of God despite any confusion or apparent obstacle in our lives (See Diary #1237).

Reflect upon the level of conviction you pray that prayer, “Thy Will be done!” Do you mean this? Can you say it with all the powers of your mind, will and soul? Have you chosen the Will of God above everything else in life? Embracing the Will of God in times of trial is especially fruitful for a life of faith. When temptations set in, especially temptations toward despair, you must reaffirm your commitment to God’s perfect Will. Reflect upon this holy act today. Say those words and mean them as completely as you can. Nothing in life should ever deter you from making this your daily prayer.

Lord, may Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven! I make this my prayer today. I offer it to You with complete confidence and total surrender. I choose You above all things and make Your will my own. I love You, my Lord. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/08/24/reflection-238-fidelity-in-times-of-darkness-2/)
**Reflection: Mindful of God**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Romans 12:1-2*


The Christian message battles hard against the influences of this world. Love for one’s neighbor means sharing with those who have less. The doctrine of forgiveness means making peace with enemies. The call to prayer means Sundays are for worship. It is a hard message to sell in a world that wants your mind.

St. Paul tells the Romans, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.”

If we are to detach ourselves from the temptations of this world, we must attach ourselves to the will of God. We discern the will of God by the renewal of our minds.

How can you do that? How can you find strength to be loyal to God above the lures of the world? God will help you in mercy, but God asks for something in return: the sacrifice of your very selves, the willingness to please God by your actions. God wants your mind too.


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**Father Vogel’s Column**

Dear Friends in Christ,

It’s hard when people speak harsh words to us, particularly when we have done nothing wrong and are fulfilling God’s Will in our lives. It’s even harder when harsh words are said to us by someone who is a good soul because of something we uncharitably said or did. It’s hard to be corrected and to accept it with humility. Our Gospel for this weekend is a continuation from last weekend’s Gospel, when our Lord established His Church, the Catholic Church, upon the rock of St. Peter. Have you ever caught the juxtaposition of our Lord’s attitude towards St. Peter from this Gospel to the following, which is this weekend’s Gospel reading? Soon after this amazing declaration of Who Jesus is by St. Peter as the Son of God, St. Peter cannot fathom our Lord suffering, dying, and then rising from the dead. He takes our Lord off to the side and rebuked our Lord! St. Peter was literally rebuking God in the Person of Jesus to His face! “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”

Then Jesus Christ said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

We always want a happy ending. We also want a happy journey to that happy ending. Our Lord Jesus Christ is saying that there is going to be a happy ending to His story in the Resurrection, but His Passion and His Death, the unhappy journey towards the Resurrection, must happen first. It is the Will of God for this to happen. It is the mystery of the Cross that St. Peter could not accept just yet, but our Lord told St. Peter right to his face, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

We all need to strive and work at carrying out God’s Will in our lives. We have to accept that God’s Will will end in glory, but that we are going to have suffering before the glory comes. This is every soul’s life story as we continue to live in this world before we enter into the next.

Do we already strive to carry out God’s Will in our lives? Once we see the end goal, do we shrink away because we see the obstacles and maybe even suffering that is in our way before reaching the end? Our Lord Jesus Christ knew the pain and agony He was going to endure before the Resurrection, and He still went through it all. He tells us today to do the same. Not to back down, not to find a way out, but to face our obstacles head on so as to carry out our Lord’s Will in our lives. Thus He tells us what we need to do:

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

Let’s ask Mother Mary’s and St. Joseph’s intercession for us to carry out our Lord’s Will in our lives, no matter what obstacles/crosses we may have to face and bear.

*In Christo et Maria,*

Father Vogel

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**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.
- **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

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**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.

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**New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.wconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here!
Mass Intentions
Tuesday, September 1  + Patricia Himmelberg by Tim and Laura Long
Wednesday, September 2  + Clyde Duncan by Debbie Willard
Thursday, September 3  + Shirley Koenig
Saturday, September 5  For those suffering from COVID, that they may make a full recovery
Sunday, September 6  For the Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Mass Readings and Antiphons
Monday, August 31
Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 86 (85): 3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Cf. Lk 4:18; Lk 4:16-30
Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.
Ps 31(30):20 OR Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Mt 5:9-10

Tuesday, September 1
Entrance Antiphon: (see Monday’s)
Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 7:16; Lk 4:31-37
Communion Antiphon: (see Monday’s)

Wednesday, September 2
Entrance Antiphon: (see Monday’s)
Communion Antiphon: (see Monday’s)

Thursday, September 3  St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Entrance Antiphon: Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.
Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Mt 4:19; Luke 5:1-11
Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time. Lk 12:42

Friday, September 4
Entrance Antiphon: (see Monday’s)
Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40; Jn 8:12; Lk 5:33-39
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Calendar
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8:25-8:55 am  Confessions
9:00 am  Mass

Wednesday, September 2
5:25-5:55 pm  Confessions
6:00 pm  Mass
6:30 pm  Men’s Group

Thursday, September 3
8:25-8:55 am  Confessions
9:00 am  Mass
9:45am - 8:00pm  Adoration
6:45-7:45pm  Confessions

Friday, September 4
9:00 am  Bible Study
Ledwidge Hall

Saturday, September 5
5:00 pm  Mass
After Mass Blessing of water, salt, religious items Church Vestibule

Sunday, September 6
7:30-7:50am  Confessions
8:00 am  Mass
After Mass Blessing of water, salt, religious items Church Vestibule
AROUND THE DIOCESE

2nd Annual “In His Presence” Eucharistic Congress

Friday, September 11th
6:45 pm – 9:00 pm (check-in begins at 6:00 pm)
FREE, Registration Required
Saturday, September 12th
8:00 am – 3:00 pm (check-in begins at 7:00 am)
Registration (if space available): $25.00 includes lunch
Religious are Free, please register by emailing Lorrie Sage, sage@diocesekc.org
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
4503 Frederick Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64506

Catholic Charities: Sip! Sip! Soiree!

Join the Catholic Charities Junior Board Friday, September 18 for Soiree 2020, a virtual Cocktail Party in conjunction with J. Rieger & Co. Your ticket purchase will include a Rieger cocktail kit and a Zoom link for a live cocktail making course. Go to www.virtualsoiree.splashthat.com to purchase tickets. For more information contact Aundraya Garcia, Special Events Coordinator, at agarcia@cccharities.org or 816-659-8213.

Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat. The next retreat that will take place in Kansas City will be on October 23-25, 2020. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O’Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

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